

# **Status of REDD+ Readiness in Process in Ethiopia**

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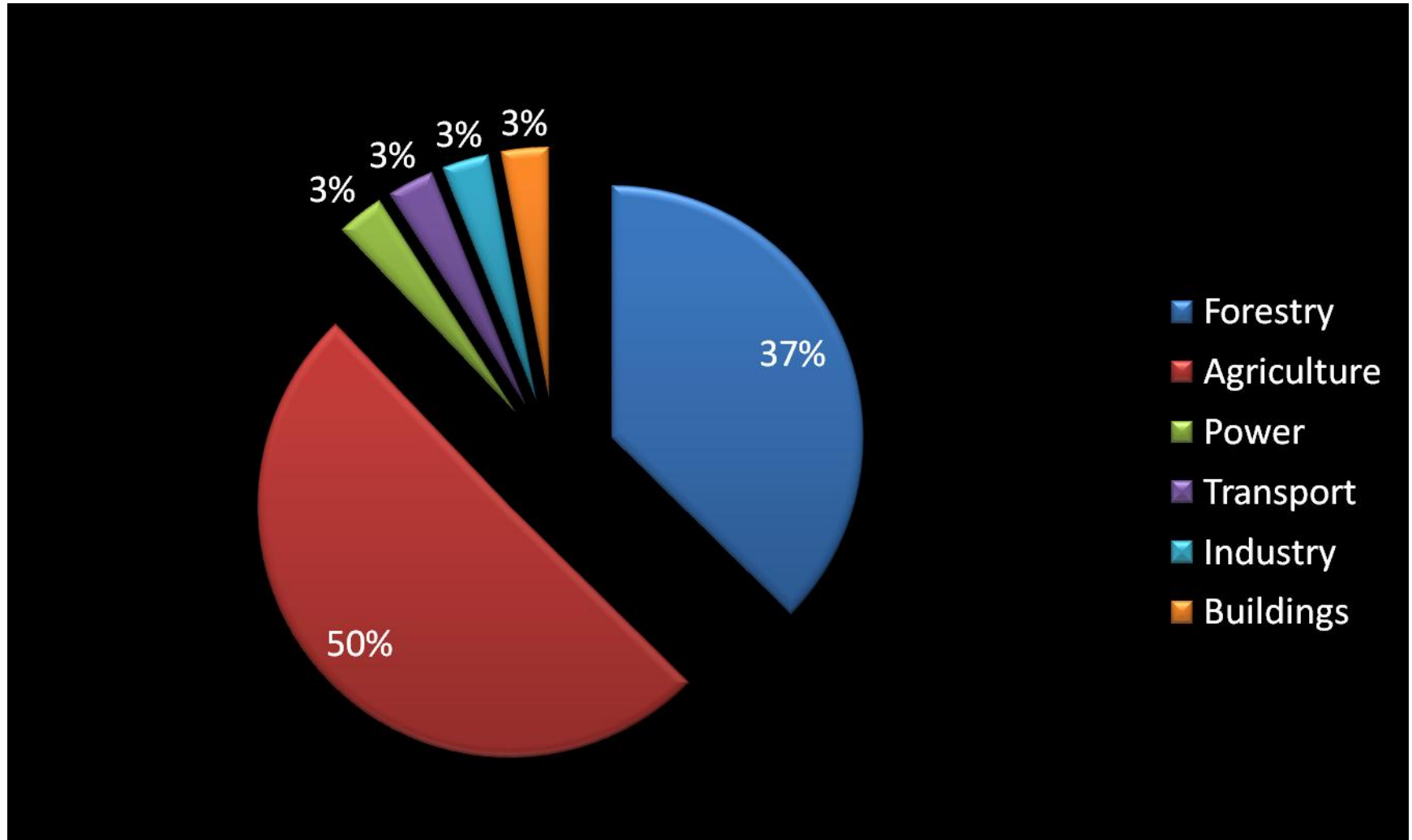
# Climate Resilient Green Economy (CRGE): Vision

- CRGE strategy to protect the country from the adverse effects of climate change and to build a green economy
- Vision: **middle income** and **carbon neutral** country by 2025
- Business As Usual (BAU Scenario):
  - GHGs emissions from **150 million** tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e in 2010 to **400 million** tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e in 2030
  - Unsustainable natural resource use: Unsustainable growth (depleting natural capital)

# Pillars of the Green Economy

- Improved crop and livestock production efficiency for reduced emissions
- Protecting and re-establishing forests (REDD+)
- Expanding electricity generation from renewable sources (clean) for domestic and regional markets
- Leapfrogging to modern and energy-efficient technologies in industry and transport sectors, and buildings

