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Responses to TAP, Donors and Civil Society's Comments: Guatemala Emission Reduction Program

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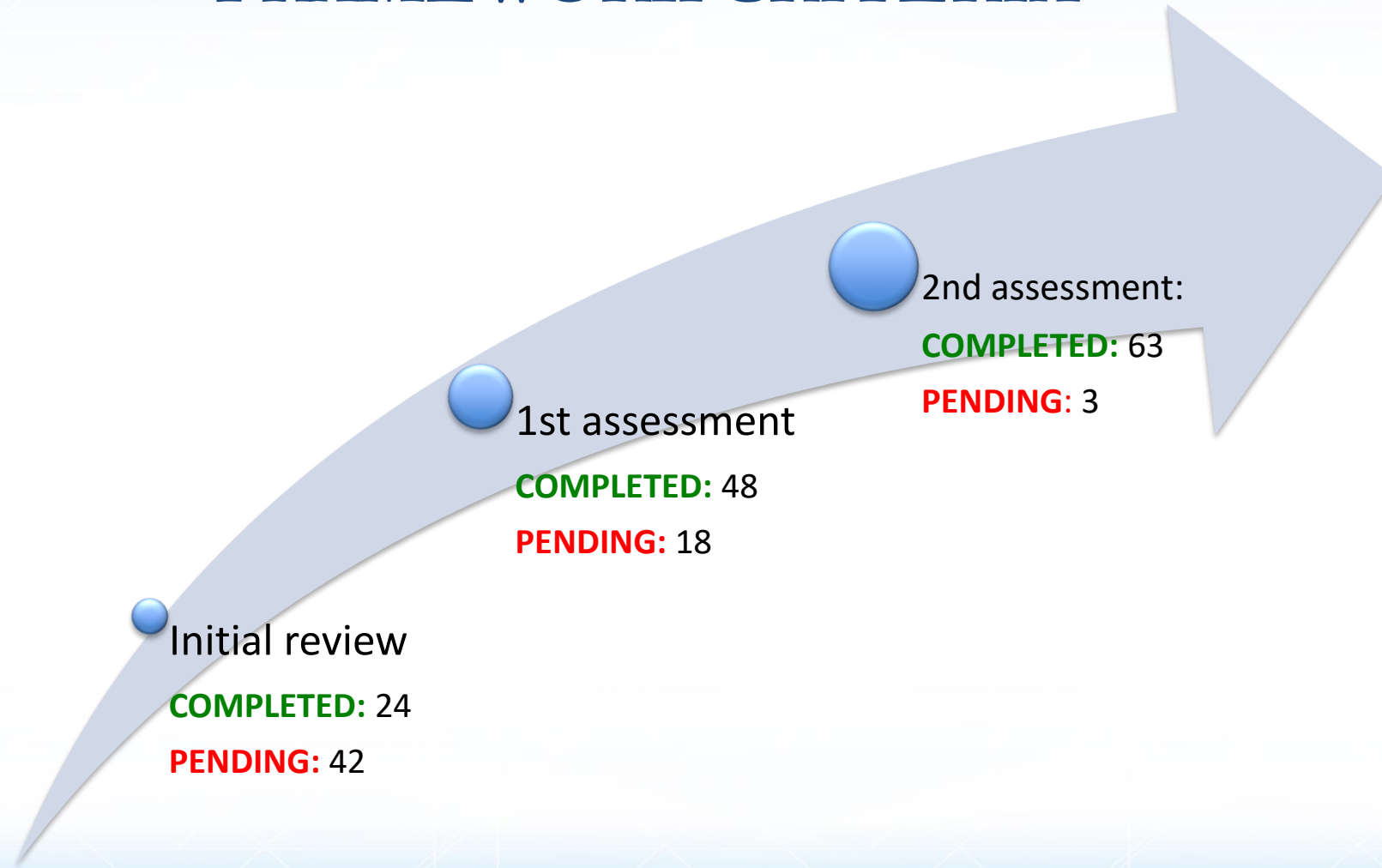
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MAIN COMMENTS

- **TAP (2nd assessment)**
 - ✓ Accounting
 - ✓ Benefit Sharing Plan
 - ✓ Registry
- **Carbon Fund Participants**
 - ✓ Fund accounting and Program area
 - ✓ Program design (Benefit Sharing Plan, Budget, Project agreements, safeguards)
 - ✓ Nesting
 - ✓ Political commitment
- **Civil society**
 - ✓ Base line and nesting
 - ✓ Renovating forest concessions
 - ✓ Dialogue and respect of early action projects interests

TAP COMMENTS-June 2019

TAP comments	STATUS
ACCOUNTING	COMPLETED
BENEFIT SHARING PLAN	<p>PENDING:</p> <p>Benefit Sharing Plan is currently being developed</p> <p>Final Benefit Sharing Plan should be consulted</p>
REGISTRY AND DOUBLE COUNTING	<p>PENDING:</p> <p>The project and program data management system and administrative procedures have not been completed.</p> <p>MARN is working with consultants on the registry system design.</p> <p>Nesting rules will avoid double accounting in REDD + Projects.</p>

CARBON FUND PARTICIPANTS COMMENTS ON THE PROGRAM AREA

Carbon Fund Participants Comments	Responses
<i>Why the change of program area: from national approach to sub-national approach?</i>	Answered directly through letter by the Government of Guatemala
<i>Why has the existing REDD + Private Project of FUNDAECO been excluded?</i>	
<i>Why were the Laguna del Tigre Area and the Candelaria Triangle excluded?</i>	
<i>Explanation on monitoring national forest cover</i>	

