

1. INTRODUCTION



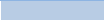
This country reporting framework has been developed following the structure of the FCPF Monitoring and Evaluation Framework. The semi-annual country reporting should provide the FMT with indications of REDD+ countries' progress towards the achievement of their readiness activities and the implementation of their ER programs overtime, in a way that data are easily consolidated and provide indications on the level of achievement of the FCPF output, outcome and impact indicators as defined in the FCPF M&E Framework.

Submitted country reports should draw upon the country M&E system for REDD + (component 6 of R-PP) and should be prepared in consultation with members of REDD task force or equivalent body as well your Delivery Partner (IDB, World Bank or UNDP). Inputs from stakeholders including IPs and CSOs should be integrated into national reporting, and divergent views indicative of lack of consensus on specific issues should be recorded in the country report.

It is expected that the annual progress country reporting will be submitted to the FMT by **August 30th** each year. A self-assessment of progress will be conducted as part of this country reporting. An update of this country reporting will also be submitted by **March 30th** each year.

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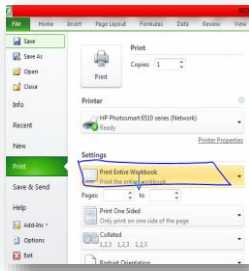
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1. GENERAL INTRODUCTION

Introduction to the report, its main purpose and sections. Short description of FCPF support in country.

INTRODUCTION TO THE REPORT:

The Nigeria REDD+ Readiness Programme (supported by the UN REDD Programme and the FCPF with the World Bank as an Implementing Partner) is the main vehicle for REDD+ readiness in the country, with an initial priority focus in Cross River State (further expanded to Ondo and Nasarawa States). The goal of the Programme is to enable Nigeria to contribute to climate change mitigation through improved forest conservation and enhancing sustainable community livelihoods. The Programme will thus support Nigeria to contribute to climate-change mitigation in the forest sector, with initial work in Cross River State, which has a track record in community forest management and an engagement in forest conservation, aside from having a relatively high forest cover. The objective of the UN REDD National Programme is to build the REDD+ mechanism in Nigeria, using Cross River State as a demonstration model. The UN REDD National Programme has therefore constructed the REDD+ system from the grassroots through intense action in Cross River State (CRS). REDD+ readiness in CRS informed the national REDD+ readiness framework and is being replicated in two other states of Nasarawa and Ondo, under the FCPF support. The objective of the FCPF support to REDD+ Readiness is to support Nigeria design a socially and environmentally sound strategy

2. SUMMARY OF REPORT

Summary of progress, key achievements with a focus on higher level results and important issues/problems that arose during the reporting period. Highlights of next steps in following period -- **key bullets only**

Progress:

- Establishment of National / Federal level REDD+ management arrangements, including through a robust National REDD+ Secretariat, and establishment of state level REDD+ management arrangements in CRS. • Harmonising all work streams to develop a robust National REDD+ Strategy or Action Plan, beginning with a sub-national strategy for Cross River State with the view of presenting the CRS REDD+ Strategy in December CoP.
- Developing a sub- National FREL for Cross River State (aimed for Submission to UNFCCC close of 2016)
- Develop and Validate a National Forest Monitoring System Action Plan with institutional arrangements framework defining

Key Achievements with focus on higher level results:

- CRS FREL well advanced;
- National Forest Monitoring System Action Plan validated with institutional arrangements framework defining roles and responsibilities.
- Development of a Safeguard information system in line with CANCUN safeguard requirement ongoing.

Important issues /problems that arose during the reporting period:

Political changes in the CRS as a result of elections have set back the REDD+ readiness process in the state, requiring additional efforts to re-engage meaningfully. Changes in the fiscal rules at the Federal level caused delays in the initiation of the FCPF grant disbursements.

Highlights of next steps in the following period:

- Harmonise all work streams to develop a robust National REDD+ Strategy or Action Plan, beginning with a sub-national strategy for Cross River State with the view of Reporting same in December CoP.
- Developing a sub- National FREL for Cross River State also for Submission to UNFCCC close of the year.
- Develop and Validate a National Forest Monitoring System Action Plan with institutional arrangements framework defining roles and responsibilities.
- Safeguard information system in line with CANCUN safeguard requirements to be developed

3. MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS AND RESULTS DURING THE PERIOD

The section below should provide qualitative and quantitative data on the progress towards expected results along the following subsections. Information is to be provided cumulatively. If the information requested is not available or not relevant at the time of the reporting, mention **“does not apply – n/a”**.