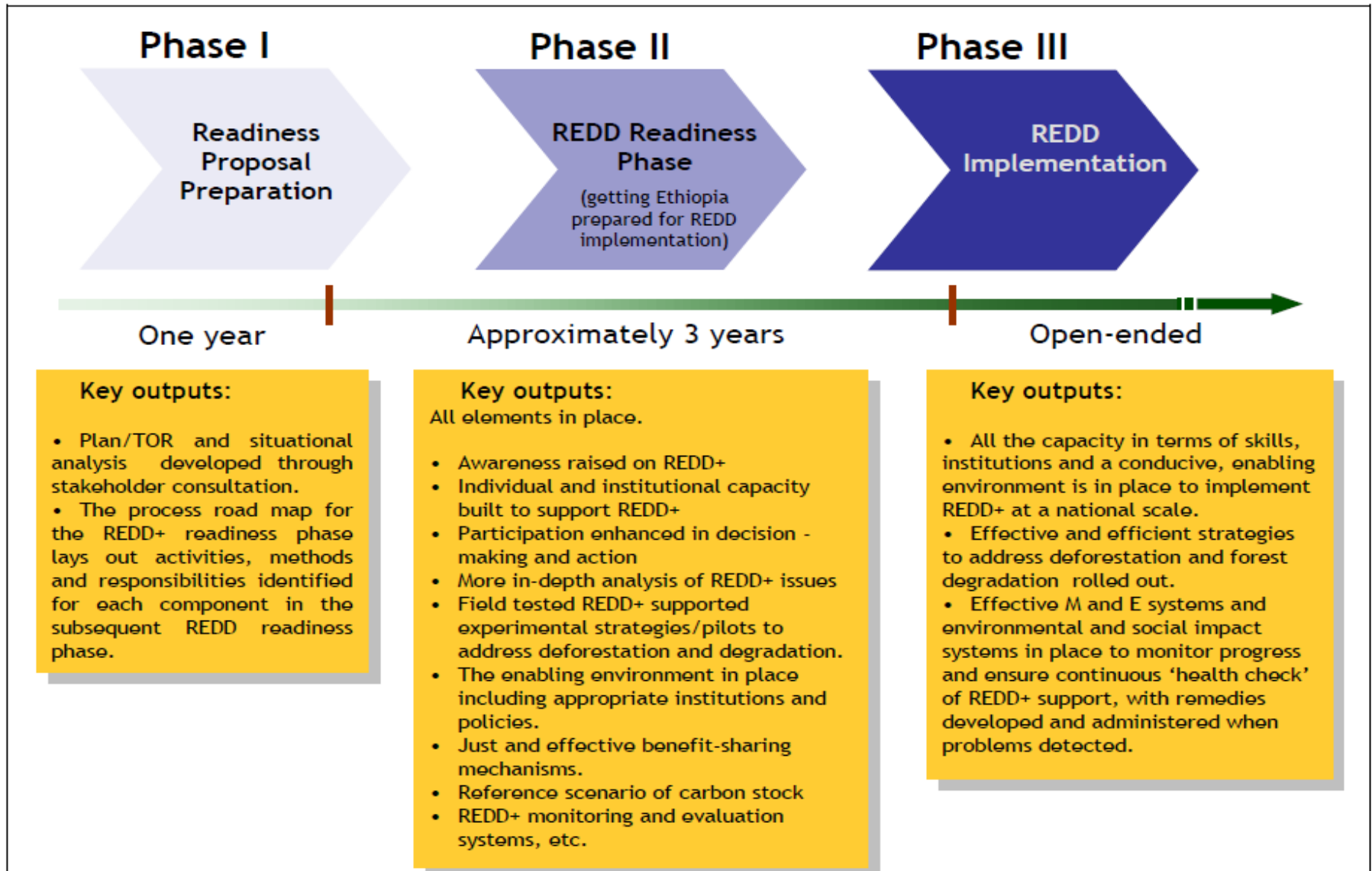
# National GHG Emissions 150 Mt CO<sub>2</sub>e in 2010



# Significance of REDD+ in Ethiopia

- ❖ Forestry has 50% GHGs Abatement (REDD+)
- ❖ Forest sector currently emits 37% of the national emissions (deforestation and forest degradation)
- ❖ Forestry in 5 million ha of forest and 2 million ha of woodland alone represents around 50% of the total domestic abatement potential (or 130 Mt CO<sub>2</sub>e) and,

# Phases of REDD+ and Timeframe in Ethiopia



# Milestones in REDD+ Process in Ethiopia

1. REDD+ process started in **2008**; EPA letter of intent to participate and R-PIN submitted to FCPF

2. R-PIN approved in **2009** (Ethiopia became **REDD+ participant country**)

3. **R-PP** developed in 2010-2011 and approved in **March 2011** by FCPF

4. Meanwhile, REDD+ organized as one of the four pillars of the green economy strategy of CRGE

5. Ethiopia **Grant Agreement Signed** for R-PP implementation in **October 2012**

6. **REDD+ Partnership Agreement** with Norway signed in August 2013

7. REDD+ Readiness Phase Officially Launched in **January 2013**

# What is REDD+ Readiness Phase?

- Building capacity in REDD+ Countries to develop the technical and policy infrastructure needed for effective implementation of REDD+ at the national level.



