













Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment in the Democratic Republic of Congo

National Coordination REDD

Ministry of Environment, Nature Conservation and Tourism

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- SESA objectives
- SESA: where we are and how it will be carried out
- SESA, the national REDD+ strategy and REDD+ projects
- SESA: approach, milestones and deliverables
- Roles and responsibilities

- « Assess the potential positive and negative impacts from the REDD+ strategic options as they are contemplated by the government and its partners, and contribute to building a sound national REDD+ strategy »
- « Establish an Environmental and Social Management Framework » for the National REDD+ Strategy, allowing eventually REDD+ carbon transactions at policy, programme and project levels
 - Basis for R-PP 4b component "MRV of REDD+ co-benefits"
 - Ensure compliance with safeguards

SESA objectives as related to readiness results framework

DRC: REDD Readiness Plan (R-PP)

RESULTS FRAMEWORK

Objective: The DRC is equipped and ready to engage in the international REDD+ system

Expected results	Key partners	Progress and performance indicators	
1. A national REDD+ strategy in the 2030 horizon is constructed in a participatory manner and ready to take off	National Committee, Inter-ministerial Committee, CN-REDD, GTCR, UNDP, WB, FAO	 A national REDD+ strategy of quality, ambitious and that represents the meeting point of the different stakeholders of REDD The strategy relies on a decision tool (Reference Scenario) and on a robust Strategic Social and Environmental Evaluation (SESA) An investment plan for REDD that is practical, multisectorial and budgeted 	
2. An institutional framework for REDD implementation is crafted and ready in 2013 on an interim basis	National Committee, MECNT, CN-REDD, WB, UNEP, UNDP	 A registry of Carbon projects and initiatives is functional An interim national fund/mechanisms for Carbon finances' management is in place The procedures for environmental and social assessment are in place 	
3. A comprehensive MRV system for REDD is built and operational	DIAF, CN-REDD, FAO, WB, UNEP	 A MRV system for GHGs emissions (deforestation/degradation) is operational and managed at the country level A MRV system on social, environmental, governance and economic dimensions is in place The dual MRV system is adopted by the stakeholder of REDD 	

- Such a result framework for REDD+ readiness process implies, among others, the following key objectives with close links to SESA:
- Support alternatives for rural and urban population in the area of agriculture, forests, energy and employment.
- Establish an institutional mechanism to redistribute external resources (investment and compensation policies)
- Adapt the national legal framework (land tenure, forestry policies, etc.)
- Institutional capacity strengthening
- Large outreach on alternatives and the REDD+ mechanism

- Preliminary ToRs included in R-PP (January/March, 2010)
- ToRs revised and improved under the leadership of the Government (GEEC, DSE), in partnership with civil society/GTCR, FCPF/World Bank, UNEP/UN-REDD and with facilitation by National Coordination
- Improvement of the global context to implement the core analytical work of the SESA (IEC, consultations, fund, linked studies...)

- Two key dynamics to SESA:
 - General mobilisation, coordination, consultations and capacity building
 - Core analytical work (by a consulting firm)
- An «Overseeing Committee» to be established, with representatives from government, civil society and private sector and facilitation by NC-REDD
 - Completing ToRs
 - Supervising the core analytical work (meetings twice a month during the study)
- A consultancy team to be hired. Study for 4-5 months in close relation with OC
- A top-level supervision and progressive mobilisation with National REDD Committee and Interministerial Committee

Potential corpus of programmes as a preliminary illustration of the future national REDD+ strategy



Volet Transversal: 4 programmes prioritaires, facteurs clés de succès

- 2.1 Développement et mise à jour stratégie REDD+, y.c. politique d'utilisation du territoire (zonage)
 - 2.2 Réforme légale et institutionnelle d'envergure nécanisme de pilotage d'ensemble
 - 23 Mise en place et animation d'un processus participatif (y.c. ancrage communautaire)

Coordination nationale et

- 3 Système national MRV (mesure. rapport, vérification) indépendant, efficace et transparent
- Mécanisme national transparent de partage des revenus et mise en place de systèmes de paiement efficients

Volet I: Gestion, exploitation durable et accroissement du patrimoine forestier, sous la responsabilité du MECNT

- 5 Gestion des activités 6 Gestion. dans les "Forêts de production permanente" autour de l'exploitation indust. / artisanale durables, et lutte contre l'exploitation illégale
 - valorisation et accroissement des "Forèts classées" (v.c. préservation de la biodiversité et développement de PPP)
- Afforestation et reforestation pour la restauration de forêts dégradées/ déforestées ou l'afforestation de zones marginales (puits de carbone)
- 8 Ciblage et transfert de gestion de "Forêts protégées" aux communautés locales, (v.c. microzonage participatif)

