

REDD Readiness Progress Fact Sheet

COUNTRY: ARGENTINA

June 2011

1. R-PP Preparation and FCPF Readiness grant

- R-PP assessed by FCPF PC at PC6 (June 2010), and Readiness Preparation Grant funding authorized by PC.
- Argentina was asked by PC to revise and resubmit R-PP, revisions are in progress.
- WB due diligence ongoing (ensure key issues are identified, process being developed to address those issues, fiduciary arrangements to be finalized, preparation of R-PP Assessment Note).
- TTL and social specialist have had continuous contact with the REDD country focal point.
- A diverse Bank team of 7 (Bank staff and consultants) traveled to Argentina in March 2010 to provide technical assistance including R-PP Formulation, finalizing the mission with an Aide-memoire. Follow-up conducted during mission in September.
- Although an R-PP Formulation grant (\$200,000) was under preparation, Argentina submitted its R-PP to the PC for review before the grant was finalized. The PC assessed the R-PP and authorized Readiness Preparation funding totaling \$3,600,000, and the Government of Argentina is considering pursuing one grant agreement for the full amount.

2. National REDD Readiness Management Arrangements

- Steering Committee, a multi-sectoral committee of government institutions has been formed.
- REDD Advisory Committee, civil society committee that advises Implementation Unit, is in the process of formation.
- Implementation Unit will include a staff of thematic coordinators.

3. Stakeholder Consultations and Communication

- Early engagement with key stakeholder groups.
- Meetings with key stakeholder groups with specific objectives to validate the consultation plans.
- Discussions underway on addressing the challenge of identifying appropriate representation of stakeholder groups (Indigenous peoples and non-Indigenous groups) spread in a large country.
- ONPIA is undertaking indigenous peoples' capacity-building workshops, with funds from FCPF.

4. REDD Strategy Preparation

- Vision: Strengthen land-use planning and governance at provincial level.
- New Forest Law has required provinces to submit initial land-use plans. Several provinces are actively working on their land-use plans, and working with provincial stakeholders. However, implementation is highly variable.
- Discussions are underway as to how to create consistency with Argentina's vigorous plantation forestry sector, and its inclusion in a future REDD+ Strategy.

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5. Implementation Framework

- **Under ILO 169.**
- **Discussions will be held to identify appropriate traditional decision-making mechanisms.**
- **New Forest Law makes a provision to establish a National Fund for the Enrichment and Conservation of Native Forests.**
- **As a federal country, implementation will be at the provincial level.**
- **Discussions underway on addressing the challenge of capacity building and resources for provincial institutions and creation of links between national and provincial authorities.**

6. SESA

- **ToRs for SESA have been drafted.**
- **Stakeholder mapping has been undertaken.**
- **SESA workshop was held in the province of Salta in October.**

7. Development of a Reference Scenario

- **Data available: One inventory has been undertaken at national level. Satellite imagery available and plot data.**
- **Next forest inventory is currently being designed.**
- **Finalizing a national map of forest and soil carbon.**
- **Various independent exercises at sub-national level with remote sensing.**

8. MRV

- **Currently designing a permanent forest inventory system covering the country's entire forest area, but with higher sampling intensity in areas of greatest change or concern.**
- **Exploring indicators of co-benefits in the various eco-regions in the country.**

9. Other

- **Leandro Fernandez has been re-designated as the REDD+ Focal Point for Argentina.**