# Activities in National REDD+ Readiness

## 1. Organize and Consult:

- 1a. Establishing the National REDD+ Management Structure
- 1b. Capacity building, Consultation and Participation of stakeholders

## 2. Developing the National REDD+ Strategy:

- 2a. Assessment of Land Use, Drivers, Forest Policy and Governance
- 2b. REDD Strategy Options (learning from piloting)
- 2c. REDD Implementation Framework (guidance on benefit sharing, clarity on carbon rights or responsibilities for managing credits, or create national registries- legal and institutional reforms)
- 2d. Social and Environmental Impacts (SESA and ESMF)

## 3. Develop Reference Scenario /Reference Emissions Levels/ Reference Levels:

## 4. Design Measurement, Reporting and Verification System:

- 4a. Emissions and Removals
- 4b. Other Benefits and Impacts

## 5. Design a Program Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

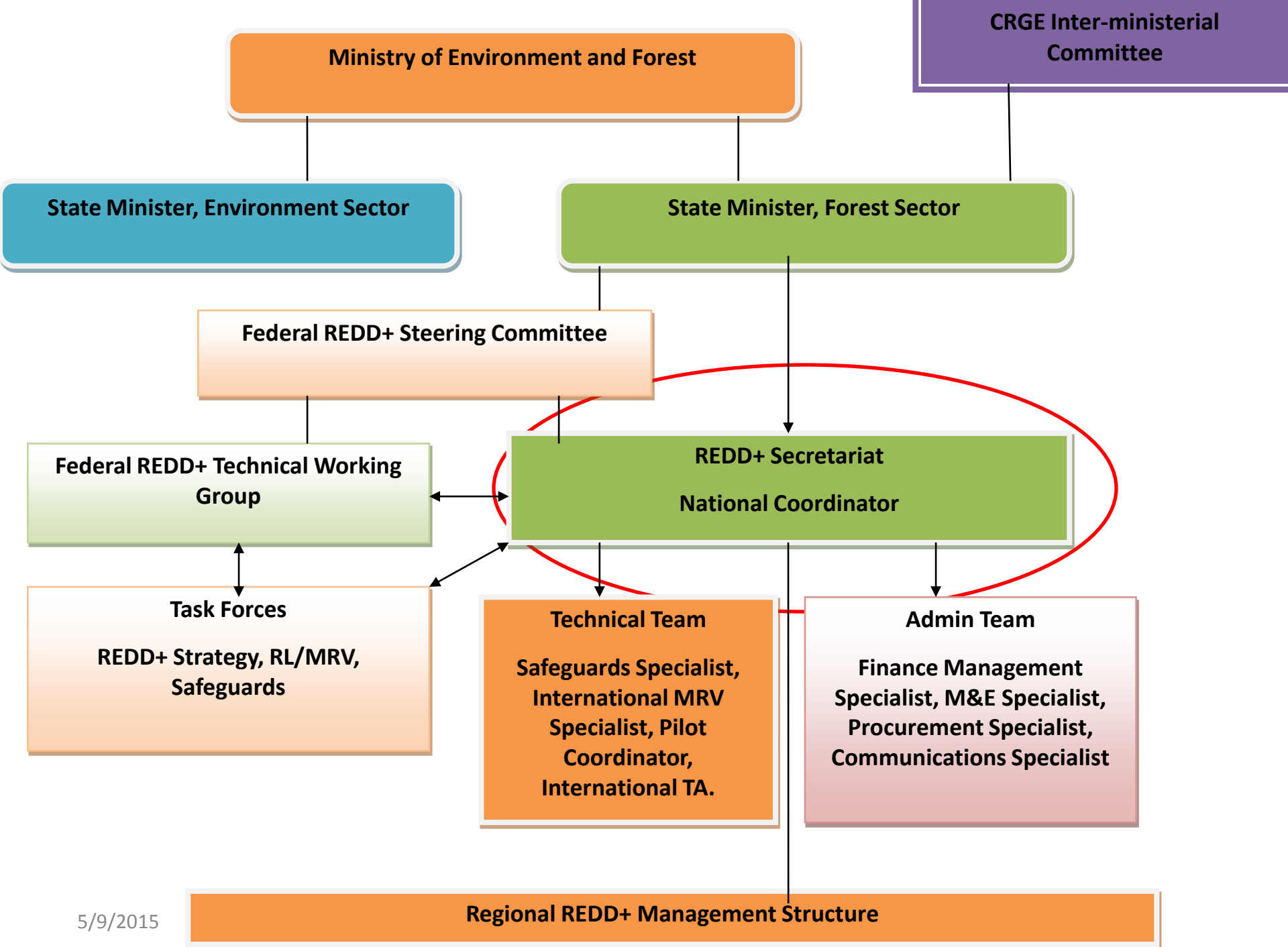
# Status: Mobilizing Financial Resources

