



# Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

## **FMT's Report: Progress since PC18**

Nineteenth Meeting of the Participants Committee (PC19)

Washington, DC

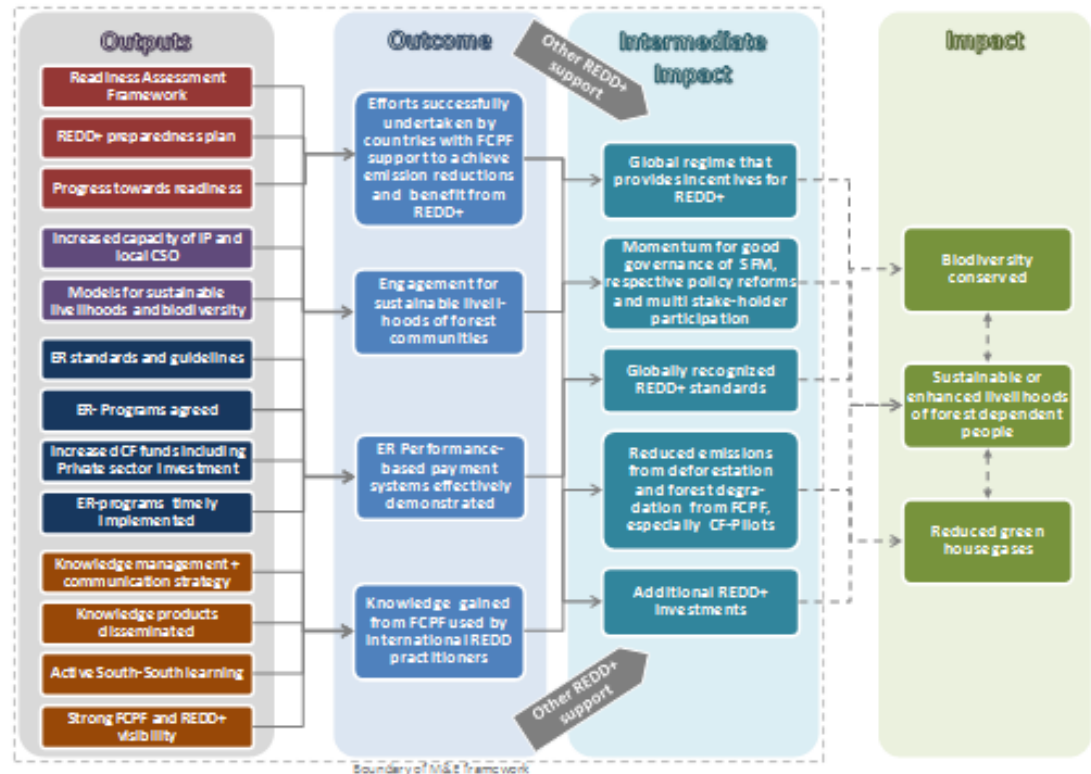
May 17-19, 2015

# Report Structure

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An aerial photograph of a dense tropical rainforest. The canopy is thick and vibrant green, with various shades of green indicating different tree species and light penetration. The forest extends across a valley, with some hills visible in the background. The overall scene is lush and verdant.

# Financial Contributions

# Financial Contributions to the FCPF

**Continued contributions to the FCPF.** Committed and pledged funds to the Facility are about \$820\* million. This includes an additional financial contribution from Finland of over \$3 million to the Readiness Fund, now at \$369 million. The Carbon Fund is now at \$451 million.



\*Weakening of the Euro, the Norwegian Kroner, and the Pound Sterling, against the US dollar negatively affected the total fund value as outstanding contributions from EC, Finland, Germany, Norway, and the United Kingdom are in local currency.