3.1 PROGRESS AT THE IMPACT LEVEL (if any data available)

Please provide here any quantitative and qualitative information, if available on the following criteria/indicators.

As a follow-on activity to consolidate MRV achievements within the Readiness phase of the Nigeria UNREDD Programme, the National Forest Monitoring System Action Plan (NFMS-AP) Drafting workshop which is an operational document containing standard activities that Nigeria requires to successfully develop and implement its National Forest Monitoring System has been held. Pursuant to this, facilities have been provided and capacities of relevant stakeholders from national and Cross River State including NGOs developed (i) in the satellite land remote sensing to generate forest cover changes and forest transition matrices; (ii) in forest (carbon) inventory to collect and analyse field data for carbon stock assessments and Emission Factors estimation; and (iii) in Greenhouse Gas Inventory Reporting for Landuse, Landcover, and Forestry sector (LULUCF). The Action Plan among others, aims to develop a workable institutional arrangement structure, defining roles and responsibilities of the relevant institutions expected to implement the NFMS for Nigeria.

Number of tons of CO2 emissions from deforestation and forest degradation reduced in the country during the reporting period as compared to the measured REL/RL, if any :

National Forest Reference Emission Level (REL)/Reference Level (RL) defined:

on-going

Number of tons reduced during the reporting period as compared to REL/RL:

Reporting yet to be done

Amount of non-FCPF investments received under R-PP process:

Source:	<Select>	Amount Provided:
UNREDD National Programme and CBR+	\$ - USD	4,282,623.00
GCF	\$ - USD	132,700
SGP	\$ - USD	466,000

Amount of non-FCPF investments received for implementation of ER Programs (e.g. FIP, bilateral donors, private sector), if relevant:

Source:	<Select>	Amount Provided:
N/A	Currency	
	Currency	
	Currency	
	Currency	
	Currency	

Level of multi-stakeholder participation and engagement in decision making processes related to emission reductions and forest resource management:

Please describe the process of engagement and consultation implemented, including describing the level of participation and engagement for the following stakeholder categories: Government Agencies, Indigenous Peoples, Other forest-dependent peoples, Women, Youth, Civil Society Organizations, Private Entities, Donors, and Others

As reported in August 2015, prior work carried out under the Nigeria UNREDD readiness programme, which the FCPF is building on, IP1s and CSOs are represented at the National and State level through membership of the following institutional bodies:

- i. National Stakeholder Platform for REDD+
- ii. Women Groups
- iii. Forest Dependent Communities
- iv. Media Group for REDD+

In 2016, two consultative meetings were held in Ondo and Nasarawa States with Government and other key stakeholder communities preparatory

Nb. and type of policy reforms underway or completed complying to REDD+ standards, if any (FCPF M&E Framework Indicator 1.3.B.):

Number of policy reforms during the reporting period that are: <Select from dropdown list>

Underway:	#	How extant laws can be harmonised with customary or indigenous laws towards effective Forest management
	#	Policy support to coordinate MDAs for the purpose of collaborative governance
	#	Land Tenure reforms recognising rights of indigenous
	#	Institutional Reforms: Policy Note on REDD+
Completed:	#	
	#	
	#	

Please describe these policy reforms:

N/A

3.2 PROGRESS AT THE OUTPUT and OUTCOME LEVEL (if any data available)

3.2.1. REDD Readiness Progress

OUTCOME LEVEL

As a synthesis of the following output level assessments, please briefly describe here the progress made during the reporting period in developing the country Readiness Package (FCPF M&E Framework Indicator 1.A.):

Briefly describe progress made during the reporting period in developing the country Readiness Package:

A key achievement during the reporting period was the Work on the Integrated Analysis towards development of the REDD+ Strategy both National and Cross River State during the first phase of the UNREDD Readiness programme to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation. Development of the National REDD+ Strategy (including SESA) and of the National FREL - both with the FCPF support - is under procurement.

