



Preparing the ground for the implementation of REDD in Panama

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First Visit

- The new governmental authorities took office on 1 July 2009, and engaged with the FPCF Programme, designating ANAM (the National Environment Authority) as the focal point for the process.
- World Bank mission with the participation of UN-REDD in which the following observations made by the external review team were analyzed:
- **Ratification of ANAM and Government of Panama to continue the REDD process with the support of the FCPF**
- **Learn about due diligence needs to have access to the FCPF preparation grant**
- **Initiate coordination with UN-REDD / FCPF**



Initial Action



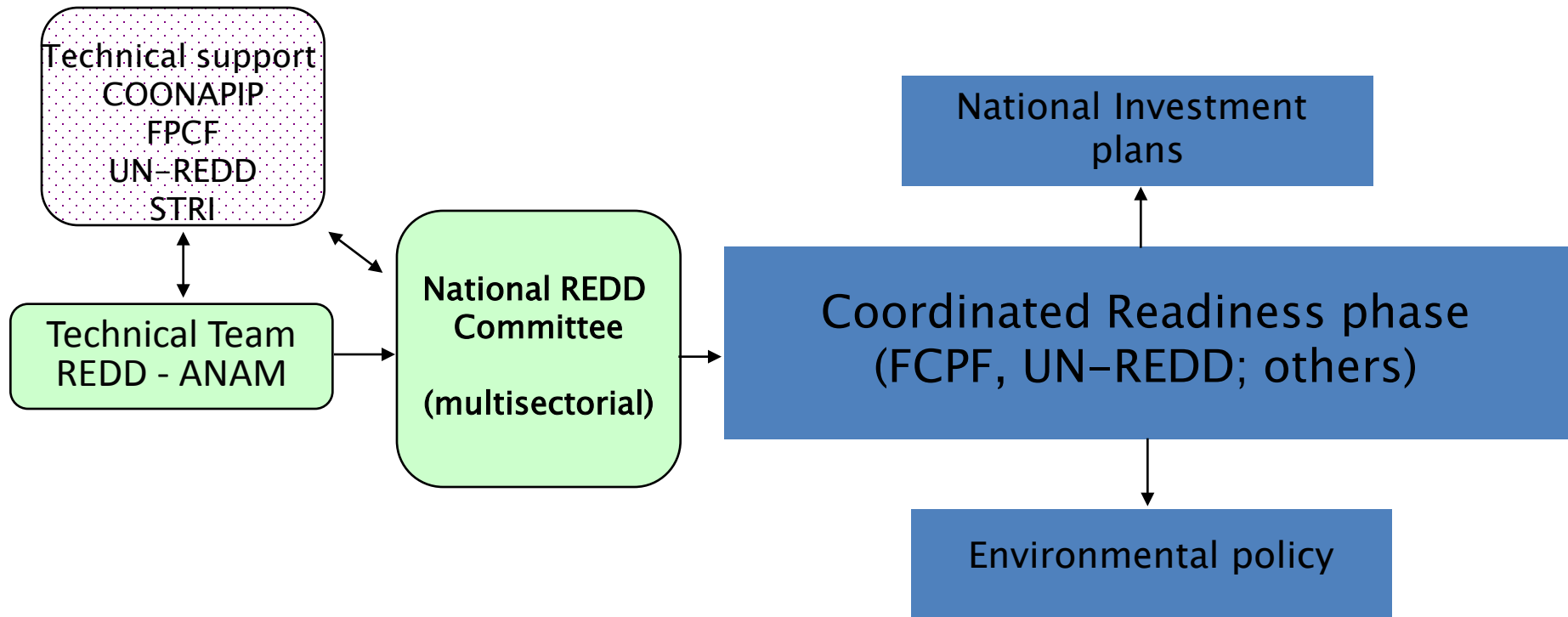
- Created an Interdepartmental REDD team within the ANAM
- Obtained letter from our Ministry of Finance ratifying Panama's commitment to REDD
- Initial Approach with **Coordinadora Nacional de Pueblos Indígenas de Panama** CONAPIP in August 21st meeting.
- First National REDD stakeholder meeting on September 18. Eleven groups from different sectors attended.
- First Steps towards National REDD Committee is established.
- Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI) is officially invited to become technical advisor in developing Panama's monitoring component.



- **ANAM, COONAPIP engage in close technical collaboration to clarify main points of discussion that will be dealt with during preparation for REDDINES**
- **Coordinated dialogue between ANAM, FPCF and UNREDD improved and strengthened**
- **ANAM completed and resubmitted the NJP to UNREDD for approval**

- **COONAPIP designates 6 indigenous representatives to support during 1 month the technical review process and to work with ANAM to create a technical dialogue about their points of view.**
- **COONAPIP organizes a national workshop on the UN-REDD/FCPF process for representatives from each of the 11 indigenous congresses on October 6th to discuss ongoing readiness activities.**
- **“Agree to disagree”**

Readiness Strategy





Challenges for Panama

- High level government buy in (historic deforestation level vs. current)
- Coordinated intergovernmental support in order to create sound environmental policy needed to accomplish REDD objectives
- Reaching dispersed and unorganized non indigenous rural communities
- Governance in our eastern border.
- Translating indigenous and community needs/realities into national level REDD policies (bottom up)
- Donor coordination to ensure single process
 - Identifying how the SESA process interacts both financially and methodologically with UNREDD process and vice versa



Opportunities

- **On-going partnership and dialogue with COONAPIP as an example of indigenous/government project development tool**
- **Position Ecosystem Based Adaptation to Climate Change into national development agenda including national poverty reduction strategies**
- **Trigger national dialogues about the environment**
- **Address difficult forest governance issues**
- **Address institutional and technical barriers**
- **Attract co-funding partners**
- **Create a diverse and vibrant economy that expands beyond the canal zone and capital city**
- **Change the way “we do business as usual” in order to mainstream environment in Panama**



Next Steps

- Move to a second phase of dialogue through SESA process:
 - **Dialogue with a broader group of stakeholders (Private sector, sectorial ministries, NGOs; Forest enterprises; municipal authorities, non indigenous forest dependant communities, ect)**
 - **Consolidation and establishment of a long-term dialogue strategy with indigenous groups**
- Consolidate a common and harmonized UN-REDD, FCPF, Packard Foundation budget.
- Consolidate MRV strategy with advising from STRI and CATHALAC
- Obtain funds!



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