# Achievements

# Reporting on selected impact-level indicators

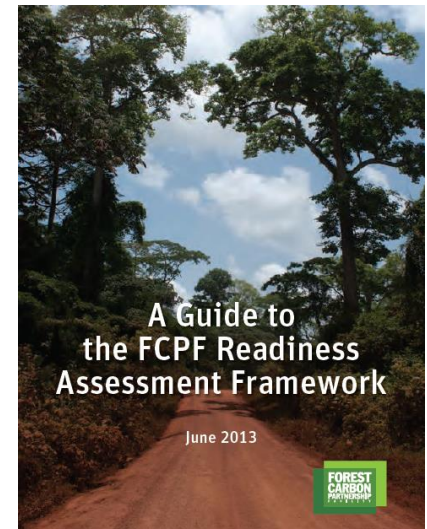
- **FCPF brings Ministries of Finance into high-level REDD+ discussion:**
  - April 2015 WB Spring Meetings: informal forest breakfast meeting bringing together representatives from Ministries of Finance in forest countries (Colombia, DRC, Ghana) to talk about including forests and landscapes in national investment programs and financial incentives.
  - Representatives from Mexico, Germany, Norway, UK, and WB also participated in the informal meeting.
  - With the success of the meeting, more high-level outreach is to come.
- **Support for implementing the Common Approach:**
  - UNDP progress report on the permanent accountability mechanism and the application of sustainability standards. The document is available on [FCPF website](#).
  - FCPF-UNREDD Joint Guidance Note for REDD+ Countries: Establishing and Strengthening Grievance Redress Mechanisms. The document is available on [FCPF website](#).

# Reporting on selected impact-level indicators

- **Green Climate Fund has adopted a Performance Measurement Framework where performance measurement for REDD+ will be informed by the FCPF Methodological Framework.** [related to impact 1.1]
- **Examples of how FCPF learning and experience has fed into UNFCCC REDD+ decisions** [related to impact 1.1]
  - In December 2014, at the Lima COP Forest Pavilion, FCPF co-hosted an event with Ministerio del Ambiente (MINAM) of Perú to showcase how countries with different needs are using a common Methodological Framework and General Conditions to prepare Emission Reductions Programs at national (Costa Rica and Guatemala) and subnational (Chile and Peru) scales.
    - <https://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/cop20-lima>
- **Examples of non-FCPF investments being sought for R-PP process and ER program implementation** [related to impact 1.4]
  - FCPF Countries have expressed interest in FIP financing for REDD+ programs
  - They are: Cambodia, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique, Nepal, RoC, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Uruguay, Vanuatu

# Reporting on selected outcome indicators

- **As of February 2015, Government of Finland joined the Participants Committee**
- **Examples of utilization of/or reference to FCPF knowledge products [outcome 4B]**
  - As countries progress in their readiness, some reaching a stage of preparing an R-package, the *Guide to the FCPF Readiness Assessment Framework* has provided support.
- **Progress made on Readiness Packages**
  - DRC is submitting an R-Package at PC19
  - Guyana has drafted an R-Package





# Reporting on selected outcome indicators: Towards ER Programs

- As committed at PC18, FAQs on ERPA General Conditions available on FCPF website
- As requested at PC18, the FMT is developing ER Program Buffer Guidelines and established a review group for this. At PC20 there will be a comprehensive update on the Buffer Guidelines.



# Reporting on selected outcome indicators: Towards ER Programs



- Coordination of the Evaluation of FPCF is underway, which will encompass Readiness Fund as well as Carbon Fund. A complete update on this progress will be provided to the PC at this meeting.
- At the CF12 meeting in April, Carbon Fund Participants extended the term of the Carbon Fund to December 2025.\*

\*pending the subsequent approval of such extension and its terms by the World Bank's Board of Executive Directors

# Reporting on selected outcome indicators

**To support progress on outcomes and outputs, FMT is staffing up.**

- **New members on the FMT:**

- Methodology Specialist (Stavros Papageorgiou)
- Social Development Specialist (Nicholas Soikan)