OUTPUT LEVEL

Please indicate which of your country R-PP components and sub-components have received support from FCPF through the Readiness Preparation Grant (>3.4 million USD)

Component	Support from FCPF (Yes/No)
Component 1. Readiness Organization and Consultation	
1a. National REDD+ Management Arrangements	Yes
1b. Consultation, Participation, and Outreach	Yes
Component 2. REDD+ Strategy Preparation	
2a. Assessment of Land Use, Land Use Change Drivers, Forest Law, Policy and Governance	Yes
2b. REDD+ Strategy Options	Yes
2c. Implementation Framework	Yes
2d. Social and Environmental Impacts	Yes
Component 3. REL/RL	
3. Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels	Yes
Component 4. Monitoring Systems for Forests and Safeguards	
4a. National Forest Monitoring System	No

4b. Information System for Multiple Benefits, Other Impacts, Governance, and Safeguards	No
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Level of implementation of R-PP as a whole:		
Please describe the current R-PP implementation	% Completed:	

Level of achievement of planned milestones according to approved FCPF-financed Readiness Fund Grant (>3.8 million USD) (FCPF M&E Framework 1.3b):		
Planned Milestones:	Level of Achievement:	Tracking:
Purchase of one vehicle	Completed	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Significant progress <input type="radio"/> Progressing well, further development required <input type="radio"/> Further development required <input type="radio"/> Not yet demonstrating progress <input type="radio"/> Not Applicable
Purchase of equipment (ICT)	Completed	
Recruitment of State level REDD+ Project Manager (2 new states, full-time for 3 years)	Completed	

3.2.1. CONTINUED Disbursement rate of FCPF-financed Readiness Fund Grant (>3.4 million USD), in %

RF Grant - disbursement rate compared to planned disbursement rate

Disbursement rate of FCPF-financed Readiness Fund Grant (>3.4 million USD), in percentage:		
	Select Actual Disbursement Rate	Tracking
RF Grant - actual disbursement rate compared to planned disbursement rate	10%	<input type="radio"/> Up to 10% variance with plans <input checked="" type="radio"/> Between 10 and 25% variance <input type="radio"/> Between 25 and 40% variance <input type="radio"/> More than 40% variance <input type="radio"/> Not Applicable

Disbursement rate of Total R-PP Budget in percentage:		
	Select Actual Disbursement Rate	Tracking
R-PP Budget - disbursement rate v planned disbursement rate	70%	<input type="radio"/> Up to 10% variance with plans <input checked="" type="radio"/> Between 10 and 25% variance <input type="radio"/> Between 25 and 40% variance <input type="radio"/> More than 40% variance <input type="radio"/> Not Applicable

3.2.1. REDD Progress Levels - Continued

Countries are expected to provide data on the overall level of achievement of planned milestones as defined in their Readiness Preparation Grant Agreement, and, if applicable, on their Supplementary Grant Agreement (additional grant of up to \$5 million). Under their Preparation Readiness Grant Agreement (>3.4 million USD), Countries should provide data on (i) the support to the Coordination of the REDD+ Readiness Process and Multi-Stakeholder Consultations; (ii) the contribution to the Design of a National REDD+ Strategy; and (iii) the preparation of a National Reference Scenario for REDD+

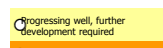
The level of achievement of planned milestones according to the Readiness grant will be summarized through progress scores related to the synthesis of an overall achievement. This is qualitatively expressed with a four-color 'traffic light' scale and then explained. In case the assessment is not applicable, "Non Applicable" can be selected.

The level of achievement of planned milestones per R-PP component should be self-assessed and reported, as well as summarized through progress scores related to the synthesis of this overall achievement, qualitatively expressed on a four-color 'traffic light' scale and then briefly explained. In case the assessment is not applicable, a fifth color scale 'Non Applicable' can be selected. This 'traffic light' scale is based on the system contained in the R-Package Assessment Framework, The R-Package assessment criteria are included to assist countries identify, plan and track their readiness preparations progress with the core aspects and desired outcomes of readiness preparation activities as contained in R-Package Assessment Framework.

