

REDD Readiness Progress Fact Sheet

COUNTRY: Guatemala

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1. R-PP Preparation and FCPF Readiness grant

- IDB Board approved the TC document in September 12nd.
- The government has advanced in the administrative process with Ministry of Finance and Secretary of Planning to sign the agreement.
- Administrative and finance support was approved by members of Inter-institutional Coordination Group –GCI- (Ministry of Agriculture, National Council of Protected Areas, Forestry Institute) for implementing REDD+
- Legal Department of Ministry of Environment (Executor) has approved the agreement to be signed.
- Signature of the grant agreement between Guatemala and IDB is expected by October 2013.

2. National REDD Readiness Management Arrangements

- The Climate Change Law has been approved, and it includes a National Council of Climate Change which is a high level decision group where the GCI will be linked for institutionalization of REDD+ Strategy.

3. Stakeholder Consultations and Communication

- RPP has been socialized with Climate Change Indigenous Round Table. These activities has been financed by USAID REDD+ Program and coordinated with MARN and RPP activities.
- The safeguards committee has been presented to Ministry of Environment to be formalized. The safeguards committee is coordinating the process of developing a national safeguard system for the REDD+ strategy. The committee is expected to have an important role in the consultation process of the FCPF. Several training workshops are being developed through the support of IDB, the REDD+ initiative, SES, among others.

4. REDD Strategy Preparation

- The REDD+ strategy development will start in the R-PP implementation phase. However, some potential activities are being prepared. National Forestry Institute –INAB- and National Council of protected areas –CONAP- have included into their policy tools, mechanisms to promote activities to reduction emissions, and they are preparing concepts of REDD+ activities in accordance with their legal framework. The new program of INAB for forestry incentives has included several elements to promote REDD+ activities. In the other hand, CONAP is designing pilot activities to reduce emissions by pilot projects in protected areas.

5. Implementation Framework

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- The Climate Change Law has been approved. It takes into account many elements required in the REDD+ strategy, inter alia, governance for REDD+, reduction emissions rights (carbon rights), and integration of REDD+ Strategy into National Policies.
- The Inter-institutional Coordination Group –GCI- is being integrated into the Low Carbon Development Strategy – LEDES- which is creating a working group from different sectors. LULUCF is the most important sector of GHG emission, so the REDD+ Strategy will be an important component of LEDES initiative in Guatemala.

6. SESA

- A workshop with Safeguards Committee was realized, focused in REDD+ concepts. This workshop is part of a program of capacity building of the committee. These actors would be participating in the development of the SESA in the framework of the national system for social and environmental safeguards for REDD+.

7. Development of a Reference Scenario

- The MARN is promoting capacity building with VCS standards for Jurisdictional Approach, as a tool to implement nested projects in Tierras Bajas Del Norte reference area. A workshop was held to share experiences within many countries in Latin America.
- Two new donors are working in new areas for reference scenarios (USAID, GEF/PNUD), they are coordinated by MRV group and GCI. Both activities are articulated with RPP actions.

8. MRV

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9. Other

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