

**REDD Readiness Progress Fact Sheet**  
**COUNTRY: CENTRAL AFRICA REPUBLIC**  
**March, 2012**

**1. R-PP Preparation and FCPF Readiness grant**

- The R-PP was approved by the FCPF Participant Committee meeting in Berlin on October 2011. The resolution listed a series of recommendations to be addressed and reflected in the revised R-PP prior entering a grant agreement with the Delivery Partner
- The Government of CAR has made a formal request to work with the UNDP as a Delivery partner for the Readiness Preparation activities.
- Transfer Agreement between the Bank and the UNDP is under finalization.
- A workshop was organized by the National REDD Coordination with the representatives of the CSOs (about 40 attendees) on March 9<sup>th</sup> in Bangui to present the outcomes of the Berlin meeting and the "*feuille de route*" to finalize the R-PP and re-submit to FMT for completeness check. However, the *feuille de route* did not indicate any date for the submission of the revised R-PP.
- Discussions with partners (particularly European Commission) show some interest to co-finance the R-PP implementation: the National REDD Coordination needs to be more active in securing additional funds.

**2. National REDD Readiness Management Arrangements**

- One Presidential decree setting the institutional REDD Arrangement (National REDD Committee and National Coordination REDD) was issued on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011; it is complemented by an Arrêté, dated February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 designating the members of the National Coordination REDD.
- The National REDD Coordination team has been set up based on the Arrêté: it is a multi-sectoral team and the different members seem knowledgeable of the REDD process. (Most of them were involved in the preparation of the R-PP).

**3. Stakeholder Consultations and Communication**

- CSOs members represent the majority of the membership of the National REDD Committee. However, no National REDD Committee meeting has been held yet.
- A workshop was organized on March 9<sup>th</sup> in Bangui with the representatives of the CSOs. The CSOs have expressed a strong interest in participating and contributing to the Readiness Preparation process. The modalities of consultation need however to be improved (cf invitation, dissemination of the documentation) and a special attention should be focused on this during the implementation of the R-PP (Comp. 1b)

**4. REDD Strategy Preparation**

- The FCPF Participant Committee recommended that Terms of reference for a comprehensive study on drivers and agents of deforestation and forest degradation be prepared prior CAR can enter into a Readiness Preparation Grant Agreement with the Delivery Partner.

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5. Implementation Framework

- The issue Funds Management was largely debated during the R-PP presentation to the FCPF Participant Committee: as a result, the resolution includes a provision that a clear indication should be added in the R-PP that an in-depth participatory analysis of options to manage REDD funds in CAR be conducted during the R-PP implementation.

6. SESA

- Limited progress has been made on that front.

7. Development of a Reference Scenario

- No activity to report at this stage. Activities to be launched once the second tranche of FCPF financing is available.

8. MRV

- Two training sessions on Satellite images (each of about 10 days) have been organized over the past few months (once with GAF project and another under the partnership AFD-Astrium)

9. Other