Volet II : Développement accéléré d'une agriculture performante en milieu rural-forestier, en coordination entre MECNT et Min. Agriculture

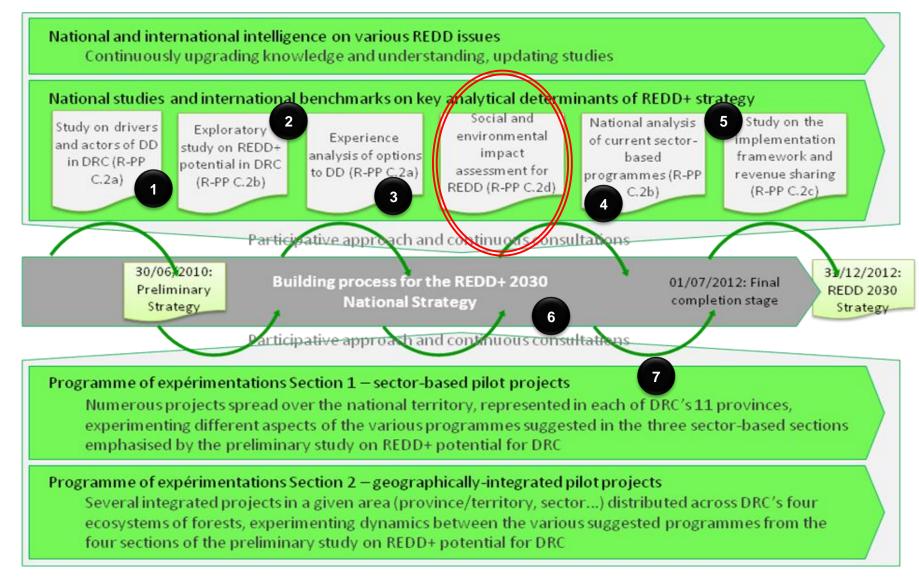
- Hausse de productivité et sédentarisation des agric, vivriers autour de programmes sociaux d'envergure
- **O**Hausse des rendements et augmentation de la valeur ajoutée pour l'agriculture commerciale des petits exploitants, autour de l'agrégation et des techniques à faible impact sur les forêts (y.c. agroforesterie)
- **10**Dév. maîtrisé de l'agric, Intensive. par la réhabilitation des anciennes plantations et nouvelles plantations en savane
 - DDéveloppement socioéconomique rural et urbain intégré programme d'impulsion ciblé pour la création d'activités génératrices de revenus alternatives

Volet III : Limitation de l'impact de la croissance urbaine et des secteurs industriels sur la Forêt, autour d'une forte coordination interministérielle

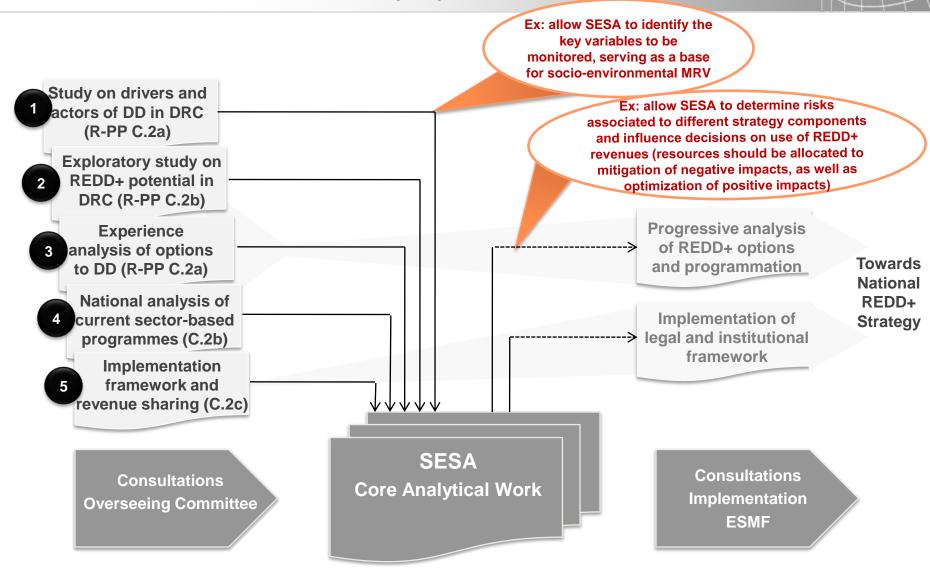
- 12 Réduction de la demande de bois de chauffe et augmentation de l'approvisionnement par des sources afforestation/reforestation durables, dans le cadre d'une stratégie énergétique nationale cohérente
- Limitation des impacts direct et indirect des secteurs extractifs et industriels sur la Forêt, en particulier mines et hydrocarbures

