

**FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY (FCPF)
FOURTEENTH PARTICIPANTS COMMITTEE MEETING
March 19-21, 2013
Washington, DC**

Resolution PC/14/2013/8

Vanuatu's Readiness Preparation Proposal

Whereas:

1. Vanuatu submitted a Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP) to the Facility Management Team (FMT) in February, 2013, which was reviewed by a Technical Advisory Panel (TAP), a working group consisting of Participants Committee (PC) members established for this purpose, and the World Bank;
2. The PC reviewed the R-PP in accordance with Section 11.1 (b) of the Charter Establishing the FCPF (Charter) at its fourteenth meeting; and
3. The PC acknowledged the extensive efforts made by Vanuatu, and the high quality of the R-PP.

The Participants Committee,

1. Decides to allocate funding to Vanuatu to enable it to move ahead with the preparation for readiness.
2. For this purpose, requests:
 - i. Vanuatu to submit a revised R-PP (Revised R-PP) to the FMT, reflecting the key issues in the summary report prepared by the FMT included in the annex of this resolution;
 - ii. The FMT to check on the Revised R-PP for completeness, make it available on the FCPF website and notify the PC of its availability;
 - iii. The World Bank, as the Delivery Partner, to complete its due diligence, in particular with regard to the World Bank's Operational Policies and Procedures, working closely with Vanuatu, in order to provide a grant of up to US\$ 3.6 million, in accordance with Resolutions PC/3/2009/4 and PC/Electronic/2012/1;
 - iv. Vanuatu to consider the issues identified in the TAP's R-PP assessment as well as those raised by the PC at this meeting during readiness preparation; and
 - v. Vanuatu to report to the PC on progress made in accordance with Section 6.3 (b) of the Charter and to carry out its responsibilities in accordance with the Grant Agreement.

Annex

Summary Report Prepared by the FMT

The PC noted that the R-PP formulation process to date has been a positive one, and that the R-PP offers good opportunities for other REDD countries to learn from Vanuatu's experience.

Key Issues

The following are the key issues that Vanuatu needs to address before entering into a Readiness Preparation Grant Agreement with the Trustee of the Readiness Fund:

1. Revise component 1c of the R-PP by clarifying plans for capacity building, including those at the provincial level.
2. Revise component 2b of the R-PP by designing and including activities that demonstrate the feasibility of the strategy options specified in the R-PP.
3. Revise component 4b of the R-PP by further identifying co-benefits (in particular related to agriculture and biodiversity).
4. Revise the R-PP by clarifying measures to address social risks relating to land registration.
5. Revise and modify the budget to reflect better actual costs of planned activities.