

Ministry of Environment and Forest

National REDD+ Secretariat

Minute for Tigray Regional State awareness creation workshop

Date: June 6 -7, 2014

Venue: Millano Hotel, Mekelle, Ethiopia

Agenda:

- REDD+ basics and the status of REDD+ Readiness Process in Ethiopia
- Discuss on the formation of a Regional REDD+ management arrangements.

Workshop opening:

Ato Mulugeta G/selase processes owner of Tigray region NRM, noted that Tigray is trying to conserve the soil and water conservation work in large tract of land and also to rehabilitate the degraded forest land large Area was treated with area exclosure and REDD+ will help these effort both technically and financially.

Creating awareness is the major activity to enable people who engaged on rehabilitating degraded land help the community to conserve the rehabilitated sites in a sustainable way.

Finally, he stressed that the implementation of REDD+ is a complex, multi-sectoral and technically demanding process, and thus requires the active involvement several regional and wereda stakeholders, experts, development partners, civic societies, and NGOs and he announced that the two days workshop on REDD+ is officially opened.

Presnetation1. Climate change & the Role of Forests to Climate Change

The first paper was presented by Ato Lulu Likassa MRV task force member his presentation title was **Climate change & the Role of Forests to Climate Change.**

Ato Lulu in his presentation explained signs of Climate Change, causes of climate change, source of emission, Forest on the global carbon cycle, options for mitigating climate change.

Presntation2. History of REDD+

The second presentation was also made by Ato Lulu on history of REDD+. In his presentation Ato Lulu explained what RED, REDD and how it reached to REDD+. he further explained core idea of REDD+ and the phased approach of REDD+. Regarding the national REDD+ process the presenter showed that how Ethiopia engaged in 2008 in REDD+ process by submitting letter of intent to participate in FCPF and the consequent participation steps of the country.

Presentation 3. REDD+ Technical Elements

Ato Tsegaye Tadesse REDD+ Strategy Task Force member Presented REDD+ technical elements. The presentation explained in detail on different technical elements particularly focusing on Measuring and Monitoring, Reference Emission Level, Reference level, Leakage & Leakage management , Permanence issue, reporting and verification.

Presentation 4 Social and Environmental Considerations in REDD+

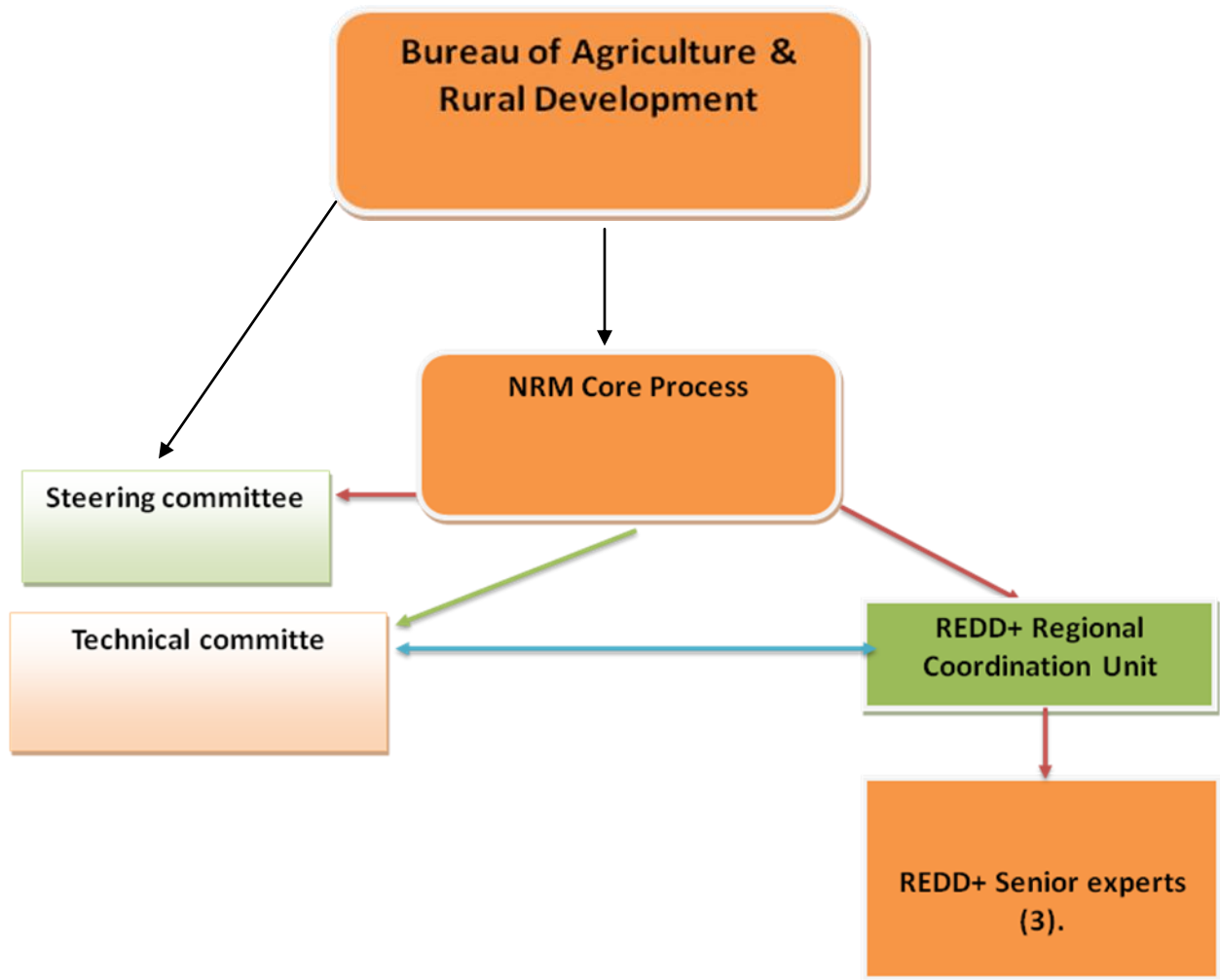
Ato Tsgeye consequently presented social and environmental consideration in REDD+ . Ato tsegaye in his presentation focused on the importance of considering environmental and social The presenter also explained potential benefits of REDD+ in terms of climate, social and environment and potential risk of REDD+. Moreover, his presentation emphasized on how to maximize the positive impacts of REDD+ .