Sub-Component 1a	Overall Progress		Progress Against Annual Targets		Tracking*
	Planned Milestones	Cumulative Progress Towards Milestones	Expected Annual Target	Achievements of the Annual Target	
1a - National REDD+ Management Arrangements Purpose: setting-up national readiness management arrangements to manage and coordinate the REDD-plus readiness activities whilst mainstreaming REDD-plus into broader strategies Assessment Criteria: (i) accountability and transparency; (ii) operating mandate and budget; (iii) multi-sector coordination mechanisms and cross-sector collaboration; (iv) technical supervision capacity; (v) funds management capacity; (vi) feedback and grievance redress mechanism	Appointment of State Programme Coordinator in the two new states	Process Completed			
	Open dedicated account in Nigerian Naira for allocation of operating costs for REDD+ activities in the new states;	Account opened			
	Nominated an accountant for handling the naira account, in this case the Head of Project Financial Management Unit (in the States).	Process Completed			
	Design of M&E Framework	EOI published			
	FGRM	EOI published			

Sub-Component 1b	Overall Progress		Progress Against Annual Targets		Tracking
	Planned Milestones	Cumulative Progress Towards Milestones	Expected Annual Target	Achievements of the	
1b - Consultation, Participation, and Outreach Purpose: broad consultation with and participation of key stakeholders for future REDD+ programs, to ensure participation of different social groups, transparency and accountability of decision-making Assessment Criteria: (i) participation and engagement of key stakeholders; (ii) consultation processes; (iii) information sharing and accessibility of information; (iv) implementation and public disclosure of consultation outcomes	Development of Stakeholder Plan under UNREDD component	Stakeholder Plan developed through a participatory process			
	Early Consultations in new States	Commenced outreach activities focusing on the Governors and responsible Commissioners of the new states			

Sub-Component 2a	Overall Progress		Progress Against Annual Targets		Tracking
	Planned Milestones	Cumulative Progress Towards Milestones	Expected Annual Target	Achievements of the	
2a: Assessment of Land Use, Land Use Change Drivers, Forest Law, Policy and Governance Purpose: identify key drivers of deforestation and/or forest degradation, as well as activities concerning conservation, sustainable forest management, and enhancement of forest carbon stocks Assessment Criteria: (i) assessment and analysis; (ii) prioritization of direct and indirect drivers/barriers to forest enhancement; (iii) links between drivers/barriers and REDD+ activities; (iv) actions plans to address natural resource rights, land tenure, governance; (v) implications for forest law and policy	National and State (Ondo and Nasarawa) REDD+ Strategies	EOI published			



Sub-Component 2b	Overall Progress		Progress Against Annual Targets		Tracking
	Planned Milestones	Cumulative Progress Towards Milestones	Expected Annual Target	Achievements of the Annual Target	
2b: REDD+ Strategy Options Purpose: Develop a set of policies and programs for addressing the drivers of deforestation and/or forest degradation Assessment Criteria: (i) selection and prioritization of REDD+ strategy options; (ii) feasibility assessment; (iii) implications for strategy options on existing sectoral policies	National and State (Ondo and Nasarawa) REDD+ Strategies	EOI published			Further development required Not yet demonstrating progress Not Applicable Significant progress

Sub-Component 2c	Overall Progress		Progress Against Annual Targets		Tracking
	Planned Milestones	Cumulative Progress Towards Milestones	Expected Annual Target	Achievements of the Annual Target	
2c: Implementation Framework Purpose: Set out credible and transparent institutional, economic, legal and governance arrangements necessary to implement REDD+ strategy options Assessment Criteria: (i) adoption and implementation of legislation/regulations; (ii) guidelines for implementation; (iii) benefit sharing mechanism; (iv) national REDD+ registry and system monitoring REDD+ activities					Significant progress Progressing well, further development required Further development required Not yet demonstrating progress Not Applicable

Sub-Component 2d	Overall Progress		Progress Against Annual Targets		Tracking
	Planned Milestones	Cumulative Progress Towards Milestones	Expected Annual Target	Achievements of the Annual Target	
2d: Social and Environmental Impacts Purpose: Ensure compliance with the Common Approach and prepare a country specific Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) Assessment Criteria: (i) analysis of social and environmental safeguard issues; (ii) REDD+ strategy design with respect to impacts; (iii) Environmental and Social Management Framework	SESA and Safeguards Instruments	Process initiated			Significant progress Progressing well, further development required Further development required Not yet demonstrating progress Not Applicable