- **Recruiting for 5 additional positions is underway:**

- Carbon Finance Methodology Specialist

- Carbon Finance Specialist for Asia

- Carbon Finance Specialist for Francophone Africa

- Communications Officer

- Administrative Assistant

# Reporting on selected output indicators

## FCPF countries continue to move ahead with REDD+ Readiness:

- 8 additional Readiness Preparation Grants (Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Fiji, Nigeria, Sudan, Togo, Vanuatu) signed since PC18 [output 1.2]
- Mexico, Republic of Congo, Vietnam reached Mid-term, presenting progress and requesting additional funding at PC19 [output 1.3]



# Reporting on selected output indicators

## Outputs of the Readiness Fund:

Item	M&E Target	Cumulative to PC19
R-PPs presented for formal assessment	30+ R-PPs by 2015	45
Mid-term progress report submitted	20+ MTR by 2015	9
Signed Supplemental Grant for additional \$5 million	No target	2 (DRC, Ghana)

# Reporting on selected output indicators

Readiness Grants	M& E target	Cumulative to PC19	Expected by PC20	Cumulative to PC20
Grant agreements signed	30+ signed grant agreements by 2015	32	8 (Argentina, Belize, Dom. Rep., Madagascar, Pakistan, Panama, Thailand, Uruguay)	41*

\* Grants allocated but pending signature: CAR, Kenya, PNG, Paraguay

# Reporting on selected output indicators

Disbursements & Commitments	Cumulative to October 2014	Since October 2014	Cumulative to April 2015
Grants disbursed to countries	\$22.2 m	\$7.5 m	\$29.7 m
Grants signed with countries (since PC18: Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Nigeria, Sudan, Togo, Vanuatu) + (Ghana Supplemental grant)	\$96.4 m	\$31.8 m	\$128.2 m
Grant allocations to countries	\$191.8 m	\$9m	\$200.8 m
i. IDB (Guatemala, Guyana, Peru) (includes grants)	\$11.4 m		\$11.4 m
ii. UNDP (Cambodia, Honduras, Suriname)	\$11.4 m	\$3.8 m (PNG)	\$15.2 m
ii. WB (all other countries)	\$169 m	\$5.2m (Liberia)	\$174.2 m

More details on the dashboard: <https://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/> <sup>15</sup>

# Reporting on selected output indicators

## FCPF countries have made great strides in developing ER programs with the Carbon Fund since the last PC:

- Mexico and Vietnam signed Letters of Intent (total of 7 LOIs signed); Guatemala and Nepal are expected to sign in May 2015.
- Potential to expand pipeline beyond current 11 ER-PINs → 9 Countries presented Early Ideas at the CF12 meeting in April 2015 [output 2.2]

	ER-PINs in the pipeline	Early ideas at CF10	Early ideas at CF12
<b>Africa</b>	DRC Ghana Republic of Congo	Madagascar	Cameroon Côte d'Ivoire Mozambique
<b>Asia and Pacific</b>	Nepal Indonesia Vietnam		Fiji Laos
<b>Latin America</b>	Chile Costa Rica Guatemala Mexico Peru		Argentina Dominican Republic Guyana Nicaragua



# Reporting on selected output indicators



# IP and CSOs to engage in REDD+ processes

- In April, at the **High-Level Dialogue between the WB and IPs Leaders**, the FCPF presented on its engagement with Indigenous Peoples. The FCPF engagement with Indigenous Peoples has been evaluated as innovative. A presentation was given on “Lessons learned from Phase 1 of the FCPF Capacity Building Program”.
- **From May 4-6, a WB Colloquium on the forest sector was held in Kenya** with over 180 representatives from forest dependent communities who requested FCPF support to Kenya.



