



Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

Progress with the due diligence activities work in Guyana

Participants Committee Meeting (FCPF PC5)

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“Due Diligence” Activities

- **Ensure that preparation phase follows operational policies including fiduciary, social, and environmental safeguards**
- **Identify key issues relevant to REDD in Guyana (e.g., land tenure) and evaluate if there is a process in place to address such issues during preparation phase.**
- **Conduct a preliminary analysis and engagement with stakeholders: workshops, field observations, desk reviews .**
- **Prepare and consult draft SESA TOR.**
- **Agree on institutional arrangements and assess fiduciary capacity.**
- **Bank team: social, land, legal, safeguards, fiduciary, forest, environment, indigenous people, communication.**

Progress to Date

- **WB grant preparation activities:** (i) two missions in July and October 2009; (ii) field trip with a multi-stakeholder team including Govt, Amerindian NGOs, Toshaos, international NGOs and donors; (iii) meetings with 16 Amerindian communities; (iv) meetings with government, private sector, political opposition, diaspora, advocacy groups.
- **SESA:** TORs drafted and to be disclosed for comments.
- **R-PP as a living document:** revised version posted on line since March 16, 2010.
- **Processing of the Formulation Grant:** to be co-implemented by Forestry Commission (technical studies) and National Toshaos Council (community information and awareness), currently being reviewed by Govt.

Key Elements Identified During DD Process

- **Consultation Plan:** Adequate and timely consultations during the REDD preparation phase – remoteness, language, cost.
- **FPIC :** includes proposal for ‘opt-in/opt-out’ approach.
- **Resettlement Policy Framework (Process Framework):** Alternative sustainable activities to address possible restriction of access to natural resources.
- **Land and resource use rights:** addressing land issues as an element of REDD (e.g. titling of Amerindian lands, case in court for eleven years)
- **Adequacy of the legal framework:** would be analyzed as part of the SESA during the Preparation Phase

Key Elements Identified During DD Process

- **Carbon rights and benefit sharing:** to be addressed during preparation phase
- **Institutional Arrangement:** R-PP to address engagement of relevant ministries.
- **Inclusiveness of REDD framework:** participation of key stakeholders.
- **Manage expectations:** stay within FCPF mandate/scope of REDD