



MEXICO: FCPF READINESS GRANT REPORT

MTR and Additional Funding Request

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FCPF GRANT STATUS: COMPONENT 1 (1)

National Readiness Management Arrangements

- CONAFOR has demonstrated a high capacity to coordinate all efforts in terms of REDD+ at the national level, **Unit of International Affairs** is in the leads the process, other units within CONAFOR as well as other public entities are highly involved in the process.
- CONAFOR has shown strong commitment for a **participatory approach** that will culminate with the national consultation on the REDD+ Strategy (during the second half 2015).

Stakeholders Consultation and Participation

- The consultation process on the National REDD+ Strategy is conducted in three phases: (i) Information & Dissemination, (ii) Consultation and (iii) Consolidation.
- CONAFOR has finalized the **first phase on Information & Dissemination**, using many different media (virtual, physical) to ensure wide dissemination of basic information on REDD+ and allow for informed discussions during the Consultation phase
- Through **its national Program PROFOS** (*Programa de Fomento a la Organización Social, Planeación y Desarrollo Regional Forestal*), CONAFOR supported 34 local NGOs to facilitate dissemination on REDD+ (US \$1 million).
- Selected NGOs received training through five introductory REDD+ courses for social organizations participating in the program,

FCPF GRANT STATUS: COMPONENT 1 (2)

Stakeholders Consultation and Participation

- In December 2014, CONAFOR convened an expert panel to finalize the plan for the second phase (consultation), which aims at a highly participatory and inclusive consultation process to reach an agreement on the national REDD+ strategy, with regard to the objective, lines of action and the implementation of the National REDD+ Strategy.



The World Bank team considers the implementation of the information and dissemination phase as a best practice, particularly its inclusive and culturally-adapted approach. We encourage wide dissemination of this practice, hopefully through the FCPF platform.

FCPF GRANT STATUS: COMPONENT 2 (1)

- Mexico has produced a **fourth draft of the ENAREDD+**, which received a favorable assessment by key stakeholders in February 2015; second phase of consultation will be launched in summer of 2015
- Aiming for **approved National REDD+ Strategy by the end of CY 2015**
- **SESA report** is being finalized and will be disseminated in July 2015, TOR ESMF
- CONAFOR is **piloting Feedback and Grievance Redress mechanisms** at the local level in the Peninsula de Yucatan
- At the state level, process of identifying the existing feedback and grievance mechanisms used by state governments that can apply to REDD+ as well as challenges and opportunities for its implementation in this context is underway



Since the Grant Agreement was declared effective significant progress has been made in the implementation of the Readiness activities. Due to budgetary requirements, all the activities have been **pre-financed by CONAFOR** (for a total of US\$1.15 million) and will be shortly reimbursed by the Bank, withdrawal application has been submitted.

MID-TERM REVIEW OF READINESS PROGRESS

- The Mid-Term Review (MTR) assessed Mexico's ability to use grant funding to meet the grant objectives and need for additional support
- Overall, Mexico has shown significant progress in implementation of its readiness preparation and the FCPF grant supported components
- Disbursements:
 - *Grant amount: US\$ 3.8 Million*
 - *Disbursed (July 2014-May 2015): none (activities were pre-financed by CONAFOR, withdrawal application has been submitted)*
 - *Committed (May 2015): US\$ 2,170,764*
 - *% commitment: 57 per cent*

KEY CHALLENGES GOING FORWARD

- Importance to consolidate the MRV system that was initially supported through MX-Norway project and fully support the idea to use additional resources to do so;
- Main challenge is now on Implementation. Strategic thinking can now be considered completed and there is a need to move forward with implementation. Additional resources to better define the interventions are critical. This will be done in great coordination with SIL/FIP project on Forests and Climate Change and the ER-Program.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDING

- The World Bank is prepared to support Mexico in implementation of additional grant funding
- Mexico request for additional funding fits with overall national vision for REDD+, and aligns to progress so far
 - Mexico continues to make efforts for coordinating different REDD phases and activities to consolidate and implement a meaningful national REDD+ strategy
 - Piloting efforts are well aligned with the ENAREDD+ and Mexico's Emissions Reduction Program and build on the on-going FIP investments in the Early Actions Areas for REDD+
- Additional resources need to be focused on the full institutionalization of the National Forest Monitoring System to ensure long-term sustainability and a consolidated model of intervention to implement the ENAREDD+ strategy