# IP and CSOs to engage in REDD+ processes

- FMT represented at the **14th Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues**. Since 2008, Indigenous Peoples have built a strong collaborative relationship with FCPF, to the point where they are recognized as key actors in activities supported by the Partnership at multiple levels.
- May 6th-8th, 2015: **Preparation Workshop: FCPF Capacity Building on REDD+ for Indigenous Peoples, Southern CSOs and Local Communities**
  - This workshop was attended by regional intermediaries under the Capacity Building Program, and Bank staff supporting the preparation of the projects. During the workshop, the Bank and the grant recipient organizations collaborated to provide the definitions and inputs required to fine-tune project design, and started drafting technical documents.

# Reporting on selected output indicators

- **Participants actively engaging in South-South learning activities [output 4.2]**

From February 23-28, 2015 representatives from government and private sector in **Ethiopia** and **Mozambique** traveled to Brazil for a South-South knowledge exchange on **sustainable forest plantations** which included meetings and learning sessions with government, private sector and research institutions on how forest plantations can **promote rural development and reduce pressure on native forests**.

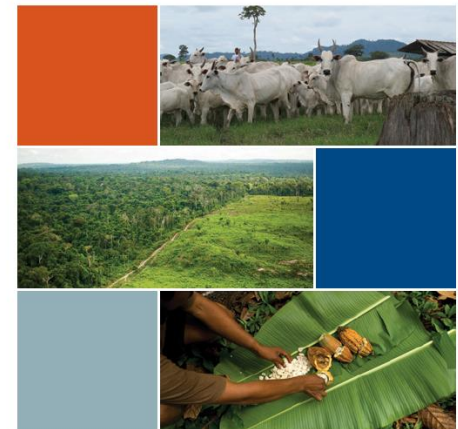
More information on South-South Knowledge Exchange on FCPF website:

<https://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/south-south-knowledge-exchange-planted-forests-between-brazil-ethiopia-and-mozambique>



# Reporting on selected output indicators

- Knowledge products and lessons from piloting of REDD+ in general and FCPF activities in particular developed and disseminated.
- **Joint FCPF-TNC report on Early Lessons from Jurisdictional REDD+ and Low Emissions Development Programs**
- **Webinar series: Forest Carbon Assessment in the Amazon's Indigenous and Protected Areas**



Early Lessons from Jurisdictional REDD+ and Low Emissions Development Programs

Greg Fishbein and Donna Lee



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## At the PC19 the FCPF is launching the REDD+ Decision Support Tool

- Created to help FCPF countries explore where the greatest opportunities for emission reductions or removals may be.
- Produces customized estimates of emissions from REDD+ activities and builds basic REDD+ reference levels.
- There will be a knowledge session featuring the tool at the PC

### REDD+ DST Summary Report

Congratulations! You have completed all modules in the REDD+ Decision Support Toolbox. Below is a summary of the decisions you have made and customized reference levels of selected REDD+ activities.

Country: Colombia

Scale: Subnational, selected jurisdictions

Jurisdictions:

Forest definition: 20% canopy cover

Include unmanaged lands? None

#### Deforestation

#### Scale

At what scale will the REDD+ Program be implemented?

The basic decisions and steps for REDD+ design are relevant at both national and subnational scales. Countries may decide to work on their historical emissions and removals estimates in a stepwise fashion which can include developing a reference level (RL) initially for only specific regions of the country. A decision is required on whether to allow subnational REDD+ at all, whether REDD+ can be piloted at the subnational level, or whether it is necessary to wait for full national accounting with the national results as the sum of subnational areas.

Options for scale are presented below. Note that the maps on this page are only for demonstration purposes and do not reflect the country chosen.