CARBON FUND PARTICIPANTS COMMENTS ON THE DESIGN OF THE PROGRAM

Carbon Fund Participants Comments	Responses
<i>Effectiveness and impact of the forest incentives programs conservation/extension of those programs.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assessments have been performed by INAB proving the achievement of forest incentives` conservation goals• Objective under FIP: extending INAB incentives and improve its operation
<i>Private sector role</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• REDD+ early projects are of private initiative (own/investors` resources)• Activities included in the Program and financed by FIP increase role of private sector (Forest-Industry-Market Program)
<i>Existing financial gap and identification of additional resources</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Government has estimates of the financial gap and and is identifying other international donors/programs

CARBON FUND PARTICIPANTES COMMENTS ON PROGRAM AND REDD+ STRATEGY CALENDAR

Carbon Fund Participants Comments	Responses
<i>Timeline of adoption of the National REDD + Strategy/Elements of the Program</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Updating and development of components of the National REDD + Strategy<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Dialog consultation in five territories (until May 2019).▪ Updating of reference levels and econometric and geospatial analysis of drivers of deforestation and forest degradation (until August 2019).▪ Socialization of the REDD + Strategy workshop /national forum (in second semester 2019)▪ Agreements with REDD + Projects (until September 2019)▪ Nesting procedures (2020).▪ Benefit Sharing System, MIAQ (2020).▪ Registry (February 2020)▪ Formalization of the adoption of the National REDD + Strategy<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Presentation of the Strategy and Political GCI approval▪ Legislative adoption of ENREDD + at the national level

CARBON FUND PARTICIPANTS COMMENTS: MISCELLANEOUS

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<i>Land conflicts</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The ERPD includes extensive information on land conflicts (typology, geography)• Wide involvement of Guatemala's institutions in tenure conflicts (SAA, CONAP, INAB, municipalities).
<i>Extension of Forest concession contracts</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CONAP: new normative act for granting concessions and extension administrative procedures; Working Group for the review of the concessions and the Evaluation Committee
<i>Nesting strategy</i>	<p>Planned and Current Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Elaborate nesting technical proposal and options (currently)✓ Discussions with project developers (currently)✓ Political discussions at the Government level over nesting effects✓ Agreement with project developers on nesting technical proposal✓ Adoption of nesting strategy and rules
<i>REDD+ Project Agreements (Benefit sharing, ERs title transfer)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conclusion scheduled by 2020.• Framework agreements will be transmitted to the FCPF before ERPA
<i>Political commitment</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Program is a state commitment: All REDD + package approved in Congress; Stability of the GCI and MINFIN.

CARBON FUND PARTICIPANTS COMMENTS ON THE BENEFIT SHARING DISTRIBUTION PLAN

Carbon Fund Participants Comments	Responses
<i>Mechanism to be implemented by INAB for payment of incentives</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compensation Mechanism for Ecosystem and Environmental Services Associated with Forests (MCSEAB) managed by INAB (in design):<ul style="list-style-type: none">• clause of assignment of ownership to the ERs by the beneficiaries• different beneficiary categories (includes indigenous and local communities)• Standard contract (in preparation phase)• Large INAB experience with forestry incentive contracts facilitates MCSEAB management.
Benefits and agreements with REDD + Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Negotiation and contracts with the REDD + Early Action Projects provided before ERPA's execution.• Agreements will consider the General Terms of the ERPA with the World Bank.• Distribution of benefits to REDD + projects is approved in each of the projects according to internal rules by their governing boards.

CARBON FUND PARTICIPANTS COMMENTS ON DISPLACEMENTS / SAFEGUARDS

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<i>Risk of displacement to the national area excluded from the Program</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk of the displacement of emissions towards the areas excluded from the Program has been evaluated as high in Triángulo Candelaria and Petén (livestock activities). In Laguna del Tigre high recurrence of forest fires.
<i>Current status of the stakeholder participation plan and the environmental and social commitment plan</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The dialogue plan and participation have been prepared in accordance with FCPF Methodological process and based on the process of the dialogues under the National REDD + Strategy and the FIP. • The ESCP has been developed.
<i>Integration of gender roadmap in the ERP</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The gender REDD + roadmap has been the basis for the gender plan FIP and the development of the REDD+ Program in the dialogue processes, safeguards among others.
<i>Measures to improve the safety of local leaders, especially those who participate in the ER Program</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening in recent years of prosecutors and environmental courts: protection of leaders and local organizations linked to the protection of natural resources.
<i>Inclusion of indigenous people in the dialogues held in Petén</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous people included in dialogues held in Petén (representatives of settlements in the Laguna del Tigre National Park, participation of the Indigenous Association Bio-Itzá)

CIVIL SOCIETY COMMENTS

Civil Society Comments	Responses
<i>Need to respect the interests of REDD + early action projects</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Government commitment to respect REDD + projects.• Negotiation framework with REDD + projects (nesting, benefit sharing)• Transparency and participation in meetings.
<i>Extension of concessions contracts</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New legal framework with clear and transparent extension procedures.• Existence of an evaluation committee.• Intention by the government to fulfill deadlines

**Thank you for your attention, your
support and your comments**
