

# **REDD Readiness Progress Fact Sheet**

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## **1. R-PP Preparation and FCPF Readiness grant**

- R-PP assessed by FCPF PC at PC6.
- \$200k FCPF Formulation grant is fully disbursed.
- Revised R-PP submitted to the FCPF in accordance with the PC6 Resolution.
- The REDD+ Readiness work in Kenya is closely linked to the work under the Natural Resources Management Project (NRMP). The latter was restructured and an amount of up to \$1.8 million was set aside for priority REDD+ Readiness activities. The Government of Kenya and the World Bank agreed that these resources should be used to advance relevant readiness work components. Mainstreaming REDD+ Readiness in the NRMP is designed to shore up REDD+ efforts financially and politically. It is important for the Government of Kenya to use this opportunity before the FCPF grant is signed. The Bank will continue to support REDD+ Readiness in Kenya, but not independently from the NRMP.
- Tensions related to land tenure and access rights had arisen between Indigenous Peoples and the Government (particularly the Kenya Forest Service) under the NRMP, with Indigenous Peoples expressing similar concerns about REDD+. However significant progress has been made recently and the relations between the Kenya Forest Service and Indigenous Peoples have improved.
- As some of the issues raised by Indigenous Peoples in the context of the NRMP are critical for REDD+ Readiness, it was agreed that the Readiness work should start with the Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA). The SESA is expected to enhance awareness and improve understanding of the REDD+ agenda, as well as challenges and opportunities. It will bring out issues and identify solutions in a consultative manner and through a practical process of engagement with stakeholders. The NRMP has made start-up funding available to the Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife (MoFW), which acts as the National Focal Point for REDD+ to launch the SESA .
- The SESA should be initiated immediately. Approval of the SESA Terms of Reference by stakeholders through a consultative process started in June 2012 provides a good starting point.
- The World Bank will closely monitor progress in both the NRMP and SESA and visit the country in late 2012 or early 2013. The goal will be to agree with the Government of Kenya and development partners on next steps for possibly proceeding with the FCPF Preparation grant agreement depending on progress made in the context of the sector. These next steps will also be reflected in the Bank's R-PP Assessment Note.

## **2. National REDD Readiness Management Arrangements**

- The apex body for REDD+ management is the National REDD plus Steering committee. The Terms of Reference have been developed and approved during the first Steering Committee Meeting held on December 15, 2010.
- A National REDD + Technical Working Group will be established from the REDD+ Component Task Forces to play an advisory role for the National REDD+ Steering Committee. It will also liaise directly with the National REDD+ Coordination Office, whose mandate is to operationalize the R-PP.
- The National REDD + Coordination officer (NRCO) - based at the head quarters of the Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife - has been recruited in March 2012 to facilitate implementation of R-PP activities.
- The Steering Committee has approved the establishment of six thematic working groups to drive the REDD+ implementation process.
- The REDD+ Thematic Working Groups will provide expertise and oversight on specific REDD+ strategy options.

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### **3. Stakeholder Consultations and Communication**

- Consultations at national level with civil society began in 2008 as part of consultations on the National Climate Change Response Strategy
- A Stakeholder Consultation and Participation (C&P) Plan was designed and implemented in the formulation phase (November 2009- end May 2010).
- Series of 4 regional consultations, with participation from 10 forest conservancies, was organized during the R-PP formulation phase (one meeting for Western , Nyanza and North Rift conservancies; two in Mau conservancy with one of them aimed exclusively for Indigenous Peoples, one for Central highlands, eastern and Ewaso conservancies).
- A national validation workshop was held in. May 2010.
- KFS has developed its own website and REDD+ web pages can be found on this website. REDD+ information is also available as a webpage within the Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife's webpage. Communication material (brochures and a policy brief) have been prepared to support stakeholder consultations.
- A plan to follow up on consultations during Readiness Preparation phase has been developed. TORs for information and communication strategy for REDD+ have been developed and will be implemented with Government funding.
- Information sharing and sensitization workshops continued.

