



Ethiopia R-PP

PC review by Uganda, Nepal and Germany

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General comments

- Ethiopia's R-PP figures among the most ambitious R-PPs we have seen so far and proposes far-reaching institutional and legal reform to put REDD Readiness on sound footing in the country
- Ethiopia has been highly committed to take into account comments by the PC and the TAP at a very early stage
- The PC review concentrated very much on chapters (2b, 2c, 4, 5 and 6) that had been flagged in earlier TAP and PC reviews

Overall Strengths

- The R-PP is embedded into a cross-sectoral low carbon development framework (Climate Resilient Green Economy Initiative)
- The R-PP is aligned with ongoing bilateral and multilateral support for REDD in Ethiopia
- The R-PP builds on past efforts for the sustainable use of natural resources, including past donor support
- The R-PP proposes an ambitious action plan for institutional and legal reform
- The R-PP proposes independent international verification of results

Areas for further improvement

- REDD Strategy options now go beyond the narrow focus on the forest sector, but have become more vague.
- Budget is relatively high, “front-loaded” and has increased significantly over the past R-PP revisions (however, coherent with level of ambition of the R-PP).
- The timeline seems to be very ambitious considering the far-reaching proposals on institutional and legal change.

Recommendations

- The PC reviewers consider all standards met by Ethiopia.
- The PC reviewers recommend approving grant allocation to Ethiopia.