Component 3	Overall Progress		Progress Against Annual Targets		Tracking
	Planned Milestones	Cumulative Progress Towards Milestones	Expected Annual Target	Achievements of the Annual Target	
R-PP Component 3 - Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels Purpose: Development of the general approach to establish a REL/RL Assessment Criteria: (i) demonstration of methodology; (ii) use of historical data, and adjusted for national circumstances; (iii) technical feasibility of the methodological approach, and consistency with UNFCCC/IPCC guidance and guidelines	FREL for federal level and Ondo and Nasarawa states initiated	EOI published			3

Sub-Component 4a	Overall Progress		Progress Against Annual Targets		Tracking
	Planned Milestones	Cumulative Progress Towards Milestones	Expected Annual Target	Achievements of the Annual Target	
4a: National Forest Monitoring System Purpose: Design and develop an operational forest monitoring system and describe the approach to enhance the system over time Assessment Criteria: (i) documentation of monitoring approach; (ii) demonstration of early implementation; (iii) institutional arrangements and capacities- Forests					

Sub-Component 4b	Overall Progress		Progress Against Annual Targets		Tracking
	Planned Milestones	Cumulative Progress Towards Milestones	Expected Annual Target	Achievements of the Annual Target	
4b: Information System for Multiple Benefits, Other Impacts, Governance, and Safeguards Purpose: Specify the non-carbon aspects prioritized for monitoring by the country Assessment Criteria: (i) identification of relevant non-carbon aspects, and social and environmental issues; (ii) monitoring, reporting and information sharing; (iii) Institutional arrangements and capacities – Safeguards					4

*This 'traffic light' scale is based on the system contained in the R-Package Assessment Framework. The R-Package assessment criteria are included to assist countries identify, plan and track the aspects and desired outcomes of readiness preparation activities as contained in R-Package Assessment Framework. with the core

3.2.3. Engagement of stakeholders to sustain or enhance livelihoods of local communities and to conserve biodiversity within the approach to REDD+

OUTCOME LEVEL

As a synthesis of the following output level assessments, please describe indicators related to biodiversity conservation and forest community livelihood development included in the ER Program if relevant (FCPF M&E Framework indicator 3.A.):

Amount provided:	Currency	
Please describe how these funds target biodiversity and forest community livelihood development:	n/a	

Please provide relevant examples on the inherent social and biodiversity benefits of REDD+, if relevant (FCPF M&E Framework Indicator 3.B.):

Examples of inherent social and biodiversity benefits of REDD+:

Free text

OUTPUT LEVEL

Number of examples of actions where Ips, CSOs, and local communities participate actively, if relevant (FCPF M&E Framework 3.2.a.):

#:	Please describe these actions on enhanced livelihoods and BD conservation, and restoration where Ips, CSO, and local communities participate actively:

Number of IPs, REDD Country CSO representatives (men/women) having been successfully trained by FCPF training programs (FCPF M&E Framework 3.1.b.):				
Please list the training(s) conducted:	Duration (#of days)	# of participants		Rating
		# of men	# of women	
N/A				<input type="radio"/> Significant progress <input type="radio"/> Progressing well, further development <input checked="" type="radio"/> Further development required <input type="radio"/> Not yet demonstrating progress

Frequency of meetings of stakeholder engagement platforms (FCPF M&E Framework 3.2.a.):	
Frequency:	Rating
	<input type="radio"/> Significant progress <input checked="" type="radio"/> Progressing well, further development required <input type="radio"/> Further development required <input type="radio"/> Not yet demonstrating progress <input type="radio"/> Not Applicable

Does your country R-Package (within the national REDD+ strategies and the monitoring systems) and/or ER Program include activities aiming at maintaining or enhancing livelihoods of local communities (FCPF M&E Framework 3.2.b.):	
Yes/No:	Please describe these activities aiming at maintaining or enhancing livelihoods of local communities:
	N/A

Does your country R-Package (within the national REDD+ strategies and the monitoring systems) and/or ER Program include activities aiming at conserving biodiversity (FCPF M&E Framework 3.2.c.)?	
Yes/No:	Please describe these activities aiming at conserving biodiversity:
	N/A

Does your country R-Package and/or ER Program include SESA, an operational Grievance Mechanism, and an	
Yes/No:	Please describe these activities aiming at conserving biodiversity:
Yes no	Free text

3.2.4 Knowledge Sharing

Has your country developed and published REDD+ knowledge products with FCPF support?	
Yes/No:	If yes, please provide a list of the published REDD+ knowledge products if any, during the reporting period:
No	1
	2
	3
	4
	...