Presentation 4. REDD+ Readiness in Ethiopia & CRGE

Dr Solomon National REDD+ Pilot Coordinator presented on the progress of REDD+ readiness and the link between REDD+ and CRGE. Dr Solomon in his presentation Milestones in REDD+ Process in Ethiopia, finance mobilized to carry out the activities and also the status of different elements of REDD+ . While presenting CRGE of the country Dr Solomon explained the role of forestry for successful implementation of CRGE as well as the four pillars of the strategy.

Agenda2. Discuss on the formation of a Regional REDD+ management arrangements

Participants were discussed on regional REDD+ management arrangement and proposed the following management arrangement presented below.



Proposed Regional REDD+ Steering Committee members

- Bureau of Agriculture
- Environmental Protection, Land Use & Administration Agency
- Bureau of Water Resource Development
- Agency of Mines & Energy
- Bureau of youth affair
- Bureau of Women Affairs
- Bureau of Finance & planning

Proposed Members of the Regional REDD+ Technical Working Group

- Bureau of Agriculture (NRM)
- Tigray Region Agriculture Research Institute (TARI NRM)
- Mekelle University (LaRMEP)
- Environmental Protection, Land Use & Administration Agency (EPD)
- Bureau of Water Resource Development (Irrigation Department)
- NGOs (GIZ slm, Rest ERAD, World Vision, ADCS)
- Bureau of Mines & Energy (Energy D)
- Agency of Culture & Tourism (NR&W)
- Bureau of Women Affairs (gender development)
- Bureau of youth & sport Affairs (youth development)
- Bureau of Trade, Industry & Investment
- Bureau of Finance & Planning
- Mass Media

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| SHORT SUMMARY OF THE ISSUES RAISED, DISCUSSED AND DECISIONS MADE UNDER AGENDA |
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Questions and clarifications are organized based on their common intent of addressing similar issues and are summarized as under.

Questions

- Some scientists argue the presences of climate change what is the of this argument?
- How can the wide natural resource rehabilitation program carried out in Amhara and Tigraye regions benefit out of the REDD+ project?
- How can we monitor and report the annual planted seedlings?
- How can we alleviate the problem created by free grazing?
- How can we relate the GHG emitted by the developed nation to our country ?
- What is the stand of African leaders on climate change?
- Is there any national forest definition which comply for REDD+ ?

Clarification

- Now a day's all country leaders including USA leaders accepted climate change is real and some intellectuals who question the presence of climate change are realizing the presence of climate change due to the negative impact of climate change in their premises is exasperated.
- In carbon marketing one of the major requirement is monitoring the impact of the intervention made by REDD+ program to do this REDD+ will establish monitoring system. Thus, this may solve the problem related to seedling monitoring
- Free grazing is considered as one of the direct driver of deforestation so to reduce the impact of grazing strategic options will be proposed in REDD+ strategy and also it will be well treated in CRGE.
- Committee was established to prepare initial idea for forest definition which can go in line with the international REDD+ requirement. The definition is intended to include bamboo

forest . The first proposed forest definition is : total area 0.5 hectare, tree height >2 meter, canopy estimation 20% .

Way forward

SNNPR NREPA manger Ato fikreselase Beza closed the workshop by forwarding the national REDD+ Secretariat to take the proposed management arrangement and speeded up implementation of R-PP in regions.

Finally, the manger has extended his thanks to participants, facilitators and the secretariat effort, and the workshop was adjourned at 5:00 pm.



Fig1. Partial view of awariness creation program

Participant List

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