Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

2h. Enhancement of the R-PP Template

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R-PP Emerging as Standard for Coordinating National REDD+

- Early R-Plan submissions varied. But have evolved into generally higher-quality R-PPs, reflecting country circumstances.

- 15 R-PPs submitted to date.

- Time now to listen to countries using the template, UN-REDD & Observers about enhancements that would serve Participants' interests in drafting R-PPs.

Message from Countries and Observers: Keep Template Structure Constant, But Enhance Guidance Where Necessary

- Countries want a <u>stable</u> template. R-PP is working.

- But seek guidance on Good Practices in using the template, & examples of R-PPs that handled a component well (e.g., consultations; MRV design).

- No call for major revisions. Countries want R-PPs to be subject to same standards as earlier R-PPs.

- UN-REDD Team and FCPF FMT seek common format. Discussions have resulted in significant suggestions.

- Sum: Keep components intact, but enhance critical areas where needed.

Overarching Comments Heard:

- <u>Minimize</u> the number of changes.

- Make sure governance arrangements are clearly addressed in components.

- Update to reflect REDD+ considerations.

Component 1: Organize and Consult

- **Clarify what is expected in consultation process at the R-PP <u>submission</u> stage, vs. during <u>implementation</u> of R-PP studies: How much? What kind?**

- **Clarify when stakeholder engagement vs. broad consultation is expected.**

- **Improve mechanisms for meaningful participation of indigenous peoples and other civil society.**

- **Allow flexibility to country in presenting its unique R-PP.**

Component 2: Prepare the REDD Strategy

- Integrate SESA guidance into R-PP components to avoid duplication of activities and more clarity.

- Strengthen guidance for Quick Assessment of deforestation drivers, to guide countries towards analytic studies critical for developing the REDD Strategy.

- Encourage countries to establish a *process* for development of REDD Strategy.

- Encourage use of abatement and opportunity cost economic analyses, encourage estimation of true costs, etc.

- **Establish a national-level grievance mechanism for resolving conflicts.**

- **Clarify Component 2c, REDD Implementation Framework, to better define Good Practices, what is expected, and examples.**

- **Encourage a validation workshop on the draft R-PP before submission to FCPF.**

Component 3: Reference Scenario

- **Provide guidance on what to produce in the R-PP writing stage, vs. later during R-PP implementation stage.**

- **Clarify how consultation would occur on this component.**

Component 4: Design a Monitoring System

- **Provide guidance on what is expected re MRV systems at R-PP drafting stage, vs. later implementation of R-PP studies.**

- **Increase emphasis on governance aspects of MRV system.**

- **Enhance discussion of non-carbon aspects and independent monitoring in subcomponent 4b.**

- **Revise to make sure countries develop MRV to assess REDD *plus* activities.**

- **Make sure MRV design is linked to assessment of drivers of deforestation & the REDD Strategy.**

- **Clarify what is needed for the budget and timetables elements: just tables?**

- **Make clear that Component 6 Monitoring & Evaluation is mandatory now.**

- **Consider use of independent monitoring of budget and schedule performance.**

- **Finish revision in time for use by countries submitting August 23rd (for November PC 7 meeting).**

- **Interested PC members and Observers meet with FMT: (Wednesday at lunch?). Or send comments.**

- **FMT revises template in July. Distributed for 10 days for non-objection.**

- **FMT produces revised template for use by countries submitting by August 23rd, and thereafter.**