

Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF)

Capacity Building Program for Forest-Dependent People on REDD+

Background

The Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) is assisting developing countries in their efforts to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, and to conserve, manage sustainably and enhance forest carbon stocks (a set of activities known as 'REDD+'). The fundamental idea is to provide more value to forests standing than converted to other uses. The FCPF was announced at CoP13 in Bali in December 2007 and became operational in June 2008.

The FCPF's initial activities relate to technical assistance and capacity building for REDD (or REDD+?) in IBRD and IDA member countries in the tropics across Africa, East Asia and Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean and South Asia. Specifically, the FCPF helps countries work out their national reference scenarios for land-use change and emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, adopt and complement national strategies for stemming deforestation and forest degradation, and design national measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) systems for REDD. These activities are referred to as 'REDD+ Readiness' and supported by the Readiness Fund of the FCPF.

As of November 2009, 37 countries from Asia, Latin and Central America, and Africa have been selected into the Readiness Mechanism based on Readiness Preparation Idea Notes reviewed by the Participants Committee and an independent Technical Advisory Panel. The selected countries become REDD Country Participants and receive grant support to develop a Readiness Preparation Proposal, which contains an early assessment of the drivers of deforestation and degradation, proposed national REDD+ management arrangements, terms of reference for defining their emissions reference level based on past emission rates and future emissions estimates, establishing the MRV system for REDD, and adopting or complementing their national REDD strategy. A consultation and participation plan is also part of the Readiness Preparation Proposal.¹

At regional information exchanges carried out prior to the operational start of the FCPF in Africa, Asia and Latin America, Indigenous Peoples representatives raised a number of concerns with respect to REDD in general and the FCPF in particular.² One of them was the request made by IP organizations and networks for a regional and national capacity building program to enhance their knowledge on climate change and the technicalities of REDD. This would enable them to play a more meaningful role in the design and implementation of REDD programs in their respective countries and to take part more effectively in the international discussions on REDD.

¹ See more information on the FCPF at www.forestcarbonpartnership.org

² See more details on these regional information exchanges at <http://wbcarbonfinance.org/Router.cfm?Page=FCPF&FID=34267&ItemID=34267&ft=FeaturedResources&FeatResID=40587>

FCPF Capacity Building Program for Forest-Dependent People

As agreed by the FCPF's Participants Committee in October 2008, the Readiness Fund of the FCPF aims to support a capacity building program for REDD that specifically targets forest dependent Indigenous Peoples (IPs) and other forest dwellers. The budget allocated for this activity in fiscal year 2010 (which runs from July 1, 2009 till June 30, 2010) is US\$200,000.

Promoting effective participation of IPs and other forest dwellers in REDD will take time and may not succeed unless a systematic, strategic and targeted effort is made to promote their participation and to ensure a highly responsive social and political environment.

The program was conceived as a demand-driven one, in which IP and other forest dwellers' organizations make proposals to the FCPF based on their needs. The program attempts to provide support to the countries in which the FCPF finances REDD Readiness programs.

In fiscal year 2009, the following organizations received support from the FCPF for capacity building: *Coordinadora de las Organizaciones Indígenas de la Cuenca Amazónica* (COICA), the Indigenous Peoples of Africa Co-ordinating Committee (IPACC) and the Kuna Yala General Congress (Panama) on behalf of *Coordinadora Nacional de Pueblos Indígenas de Panamá* (COONAPIP).³

Objectives

The program has the following objectives:

- Enhance IPs' and other forest dwellers' understanding of climate change and REDD;
- Enable IPs' and other forest dwellers' active participation in the preparation of REDD+ strategies and implementation of REDD programs within the context of their countries' policy and regulatory frameworks;
- Prepare IPs and other forest dwellers to participate effectively in, and contribute to, the international negotiations on the role of REDD+ in a post-2012 climate regime; and
- Publicize and understand IPs' and other forest dwellers' views of REDD and the FCPF.

Selection Criteria

The FCPF Facility Management Team housed at the World Bank has adopted the following selection criteria to assess proposals submitted by organizations of forest-dependent IPs and other forest dwellers. Programs should:

- Be proposed by networks or organizations of IPs and other forest dwellers, or be explicitly endorsed by relevant networks and organizations;
- Prepare national and regional organizations of IPs and other forest dwellers for their national REDD+ readiness processes;
- Include regional and/or national capacity building workshops and initiatives;

³ The reports of these organizations or networks are available at <http://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/fcp/node/248>

- Emphasize the dissemination of capacity building benefits to local communities;
- Preferably be for capacity building activities to be conducted in countries included in the FCPF Readiness Mechanism and reflect country-specific situations;
- Produce most of their outputs before June 30, 2010; and
- Not exceed about US\$70,000.

Process

- An interested network or organization of IPs and other forest dwellers, or an organization explicitly endorsed by relevant networks and organizations, submits a proposal to the FCPF Facility Management Team;
- The FCPF Facility Management Team assesses the proposal in light of the above-mentioned criteria. The FCPF Facility Management Team does not interfere with the contents of the proposal itself;
- Once an agreement is reached between the submitting organization or network and the FCPF Facility Management Team, the submitting organization or network registers as a vendor for the World Bank. The submitting organization or network may previously have registered as a World Bank vendor, in which case it uses its vendor identification. Otherwise, it must acquire a new vendor identification⁴;
- Once the submitting organization or network has acquired its vendor identification, it enters into a contract with the World Bank acting as trustee of the FCPF. The contract includes terms of reference that reflect the original proposal and include a description of the work to be carried out (in accordance with the initial proposal), the specific products expected from the work, the budget requested necessary to carry out the work, and the corresponding schedule of disbursements from the FCPF.⁵

⁴ The organization or network must have its own management structure, bank account and accounting system. It applies for its vendor identification on-line at https://secure.worldbank.org/vendorkiosk/APCP_App.asp. Once it receives its application number, it communicates this number to its contact person at the World Bank. The General Services Department of the World Bank proceeds to assess eligibility of the organization or network to become a World Bank vendor.

⁵ The first disbursement can be made upon contract signature up to 10 percent of the full contract amount. Further disbursements would be made over time against delivery of the products specified in the terms of reference, up to the full contract amount.