National



Subnational, All Jurisdictions



Subnational, Only Focal Jurisdictions



# Reporting on selected output indicators

- **Webstories and blog posts on World Bank platforms to promote REDD+ country activity and FCPF**

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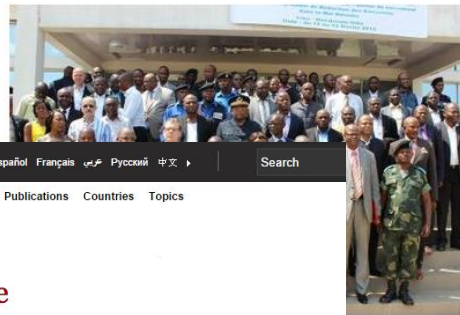
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DRC Launches Design Phase of Large Scale Emission Reductions Program; Over 250 Regional Stakeholders Attend Launch Workshop

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On February 12 and 13, in Bandundu, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) the Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development and National REDD Coordination as well as the provincial government launched the design phase of a large scale program to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation. The program area spans 12.3 million hectares with 9.2 million hectares of forest cover over the Mai-Ndombe region. The 2-day launch event brought together over 250 representatives from government, private sector, civil society, and local communities from across the 8 territories in the Mai Ndombe program jurisdiction.

Together the Vice-Governor of the Province Mr. Alexis Kiala and Assistant Director of the Cabinet Mr. Joseph Balondo, representing the Minister of the Environment and Sustainable Development, opened the launch event. Following were a series of sessions to introduce the objectives of the program, community investments it will support, involvement of the private sector, and finally, the tools and mechanisms that will be used in the program.

of understanding to ensure broad support for the current process and transparent and

! Mr. Alexis Kiala affirmed the full support of all the institutions acting in the jurisdiction and the Assistant Director of the Cabinet Mr. Joseph Balondo echoed support for the program and to making progress and facilitate the development of strategies which mobilize concrete Carbon principles representative highlighted the role of Indigenous Peoples in program preparation and Finance Development proposals to work effectively with their communities to shift agricultural production to savanna

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- Increased Facebook presence
  - 206 → 432 followers since PC18
  - Some posts reaching over 400+
- Follow the FCPF on Facebook for weekly updates and photos from the FMT
  - <https://www.facebook.com/forestcarbonpartnershipfacility>
- Goal for next PC meeting, help us reach 500 Likes!



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This post reached 455 on Facebook.





# Reporting on selected output indicators



- ‘Inside FCPF’ newsletter series to update participants on FCPF developments and key knowledge products and resources.

## Feature Stories



### TNC and FCPF Report on Early Lessons from Jurisdictional REDD+ and Low Emissions Development

On January 26, the FCPF and The Nature Conservancy jointly released a new report, *Early Lessons from Jurisdictional REDD+ and Low Emissions Development Programs*, featuring eight jurisdictional REDD+/LED programs worldwide designed to reduce forest-related emissions (six of these jurisdictions have been admitted into the FCPF Carbon Fund pipeline). The joint study finds that with appropriate investment and support, jurisdictional REDD+/LED programs have the potential to become transformational models of forest-friendly development. [Read the report.](#)

Blog on Working at

## Fast Facts

- ▶ Large-scale emission reductions programs under the Carbon Fund combined have the potential to transform over 100 million hectares of land in 11 countries.
- ▶ 7 of the 11 Carbon Fund countries have signed Letters of Intent (LOI) towards an Emission Reductions Agreement.
- ▶ To date 6 countries in the Readiness Fund have reached the mid-term of their Readiness Grant and 5 countries have been allocated an additional grant of \$5 million.