### **4. REDD Strategy Preparation**

- Study on Forest Sector Background Paper completed.
- Thematic studies for filling in information gaps have been identified (Domestic timber supply and demand, Economic assessment of impact of ban on logging in plantations, and alternative livelihood activities etc.) and will be instituted soon.
- TORs for carrying out studies on domestic timber supply and demand and detailed assessment of drivers of deforestation and forest degradation have been finalized with NRMP resources and invitation for bids from consultants will follow shortly.
- Candidate strategies, their objectives and expected outcomes are described in the R-PP. Next steps will be to evaluate and monitor outcomes of early action testing followed by scaling up of measures deemed successful.
- A report is being prepared to align strategy options in the RPP with similar activities in the forestry sector to enable the strategy to draw from past experiences and avoid duplication of efforts.
- The National Climate Change Action Plans to support Climate change response strategy implementation are being finalized.
- A new Land Policy has been developed
- The Environment Policy and the Forest Policy are currently being reviewed to align them with the Constitution , the National Development Plan( Vision 2030) and the NCCRS.
- The Forest Act is currently being reviewed to align it with the Constitution, REDD+ Objectives and various Government Policies and to incorporate new emerging issues, including climate change.
- Kenya is also formulating a Carbon Investment and Trading Policy to support implementation of mitigation and adaptation activities, including access to international climate change finance
- A National Performance and Benefit Sharing Framework is currently under formulation as part of NCCRS action plans.

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- The country has also started preparation of a low carbon development strategy within which REDD+ will be anchored
- The Forestry sector with support of the Finnish Government has initiated the development of the National Forest Programme. An Assessment Note for the forest sector governance has been produced with support from the Finnish Government

### **5. Implementation Framework**

- Options for implementation including those for Tracking and information systems for bringing transparency in R-PP implementation and conflict resolution and grievance management mechanisms to be tested
- A phased approach is proposed up to 2013 and beyond 2013.

The UN-REDD has agreed to provide support with a total amount of US\$180,000 for the following key REDD+ activities:

- Undertake a comprehensive gap analysis of the forest related legal framework relevant to REDD+, and provide assistance for drafting REDD+ provisions to clarify and regulate major REDD+ legal issues prioritized by the Government through the R-PP, focusing on land tenure issues.
- Advance the knowledge base and national dialogue on key governance issues for REDD+ in Kenya, particularly anti-corruption, carbon rights and benefit-sharing arrangements. This will serve to underpin a solid implementation of Kenya's REDD+ Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP).
- Support to a workshop and high-level panel discussion on green economy investments in forests. The workshop will seek to advance and promote the role of forestry and REDD+ in overall national economy.
- Next steps to be formalized.

### **6. SESA**

- ToRs for SESA have been prepared and approved by stakeholders. The assessment of social and environmental considerations will be integrated with REDD readiness and an expert team to lead SESA process is to be commissioned within the first quarter of FY 2013.

### **7. Development of a Reference Scenario**

- ToRs for developing Reference Scenario prepared.
- Discussions have already commenced among local stakeholders on data needs and availability to support development on a Reference scenario and the Monitoring system. A Workshop was held in 2011, that drew participants from key stakeholders in the forestry sector to further inform the process of developing the REL and Monitoring system.
- A detailed roadmap for establishing a National Reference Emission Level/Forest Reference Level has been

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completed through a wide consultation process.

- The design process of developing the national carbon accounting system for land based sectors has been completed with financial support from Australia Government and the Clinton Climate Initiative.

### **8. MRV**

- Discussions currently ongoing on how best to develop an effective MRV system. This is being done within the framework of a National Carbon Accounting System. Clinton Foundation is supporting this initiative.
- A road map for establishing a national forest monitoring system completed through a detailed stakeholder consultation process.
- A Japanese Government supported program for supporting development of forest cover map to support forest cover change and monitoring system is under implementation. The following activities have already been covered
  - Reviewed requirements and gap analysis of capability of the key institutions in Support of Forest Mapping and REDD+;
  - Established reference systems and standards for mapping and resource classification;
  - Identified sources and accessed all existing forest, land use and map data ;
  - Identified and accessed all required archive satellite imagery;
  - Currently undertaking satellite imagery interpretation.
- The Japanese Forest Preservation Programme seeks to enhance capability within the forestry sector in Kenya to carry out forest resource assessment and monitoring in support of REDD+ efforts kicked off.

### **9. Other**

- Discussions have commenced with local development partners who wish to support implementation of specific components and activities within the RPP.
- A consultative meeting with stakeholders has been carried out in late November 2011 to share information on how best to implement the proposal.
- Information sharing and sensitization of communities continued with support from GOK, Finnish and Japanese Governments and USAID.
- Finland through its *Miti Mingi Maisha Bora* Program has provided a budget to support some key components of R-PP implementation.
- Targeted discussions with key IP representatives are underway to elaborate a strategy on how to learn from experiences under the NRMP and ensure that engagement with IP communities as well as IP leaders and IPOs leads to a better understanding about the opportunities provided by REDD+. This includes close collaboration

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with OPCSs Dispute Solution and Prevention Unit.

- Initial discussions have commenced for possible development of a model REDD+ registry in the country and which can be used to inform similar registries in the East African region.