



FCPF Facility Management Team

Argentina Revised R-PP version January, 2014

Completeness Check by FMT

Argentina submitted a Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP) to the Facility Management Team (FMT) in June 2010, which was reviewed by a Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) and a working group consisting of some Participants Committee (PC) members established for this purpose.

The PC reviewed the R-PP in accordance with Section 11.1 (b) of the Charter Establishing the FCPF (Charter) at its ninth meeting in June, 2010 in Georgetown, Guyana; and acknowledged the extensive efforts made by Argentina, and the high quality of the R-PP. The PC decided, through **Resolution PC/6/2010/1** to allocate funding to Argentina to enable it to move ahead with the preparation for readiness. For this purpose, the resolution requested Argentina to submit a revised R-PP to the FMT, reflecting the key issues in the summary report prepared by the FMT included in the annex of resolution **PC/6/2010/1**.

The Revised Version follows the R-PP template version no 6, which has been updated by the Argentinean team from version 3 originally presented to the PC. It was presented in Spanish language at the time of the completeness check.

The following were the key issues that Argentina needed to address in the Revised Version of the R-PP before entering into a Readiness Preparation Grant Agreement with the World Bank as Delivery Partner.

1. Clarify the proposed activities regarding independent third-party reporting and verification. (4a)

The revised R-PP proposes an independent non governmental body to carry out third- party reporting and verification (pages 161 -163) which is a working group to be established in the – “Comité Asesor de REDD+” (CAR)-. CAR is mainly a non-government body but directly linked to the “Consejo Directivo” for REDD+ (CD), which is coordinated by the government. CAR is also linked to the “Unidad Operativa para la Preparación REDD+” (UOP) which is the REDD+ Readiness Unit (see page 20-23 in the new R-PP version for description of CAR, CD and UOP). It is suggested that the working group will provide an independent view on reporting and verification as being part of CAR and under CD and UOP. The R-PP also mentions that the technical working group under CAR will have the overall objective of carrying out activities to develop a roadmap for establishing a system of MRV for REDD+.

The working group will bring together experts from universities, research centers and non-governmental organizations to establish guidelines and procedures to define conditions for the submission of information and independent verification. Members of the “Instituto Argentino de Normalización y Certificación” (IRAM) will be invited as they have experience on the use of standards for the different industries in Argentina. IRAM has conducted certification processes under the ISO Norms. Examples provided in the R-PP on similar IRAM process are the development of the following standards: IRAM 39801 (Sustainable forest management principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit); IRAM 39,802 (Sustainable forest management and chain of custody); IRAM 39,804 (sustainable forest management and Guidelines for the audit process); IRAM 39,805 (sustainable forest management group certification).

The revised R-PP also mentions (page 160) a training of local communities in progress by the University of Buenos Aires. The objective is to monitor deforestation in real time with help from local communities and by satellite means. A second phase will build a monitoring system for an early detection of deforestation processes. The system will be designed to be managed by communities.

Completeness confirmed for issue number 1. The FMT considers that the request from the PC resolution on issue number one is answered.

2. Include a chart presenting the design of the proposed monitoring system, for the sake of clarification and organization (4a)

The TAP synthesis review of the Argentina R-PP recommended the inclusion of a box and arrow diagram to illustrate the organizational structure and actions planned by the involved stakeholders, including where contributions were needed from forest community dwellers and other relevant stakeholders. The revised R-PP does include additional diagrams relating to the MRV system including one in page 159 on the MRV process. This diagram informs about the satellite monitoring, emission factors and GHG inventory, and includes a flow chart on LULUCF inventory, data collection and quality control, data base on emissions inventory, and reporting to UNFCCC. The R-PP also includes a diagram in page 160 about the National Forest Inventory System. This chart emphasizes three basic roles within the National Forest Monitoring System, four key institutions/organizations, and four tools to encourage participatory review processes. The FMT believes this diagram reflects useful information related to the links between different stakeholders and how they will contribute or play a role in the monitoring system.

Information about the role of different stakeholders is also clarified in pages 20-23, and 160-163 of the R-PP and it relates accordingly to the diagram provided in page 160.

Completeness for issue number 2 in PC/6/2010/1 resolution is confirmed



3. Clarify the process to identify and prioritize criteria and indicators for non-carbon benefits. (4b)

The revised R-PP now includes a section of about 10 pages (164-173) on the exploratory process for identifying and prioritizing criteria and indicators for co-benefits. In addition, there is now a table that shows results from exploratory processes underway.

Completeness confirmed for issue number 3. After careful comparison of current R-PP version against the one presented to PC6 in 2010, the FMT considers that the request on issue number 3 from the PC resolution is answered.

The FMT has confirmed completeness for all three issues on information requested by the Participant Committee in its resolution **PC/6/2010/1**. This review however, didn't consider information requested by the technical team of the World Bank as delivery partner, which should be further verified by the respective Delivery Partner task team leader (TTL).

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