

REDD Readiness Progress Fact Sheet

COUNTRY: REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON

June, 2013

1. R-PP Preparation and FCPF Readiness grant

- CAMEROON presented its Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP) for assessment by the FCPF Participants Committee (PC) at its 13th meeting held in October 2012 in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo. At this meeting, the PC adopted a resolution PC/13/2012/2 and allocated funding to Cameroon to enable it to move ahead with the preparation for readiness. The PC requested Cameroon to submit a revised R-PP addressing the key issues included in the annex of the resolution.
- Cameroon submitted a revised R-PP to the FCPF FMT on January 10, 2013.
- On February 6th, 2013, the revised R-PP (in both French and English) and FMT completeness check report were posted on the FCPF website, with a 14-day period (lasting until Thursday, February 21, 2013) for comments.
- As the FMT did not receive any objection by February 21, the resolution PC/13/2012/2 to allocate a readiness preparation grant to Cameroon is effective.
- The WB internal due diligence process has started. A draft Assessment Note is already available. From June 12 to 22, 2013, a World Bank team will finalize its content through a mission in Cameroon for final discussions with local authorities, representatives of civil society and more broadly with all the stakeholders involved in the REDD+ process in Cameroon.
- The FMT seeks a signature of the grant agreement by the end of September 2013.

2. National REDD Readiness Management Arrangements

- The REDD Steering Committee is the decision-making body for the REDD+ process. This Steering Committee was established by order No. 103/CAB/PM of June 13, 2012, signed by the Prime Minister. According to this order, the REDD+ steering committee is responsible for:
 1. making policy and strategy proposals concerning REDD+ initiatives;
 2. issuing reasoned opinions concerning the strategies for implementing the REDD+ mechanism;
 3. developing project selection criteria for submission to the Minister of the Environment for validation;
 4. evaluating and submitting for the approval of the Minister of the Environment the project ideas proposed by the promoters;
 5. promoting the REDD+ activities;
 6. validating the work and approving the action plan of the Technical Secretariat, which is the implementing body of the REDD+ process on a daily basis.
- Both entities, REDD Steering Committee and Technical Secretariat, are not up and running so far, although created.

3. Stakeholder Consultations and Communication

- The Government and other partners have maintained the consultation process mainly with the Civil Society. The partners are meeting once a month, this allows information sharing. The Regional GEF-REDD program has agreed to finance the preparation of the communication strategy. The hiring process is underway.

4. REDD Strategy Preparation

- Due diligence process underway

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5. Implementation Framework

- Due diligence process underway

6. SESA

- Due diligence process underway

7. Development of a Reference Scenario

- Due diligence process underway

8. MRV

- Due diligence process underway

9. Other

- The CSOs platform has received a US\$100,000 grant from the WB to pursue its activities at communal level.
 - The draft Assessment Note to be discussed during the June 2013 mission includes the following breakdown:
 1. Support to the national readiness management arrangements: 1,700
 - 1.1 Coordination of the REDD+ Readiness Process: 1,300
 - Streamlining the utilization of REDD+ funds (Setting-up a fiduciary platform within the MINEPDED)
 - Investments to make the Technical Secretariat operational and effective as soon as possible (Acquisition of vehicle(s), computers, etc.)
 - Financing the payroll of the Technical Secretariat (SESA Unit)
 - Supporting operating costs to secure the functioning of REDD+ National institutions (Functioning of the decentralized structures, as well as the Technical Secretariat (annual financial audit, office rent, etc.))
 - Training the stakeholders (Capacity strengthening to CSOs and other stakeholders engaged in REDD+)
 - 1.2 – Promotion of Multi-stakeholder Consultations and Communication: 400
 - Technical workshops at national and department levels
 - Implementation of the communication strategy on REDD+ awareness
 2. Support to the design of a national REDD+ Strategy: 1,250
 - 2.1 Preparation of the National REDD+ Strategy: 400
 - In-depth analysis of drivers of deforestation and degradation taking into account the five agro-ecological zones
 - In-depth analysis of strategic options to address deforestation and degradation in each agro-ecological zone
 - 2.2 Preparation of the Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA): 400
 - Conduct a SESA in Cameroon and develop an ESMF (Environmental Social Management Framework)
 - 2.3 Feedback and grievance redress mechanism: 200
 - Design and implementation of a national feedback and grievance redress mechanism
 - 2.4 Preparation of the national implementation framework for REDD+: 250
 - Study on options for a legal and institutional framework for REDD+ (including mechanisms for benefit sharing, ownership issues for emission reduction credits, management of REDD+ funds, etc.)
 - 3: Informing the national reference scenario for REDD+ + 650
 - Analysis of future pressure on forests
- Total Costs 3,600**