How many people have been reached by these knowledge products, if any?	
Overall number by product:	Please provide a list of the published REDD+ knowledge products if any, during the reporting period:

Knowledge Product 1:	
	# Total People Reached
	# of Men
	# of Women
Knowledge Product 2:	
	# Total People Reached
	# of Men
	# of Women
Knowledge Product 3:	
	# Total People Reached
	# of Men
	# of Women
Knowledge Product 4:	
	# Total People Reached
	# of Men
	# of Women

Have some experts of your country participated in any South-South learning activities? If yes, how many?			
Yes/No	List the South-South	# Men	# Women
Yes	REDD+ Academy, Nigeria,	4	6
Yes/No			
Yes/No			
Yes/No			

3.2.2. Key Elements of performance based payment systems for emission reductions generated from REDD+ activities

OUTCOME LEVEL

As a synthesis of the following output level assessments, please briefly specify:

Are carbon accounting, programmatic elements and pricing operating as planned in your pilot, if relevant?

N/A	<p style="text-align: center;">Tracking</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <input type="radio"/> Significant progress <input type="radio"/> Progressing well, further development required <input type="radio"/> Further development required <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not yet demonstrating progress <input type="radio"/> Not Applicable </div>
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Is the benefit sharing scheme being implemented according to plans within your pilot, if relevant?

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Percentage and/or amount of monetary benefits shared with beneficiaries in approved pilot, if relevant?

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OUTPUT LEVEL

As a synthesis of the following output level assessments, please briefly specify:	
Has your country submitted early ideas or ER-Program to the Carbon Fund and or others?	
<u>Yes/No</u>	<u>Please briefly describe the content of these early ideas or ER-Program:</u>
No	Free Text

Has your country signed an ERPA?	
Has your country submitted early ideas or ER-Program to the Carbon Fund and or others?	
<u>Yes/No</u>	<u>Please briefly describe the content of this ERPA:</u>
No	Free Text

Amount and date of disbursements for ER Program according to plans, if relevant:			
<i>Date format:</i>	<i>mm/dd/yyyy</i>		<Select>
Date:		Amount provided:	Currency
Date:		Amount provided:	Currency
Date:		Amount provided:	Currency

4. Issues Challenges and Risks

This section should present any problems, difficulties or constraints faced by the country in making progress towards the intended REDD+ results (outputs, outcomes and possible impacts), the main causes and their expected effect on the work plan. Actions that have been taken to overcome or manage these constraints/flaws/problems identified should be stated. Each problem/constraint should be stated as a separate point, along with associated proposed changes in work planning for the next six month/year to address it, as relevant.

Issue, Challenge, Risk	Actions to overcome, Adjustments to plan
Operational	Established Delivery Team with NEWMAP Climate change Specialist as Lead Officer
Financial	Installation of and Training on Accounting Software (TOKUNS) for the Project will be completed by August 31st.
Institutional	A Focal Officer has been appointed to support the NPC
Institutional	Promoting alternative sources of livelihood & benefit sharing in a sustainable manner

5. Main Lessons Learned

This section should be used to provide information on important lessons learnt since the beginning of the readiness process. As this is a semi-annual report, it is expected that this section will be fairly substantial, making reference to different lessons learning documents, and/or events developed and dealing with issues of particular interest with respect to readiness of carbon funding under REDD+.

Major lessons learnt were in the area minimizing impact of political changes on project implementation progress. This became evident in Cross River State when a new administration came into place. High level missions for consultation and advocacy had to be carried out in order to minimize negative impacts on project implementation.

- Continuous Stakeholders/institutional capacity building & strengthening has been found to be very critical to successful Programme implementation;
- A well-defined institutional arrangement in which roles and responsibilities of stakeholders are clearly spelt out is germane to institutionalisation of Programme;
- Strong political will to ensure sustainability of gains; Community resentment, insecurity & political issues can constitute drawback;
- Implementation has strengthened opportunities for external support for REDD+ (CC) activities in CRS;
- Continuous sensitisation of communities about REDD+ within and outside Programme pilot sites inevitable to disabuse minds;
- High community enthusiasm in the MRV process; Community-driven strategy (community-based forest monitoring) best option for Programme sustainability;
- Process can be adventurous;