Ask the FMT a Question



Webinar on Forest Carbon Assessment in the Amazon's Indigenous and

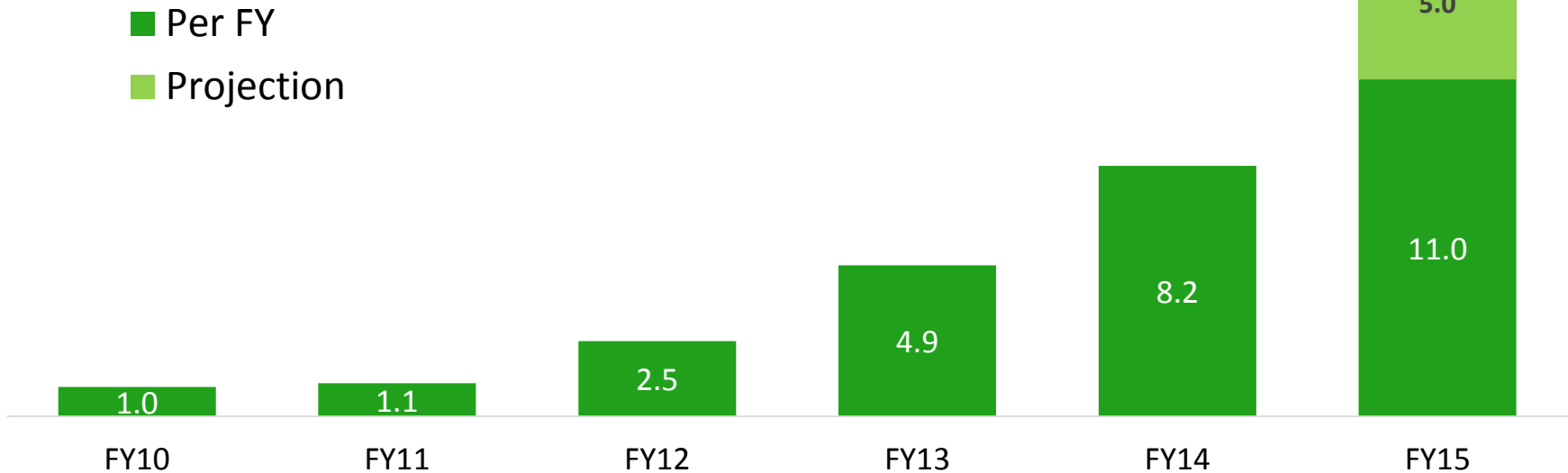
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# Disbursements

A landscape photograph of a savanna. In the foreground, a calm body of water reflects the sky and a large, leafy tree in the center. The middle ground shows a grassy plain with scattered trees and bushes. The background is a vast sky filled with large, white, fluffy clouds. The word "Disbursements" is overlaid in large, white, sans-serif font across the center of the image.

# Disbursements of Readiness Grants

## FCPF Grant Disbursement by Fiscal Year (FY10-15)



Total Grant Disbursements to date are \$29.7 million.

FY15 Grant Disbursements already far surpass FY14 at \$11 million.

# Disbursements of Readiness Grants (2)

## **(i) Accelerating signing of readiness grant agreements**

- Grant agreements signed thus far: **32 + 2 for additional \$5 million each**
- Due diligence completed, and expected to be signed by end 2015: **3**
- Yet to complete due diligence: **11**
- Lost guaranteed access to funding: **11**

**Of the 11 'new' FCPF countries, 7 have already signed Preparation Grant Agreements and took an average of only 11 months to get from R-PP Assessment to Grant Signature.**

## **Mid Term Reviews and Additional Grants:**

- 9 countries reached mid-term status with DRC and Ghana having signed additional grants of \$5.2 million each.
- Costa Rica, Indonesia and Liberia are in the process of signing additional grants.
- Mexico, RoC and Vietnam will present MTRs at the PC meeting.

## Disbursements of Readiness Grants (3)

### **(ii) Ensuring that the number of new REDD+ countries included in the FCPF can swiftly overcome potential disbursement bottlenecks**

- Continue to assist countries with a set of actions to address procurement and financial management challenges as presented and discussed at PC16 in December 2013 (refer to [FMT Note 2013-6](#)).

# Concluding Messages

- Attention to elevating the REDD+ dialogue, by bringing Ministries of Finance into the discussion
- IP & CSO engagement remains cornerstone for FCPF
- As ER programs in the Carbon Fund pipeline mature and countries come forward with Readiness Packages, focus on efforts to create knowledge resources and to redouble support to FCPF countries to keep up momentum on REDD+ Readiness and ER Programs
- Potential to expand the Carbon Fund pipeline
- Projected acceleration of Grant Disbursement in FY15 and beyond
- More staff coming on board to support these efforts