1PPP: partenariat public-privé (e.g., concessions) avec des investisseurs nationaux et internationaux 2 HVA : Haute valeur ajoutée e.g., arbonculture fruitière + Haute productivité e.g., céréales

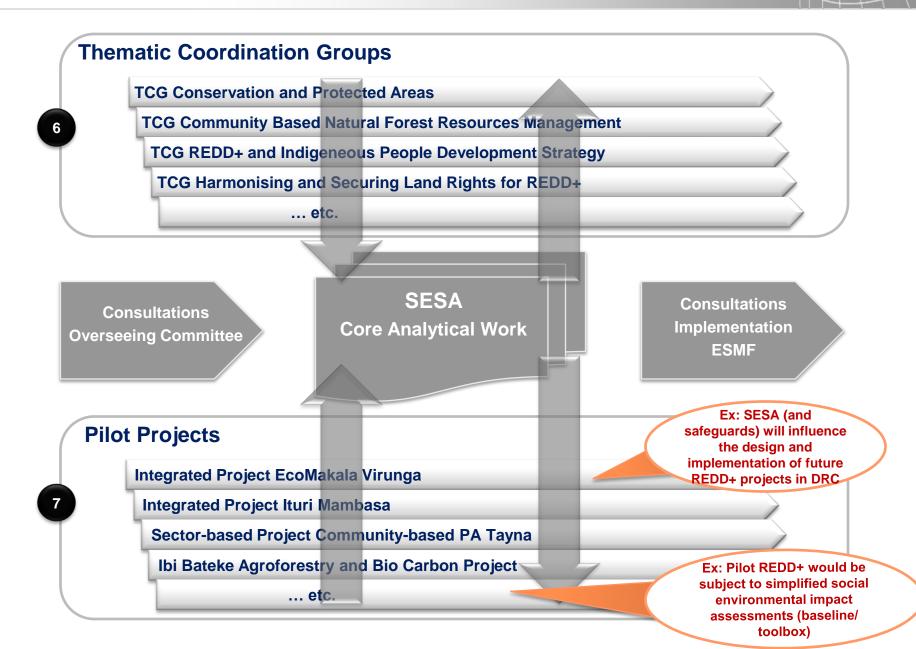
Building process for the REDD+2030 National Strategy



SESA and the national strategy Illustration of interconnexions (1/2)



SESA and the national strategy Illustration of interconnexions (2/2)



SESA: approach, milestones and deliverables of the core analytical work

Five key areas of study

- Sector-based development policies
- Institutional enabling framework
- Legal and financial enabling environment
- Pilot projects and programmes
- Communication and outreach

Assess initial socio-environmental situation regarding REDD+

Socio
environmental
evolution in
business as
usual scenario

Assess the adequacy of preliminary REDD+ strategy given socio environmental conditions

Screen REDD+
options against
direct and
indirect socio
environmental
risks and
potential impacts

Suggest enhancements for options and overall strategy Verify conformity with overall safeguard policies

Suggest a plan for institutional strengthening to improve the management of the REDD+ process

Beginning	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Month 5
Finalisation of the work plan		Preliminary report, national workshop	Broad consultations	Draft final report and validation workshop	Final report
	□ Reports from me	eetings with OC and n	ational workshops		

☐ General document/final report, including Environment and Social Management Framework,

with safeguard policy frameworks (IPPF, EMF, etc.), budget and execution planning

Roles and responsibilities of partners and institutions of the Overseeing Committee

■ National REDD Coordination (MECNT)

 Facilitation and leadership (consultancy contracts, organization of validation, workshops, etc.)

■ Division des Services Environnementaux (MECNT)

- Establish the institutional framework to valuate environmental services in DRC
- Maintain the registry of REDD+ projects and initiatives

☐ Groupe d'Étude Environnementale du Congo (GEEC) / Agence Nationale de l'Environnement

- Validates all EIA carried out in the country
- Supervises the implementation of management frameworks

☐ Civil society (GTCR already created a working group on SESA and co-benefits)

- Active participation in the preparation of ToRs
- Participate in the debates and guidelines of the Overseeing Committee
- Actively monitor the implementation of the ESMF

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