

REDD Readiness Progress Fact Sheet

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1. R-PP Preparation and FCPF Readiness grant

- Two R-PP drafts have been assessed by FCPF in 2009-10, and comments have been provided by the TAP and PC members.
- In March 2012 Suriname invited the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) to act as Delivery Partner
- UNDP and the Guyana Shield Facility have started to support the CCDA to resume the preparation of the R-PP, addressing the comments provided on the previous version, improving the participation of the key stakeholders into this process, and ensuring the application of the social and environmental safeguards agreed under the Common Approach.
- The goal is to prepare Suriname's R-PP following the new template#6, and present it during PC13 in March 2013.
- A series of national and regional meetings have been planned, between Oct 2012 and March 2013, to dialogue with the key stakeholders and received inputs and comments on the R-PP document, and review it on regular periodically.
- The 2 initial meetings of the National R-PP working group have been held in October 2012.
- A series of local early dialogues with indigenous, Maroons and other forest dependent communities, have also been planned between Oct 2012 and March 2013, using the existing channels used by each communities.

2. National REDD Readiness Management Arrangements

- The "Suriname REDD+ project group" is composed of nearly 35 different experts, from private sector, civil society, the Government, indigenous and maroon communities and academia, to provide timely feedback in the R-PP formulation process.
- TOR for this group will be prepared and discuss amongst participants, to clarify the mandate of this group and of other potential structures.
- During the process of preparation and finalization of the R-PP, the issue of National REDD+ Readiness Management Arrangements will be carefully discussed between all key stakeholders, to clarify the respective roles and responsibilities, and level of engagement.

3. Stakeholder Consultations and Communication

- During the previous informal presentations to the Participants Committee, a number of comments have been provided on the Stakeholder Consultations process and Communication strategy, stressing for instance the need to improve the engagement of Indigenous and Maroons communities and the participation of mining and agriculture sectors.
- Taking into account these recommendations, and also taking into account the guidelines used by the UN-REDD Programme and FCPF on "Stakeholder engagement in REDD+ Readiness with a focus on the participation of Indigenous Peoples and other forest-dependent communities", the CCDA and UNDP are now focusing efforts on promoting early dialogue with Indigenous and Maroons communities, and preliminary consultation with all key stakeholders.
- The national and local meetings planned between Oct 2012 and March 2013 will provide an opportunity to dialogue with the key stakeholders and received inputs and comments on the R-PP document. 2 initial meetings of the

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- A series of local early dialogues with indigenous, Maroons and other forest dependent communities, have also been planned between Oct 2012 and March 2013, using the existing channels used by each communities, and the “Training of trainers” methodology.
- The preparation of a robust stakeholder engagement strategy, detailing early dialogue, information, capacity building and consultations to be held during the implementation of the R-PP is going to be prepared and included as one of the pivotal element of the R-PP to be submitted in March 2013.
- Two validation meetings have been planned to review the R-PP before its submission (Dec 12th 2012 and February 15th 2013), and review also the stakeholder engagement strategy to be implemented during R-PP finalization and during its implementation.

4. REDD Strategy Preparation

- A number of alternatives for improving sound land-use practices will be discussed and consulted during the preparation of the R-PP document, and further detailed during its implementation.
- For the preparation of the national REDD strategy, specific attention will be paid to addressing social and environmental risks.
- During the preparation of the national REDD strategy, the “UN-REDD guidelines on free prior and informed consent” are also going to be applied, to ensure that the collective right to participate in decision making and to give or withhold consent to activities affecting lands, territories and resources or rights in general, will be preserved.
- The preparation of the REDD strategy will also involve increased engagement with the mining sector.

5. Implementation Framework

- The CCDA, as part of the National Security Bureau, is leading the preparation and finalization of the R-PP document.
- During this process, the implementation framework will be discussed, to define how each institution, stakeholder or actor can participate to the overall preparation toward REDD+ in the country.

6. SESA

- The work related to SESA has not been initiated yet. It will start during the preparation and finalization of the RPP and will continue during its implementation.
- The SESA will aim to identify and integrate the key environmental, social, legal and policy dimensions into the REDD + Strategy

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7. Development of a Reference Scenario

- The process and principle for the development of a Reference Scenario will be described in the R-PP document to be submitted in March 2013.

8. MRV

- The process and principle for the development of a MRV system will be described in the R-PP document to be submitted in March 2013.
- An exchange of experience on MRV issues took place between Guyana and Suriname in August 2012 and this collaboration will continue in the future.

9. Other

- All key documents related to the process of preparation and finalization of the R-PP will be available on the website of the CCDA.
- Suggestions to improve the R-PP document and the process for ensuring effective and meaningful participation of stakeholder can be provided directly to CCDA and the UNDP Country Office in Suriname.
- UNDP undertook an initial risk assessment mission in April 2012.
- A second mission for the inception of the Guyana Shield Facility preparatory support in October 2012 included a representative of the FMT.
- Suriname is also receiving 'targeted support' from the UN-REDD Programme to strengthen the capacity of CCDA.