

FCPF PC review: Draft R-PP Argentina, March 2010

This advanced draft is an excellent basis for the future work until completion of the final R-PP document. Please consider the following remarks and recommendations:

- The draft is strong in forest resource assessment. Proposed actions for REDD readiness focus on strengthening existing scientific knowledge of forest DD and link it with GHG. Thus a rather academic approach with a bias to the bio physical relationship between land use changes is present and not so much on the economic drivers of forest DD. More work needed on this point!
- The document would gain from having information on forests and drivers better organized to provide an understanding of relations and magnitude of drivers.
- Indicate the definition of forest that Argentina has adopted for CDM and REDD, further explain the MRV mechanism, add the schedule of activities under component 5 and modify the amounts according to what the FCPF can give (the rest of funding needed must seek other sources of funding).

- ToR for all components are missing. The document in general is very descriptive, without clear methodologies.
- Clearly indicate information gaps and how to deal with them. (workplan)
- Complete exec. summary, further develop consultation process design and standardize the conceptual framework of the strategy.
- Broaden basis of available information in forest statistics, consultative processes with civil society, provincial governments, other stakeholders and several other topics; best achieved by inviting more institutions, universities, research centres etc. to collaborate in the final R-PP.
- Discuss the role of provincial governments in REDD readiness and implementation.
- Discuss governance issues with significantly more detail including means to achieve integrity of forest revenues utilization and distribution.
- Analyze REDD strategy trade-offs between different approaches/options and conclude in a set of priorities.
- The R-PP should deal with investment costs, operational costs, opportunity costs and transaction costs as much as possible.
- For each component, the R-PP should establish clear institutional responsibilities.

- Capacity building, several current gaps are identified. Important to “translate” these gaps into concise capacity building activities and give them cost tags and a time frame.
- The draft does not explain base year for projected reduction . It is not clear what the reference scenario is, as the graph appears to indicate reductions in accumulated areas. Since there is a strong impact by the new law, it is prudent to incorporate this in the reference scenario. Also analyze impact of the law in reducing D&D indicated for the 3 provinces and see if this process is similar in other provinces.
- Finally, disaggregate analysis by the 3 classes of conservation importance. Projecting the results of this analysis into the future and incorporating the goals of national investment, should give a more realistic projection to reducing the deforestation rate for 2015 and 2020.
- The discussion about indigenous people should focus on more targeted analysis regarding their current and future roles in D&D.

- General recommendations: Please provide list of expected results, ToR for all components and total implementation costs. Also include list of acronyms, sources for tables, graphs, a summary of each sub-component, explain gaps, cost categories, exchange rates, scheduling and sequencing activities and information on Component 6. Make English version available.
- We believe the process to improve Argentina's R-PP still makes it possible to officially present it in 2010.

Detailed comments available on request

Thank you very much