- Readiness Budget available (13.6 million USD)
  - FCPF (World Bank) 3.6 million USD
  - Norway 5 million USD
  - DFID (UK) 5 million USD
- Additional resources mobilized: Oromia Emission Reduction Program Design (3 million for program design and up to 50 million USD for ER purchase)
- Norway pledged more (REDD+ Partnership Agreement) to be released through the CRGE Facility based on performance

# Status: Capacity Building and REDD+ Management

## 1. Organize and Consult:

- ❖ 1a. The National REDD+ Management Structure at federal level completed (including REDD+ Secretariat)
- ❖ 1b. Capacity building, Consultation and Participation of stakeholders: awareness to more than 1000 people
  - ❑ Published materials: booklet and T-shirts, Website (MoA)
  - ❑ ToT for regional REDD+ focal persons and senior experts
- ❖ Participation in international REDD+ events



# Status: REDD+ Strategy

## 1. Developing the National REDD+ Strategy:

- ❖ Two major consultancies to be launched in June/July and invitation made, and SESA/ESMF shortlisting of firms
- ❖ A study on institutional and legal frameworks for REDD+ implementation launched this week
- ❖ These studies provide inputs to national REDD+ strategy
- ❖ Forest definition going on
- ❖ REDD+ Strategy Task Force established
- ❖ Preliminary REDD+ Strategy in the CRGE

# Status: REDD+ Strategy

## 2. Institutional measure:

- Keystone action: Political commitment of GoE: Ministry of Environment and Forest
- Organization at lower levels still remains unanswered and the implications for capacity building

# Status: REL/MRV

3. Develop Reference Scenario /Reference Emissions Levels/  
Reference Levels:

4. Design Measurement, Reporting and Verification System:

– 4a. Emissions and Removals

- REDD+ RL/MRV Road map developed (NICFI)
- RELs/ MRV Task Force established
- International MRV Specialist hired
- NFI launched: REDD+ compliant
- MRV system and RL implementation largely to be supported by FAO-international expertise
- REL/MRV Project proposal finalized (3 years); agreement to be made

# Status: Readiness M&E Framework

## 5. Design a Program Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

- ❖ Consultant to workout the M&E framework in consultation with M&E Expert and REDD+ Secretariat (coming onboard)
- ❖ R-PP as source of information for Readiness actions
- ❖ To be completed in June 2014



# Next Steps: 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

- ❖ Annual work plan for 2014/2015 FY
- ❖ Preparation of Annual Report for 2013/14 FY
- ❖ Planning for Additional Finance going on and Signing Agreement b/n WB and GoE
- ❖ Planning, guidance and discussion meetings with management bodies
- ❖ A team to work on investment portfolio for Norway's next contributions/payments
- ❖ Regional REDD+ awareness
- ❖ Exposure visit and national REDD tour

# Challenges (Actions Taken)

- Late start of the project (speed up)
- Experience in the service procurement
- Transfer to new ministry: time
- Low disbursement- delayed procurements (major procurements now being finalized)

# Oromia REDD+ Pilot Program

- ❖ Oromia Jurisdictional REDD+ Program (1.7 million ha forest resource, institutions and REDD experience) in March 2013
- ❖ Aim: sell carbon by protecting forests under OFWE's concession
- ❖ National stakeholders discussed over this program in May 2013
- ❖ Receiving global attention
- ☐ Now in design phase (4 technical studies to be launched in May)
  - Generates up to 40 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e until 2020; and up to 260 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e until 2035
- ☐ Lessons will feed the national REDD+ Strategy
- ☐ National Stakeholders awareness; design to be completed in 18 months, Norway pledged to buy generated carbon credits (50 million USD)
- ☐ National Coordinator for REDD+ Pilots
- ☐ Staff recruited for Oromia REDD+ Coordination unit



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