

Completeness check for the revised Readiness Preparation Proposal of Republic of Fiji

Context

The FCPF Participants Committee adopted Resolution **PC/16/2013/6** in December 2013 whereby it decides to allocate funding to Republic of Fiji to enable it to move ahead with the preparation for readiness and requests the country to submit a revised R-PP to the FMT, addressing the *key issues* identified in the resolution.

Fiji has revised its R-PP and submitted a revised version of the document to the FMT on February 22, 2014. The note below shows how the *key issues* have been addressed in the revised R-PP.

It is the FMT's view that this revised final version of the R-PP fully responds to the *key issues* identified in Resolution number **PC/16/2013/6**

Key Issues per PC/16/2013/6	Response in the revised R-PP
<p>1. Clarify the role and capacity of the Technical Working Groups in providing technical support to the Steering Committee during readiness preparations</p> <p>Clarify that the Steering Committee members have the capacity to adequately fulfill their responsibilities in their current positions as well as their additional role as steering committee members to manage, coordinate and facilitate the implementation of Fiji's REDD+ program.</p>	<p>The main role of the technical working groups is to support the on-the-ground implementation of readiness activities. Whilst the various working group members are experts in their fields of work (e.g., on iTaukei issues, GIS/RS, community facilitation, etc.) there is a need to strengthen their understanding on the requirements for REDD+ readiness and implementation. Workshops on the Cancun decisions and other policy and MRV requirements have been conducted but additional knowledge and skills relating to specific REDD+ issues is still needed to ensure the working groups undertake their tasks capably. Further training needs are incorporated in the work-plan of the various components of this proposal.</p> <p>There is a need to further build the capacity of the Steering Committee during readiness. The capacity of the Steering Committee member agencies to absorb additional responsibilities to manage, coordinate, and facilitate the implementation of the Fiji REDD+ program will need to be assessed. This capacity assessment process will also define how REDD+ activities can be effectively and efficiently mainstreamed into the plans of implementing/responsible sectors and agencies.</p>
<p>2. Clarify the definition of "forest" that will be used during readiness preparations.</p>	<p>The FAO "forest" definition is at the moment considered practical and relevant to use for Fiji, but this definition may undergo revision after the stratification exercise (see component 4). The TWG on MRV is in charge of organizing a participative review with all relevant stakeholders.</p>