

## R-PP Completeness Check for Uruguay

RPP dated April, 2015

FCPF Facility Management Team, April 8th, 2015

### Background:

Uruguay submitted a Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP) to the Facility Management Team (FMT) in July 2013, in accordance with Resolution PC/14/2013/2, and the R-PP was reviewed by a Technical Advisory Panel (TAP), and a working group consisting of PC members established for this purpose;

At the sixteenth PC Meeting, Uruguay presented its R-PP and was encouraged to resubmit its R-PP for formal assessment and consideration for selection at the seventeenth PC Meeting;

Uruguay subsequently revised its R-PP, taking into account the issues that were identified in the R-PP assessments by the TAP and the PC working group, as well as those raised by the PC, as summarized in the Co-Chairs' Summary for the sixteenth PC Meeting. The revised R-PP was reviewed by the TAP and a working group consisting of the PC members established for this purpose, and was presented at the seventeenth PC Meeting on July 2-4, 2014 in Lima, Peru.

At this meeting, the PC adopted PC resolution PC/17/2014/8 deciding to allocate funding to enable Uruguay to move ahead with REDD+ readiness preparation.

Uruguay submitted a final revised R-PP to the FCPF FMT on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Completeness check by the FMT is formally required in the above-mentioned PC resolution.

The table below presents the results of the completeness check per issue raised in the Resolution.

Issues raised by the Resolution	Response in revised R-PP	FMT Comments
1. Prioritize the different deforestation and degradation drivers and specify how Uruguay will address these different drivers.	A new section 2b5 was added with the title: "Prioritization of the activities to be undertaken under the REDD+ national strategy". This new section highlights the first step which is to establish the forest registry that will provide better information to understand the patterns of deforestation and degradation. It describes in detail the steps to gather the information and quantify the impact of deforestation and degradation, which will lead to specific activities to reduce emissions and enhance carbon stocks. Among the activities mentioned are the need to	Item Completed.

	strengthen monitoring capabilities both in terms of human resources, equipment and technologies, and the needed for coordination with departmental governments, and engage in promotion and divulgation to civil society.	
2. Revise the budget for Component 4 (MRV) to include a detailed breakdown by sub-activity, and add capacity building activities, when relevant, for afro-descendant, Mestizo, Indigenous Peoples and local communities in the MRV process.	<p>The R-PP updated the Table 4-1 with a detailed breakdown of activities and an overall budget for MRV in five big topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Analysis of monitored variables of the National forest Inventory and its relevance to REDD+</li> <li>2. Expansion, improvement and adaptation of the National Forest Inventory for REDD+</li> <li>3. Expansion, improvement and adaptation of GHG inventories for REDD+</li> <li>4. Satellite monitoring</li> <li>5. Indicators</li> </ol> <p>This section also added information of how the activities and outcomes of the MRV will be divulged and how the participation of civil society will take place.</p>	Item completed
3. Provide additional information on how afro-descendants, Mestizos, Indigenous Peoples and local communities will be included in the Readiness phase and how the principle of FPIC may be taken into account.	The revised version of the R-PP highlighted a meeting that took place on June 13 <sup>th</sup> organized by the Department of Forestry and the Division of Climate Change that strengthened the dialogue of the R-PP with civil society. In particular the invitation was extended to the Rural Women Association of Uruguay (AMRU), Charrua National Council (CONACHA), Environmental NGO's network, and Mundo Afro (Afro representation group). The R-PP mentions that all organizations invited were thankful for the openness of the Government to interact with them and expressed their interest in continuing being involved in future phases.	Item completed.

<p>4. Provide additional information on the potential impacts of deforestation and forest degradation on the livelihoods, traditional knowledge and practices of afro-descendants, Mestizos, Indigenous Peoples and local communities.</p>	<p>The new version added a description indicating that on August 2014 the Ministry of Housing, Territorial Ordering and Environment signed an agreement with the Center for Afro Research and Studies (CEIAF). The full Agreement is now displayed on Annex 2 under the title "Agreement to Facilitate the Participation of Local Communities Related to Biological Diversity in the Implementation of the National Biodiversity Strategy ". It aims at characterizing local communities and ethnic groups that directly and indirectly benefit from biodiversity services. The activities under this agreement will specify the type of organization and who are the representatives and / or coordinators. It will also set the ground for a plan to facilitate the participation of local communities and ethnic groups in the implementation of the National Biodiversity Strategy.</p> <p>The plan will consist of an initial diagnosis of the state of knowledge of local communities and the main obstacles to a successful and effective participation of local communities in the implementation process.</p> <p>The R-PP states that this agreement and the activities to be performed, will be the framework and foundation for the inclusion of these communities in REDD + readiness, including the issues of impacts from deforestation and forest degradation.</p>	<p>Item completed.</p>
<p>5. Develop a preliminary work plan for SESA and ESMF.</p>	<p>On section 2d.3 the updated version of the R-PP included a detailed work plan for SESA and ESMF composed by: A: Preparatory phase, B: SESA phase.</p> <p>A: Preparatory Phase includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analysis of existing information</li> <li>• Map of relevant actors</li> </ul>	<p>Item completed.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Description of the social and environmental current situation in Uruguay</li> <li>• Analysis of the regulatory situation</li> </ul> <p>B: SESA Phase:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification of potential impacts and benefits in the lines of action of the REDD+ strategy</li> <li>• Specific consultancies for the realization of studies and research</li> <li>• SESA report</li> <li>• ESMF proposal</li> </ul> <p>The description of activities is accompanied by a table with the dates of execution of activities and workshops.</p>	
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**Note:** During the due diligence phase prior to Grant Agreement signature, the World Bank will engage in screening of specific technical aspects and the budget, leading to a final Assessment Note. The World Bank expects that the R-PP will be used as a live document.