



# **TAP Independent Review: R-Package Submitted by DRC**

**Independent TAP-Expert Review on the Self-Assessment  
of the REDD+ stakeholders in the Democratic Republic of Congo**

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# Purpose of the TAP's review

...”Assess whether a due process and approach was followed while performing the self-assessment of REDD+ readiness”:

- Part A: Review of the self-assessment **process** of REDD-Readiness
- Part B: Review of the **results** from the multi-stakeholder R-Package Self-Assessment based on the multi-stakeholder consultation workshop
- Part C: Assess what needs still to be done in the Readiness Process

→ *TAP Recommendation*

# PART A: Self-Assessment Process

- Complete self-assessment process conducted (R-Package guidelines)
- Well facilitated (separate stakeholder meetings with only minor differences)
- Self-assessment described well the Readiness process since 2009
- Degree of achievement of main results honestly communicated
- National (“Kinshasa-based”) ownership of the readiness process
- Broad consultation and ownership at subnational level (selected provinces)
- Critical issues have been reflected and listed:
  - governance, capacities, means to implement and monitor,....

# PART B: REDD+ Processes: Results (i)

- 34 Assessment Criteria, as assessed by the stakeholder groups

Group	Consultation	GREEN	YELLOW	ORANGE/RED
<b>Civil Society (Société civile, GTCR)</b>	Feb 5, 2015	<b>28</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>REDD+ Implementers (porteurs des projets REDD+)</b>	Feb 6, 2015	<b>30</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Stakeholders Bandundu Province (parties prenantes)</b>	Feb 13, 1015	<b>29</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Technical and financial partners</b>	Feb 16, 1015	<b>24</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>MEDD and Sectorial Ministries</b>	Feb 19, 1015	<b>26</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Technical Committee (Suivi et Réforme, CTR)</b>	Feb 20, 1015	<b>27</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>CN-REDD</b>	March 10, 2015	<b>25</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>National Validation Workshop (all together)</b>	March 12, 2015	<b>26</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>

# PART B: REDD+ Processes: Results (iii)

## Readiness Arrangements and Consultation (criteria 1-10)

- Institutional arrangements in place at operational level, further need to be strengthened at the strategic level
- Feedback and grievance redress mechanism still to be established
- Dynamic culture of debate, consultation and participation process in place, but the national communication strategy not yet implemented

# PART B: REDD+ Processes: Results (iv)

## REDD+ Strategy Preparation (criteria 11-25)

- Framework for Economic Governance as innovative approach
- Broad REDD+ strategic framework, multisectoral, crucial to establish effective and efficient intersectoral and cross-sectoral collaboration
- Challenging coordination role of the CN-REDD that need to apply a functional monitoring/evaluation framework
- Continuous challenge to develop a functional benefit sharing mechanism and to operationalize a national REDD+ registry
- Well conducted SESA process, still the need to finalize the modalities to operationalize the safeguards/integration into law

# PART B: REDD+ Processes: Results (v)

## Reference Emission Level/Reference level (Criteria 26-28)

- Methodological basis developed (Terra Congo, DIAF)
- Forest stratification tested at the level of one province
- Reference level for Mai-Ndombe expected to be finalized by end of 2015

# PART B: REDD+ Processes: Results (vi)

## Monitoring system for forests, and safeguards

(Criteria 29-34)

- National system to monitor the forests (SNSF) yet not in place
- Action plan developed for implementation (2015-2018), still to be operationalized
- MRV system in process of preparation at sub-national level for Mai-Ndombe expected to be finalized by end of 2015
- Need to continuously share information on carbon and non-carbon aspects, and apply the tools that are being developed
- Maintain a pro-active and critical independent monitoring on social and environmental issues

# PART C: What still needs to be done

- Open issues as identified in the self-assessment process and summarized in Table 7 of the SA-Report
- **Continuously** address issues to mainstream REDD+, including
  - Nationwide information sharing and capacity building
  - Maintain a critical policy dialogue based on true monitoring on a variety of issues on REDD+ and wider land-use/rights
  - Conclude a national RL and MRV system
  - Enhance CN-REDD into a functional clearinghouse for REDD+
  - Reinforce the governance structure of the REDD+ process

# Conclusion

## On the Self-Assessment of DRC's REDD+ Readiness Process:

- Well conducted self-assessment process and analysis of the results
- Still an impressive list of work to do in further strengthening readiness  
→ readiness can not be “finalized”, it is a continuous process

## Decision to be taken to embark in parallel with a ER-Program

### → Recommendation of TAP expert:

- Endorse a realistic work plan with clear targets and time frame to further enhance the readiness process and monitor it closely; and
- Embark with the preparation of an ER-Program as pilot at a subnational level (Mai-Ndombe)