

Liberia R-PP – Draft 30 May 2011

PC review

Reviewers: European Commission, Nepal, Norway, Uganda

1a – National Readiness Management Arrangements

- **Strengths:** Commitment of other sectors in planning and implementation of REDD readiness shown by the planned arrangements.
 - **Improvements since PC8:**
 - clarification of functions NCCSC, NCCS, RTWG
 - introduction of RIT and RIU.
 - **Still missing:**
 - Address capacity building needs → ToRs
 - Clarification of activity plans in table 1a
- **Standard met provided remaining comments are addressed.**

1b – Information sharing and early dialogue with key stakeholder groups

- **Strengths:** evidence that Liberia undertook “an exercise to identify key stakeholders for REDD-plus”; the stakeholder dialogue process so far has been considerable
 - **Comment:** Additional elaboration of Table 1b (Summary activity budget) to describe activities and relevance to what has been reported to have been achieved to date would be useful.
- **Standard met provided remaining comments are addressed.**

1c – Consultation and participation process

- **Strengths:**
 - the proposed consultations and participation plan is quite elaborated.
 - Liberia is the first country in the world to set up an Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative specifically for timber
 - **Comment:** this section would be enhanced by including ToRs for developing:
 1. Consultations and participation Strategy and Plan
 2. Awareness and communication Strategy and Plan
 3. Mechanism for addressing conflicts and grievances
- **Standard met. Liberia could consider addressing additional comments.**

2a – Assessment of Land Use, Forest Policy and Governance

- **Strengths:** extensive description of Land Use, Forest Law, Policy, and Governance.
 - **Comments**
 - May comments: agricultural expansion, development corridors, forest management and REDD+ seem to be proceeding separately → lacks consideration of synergies and inconsistencies between the different sectors.
 - **The inclusion of ToRs for the assessment of land use, forest policy and governance** would clarify how activities presented in Table 3b contribute to the completion of the assessment.
- **Standard largely met. Consider addressing additional comments**

2b – REDD Strategy Options

- **Strengths:**
 - Proposed REDD-plus strategies are well aligned with the identified drivers and a plan of how to address the identified drivers is given.
 - addition of 2 options: Enhancement of carbon stocks in degraded forest areas ; Carbon stocks enrichment in barren land through timber crop planting
- **Additional comments:**
 1. Include ToRs on completing REDD Strategy Options, showing how activities in Table 3b link up together.
 2. Clarify link with 1c: how will consultations support the development of REDD Strategy options?
 3. Show how the process of completing REDD Strategy Options link with 2d – Assessment of social and environmental impacts)

→ **Standard met. Consider addressing additional comments.**

2c – REDD Implementation framework

- **Comment** : This section would be enhanced by including ToRs to elaborate on the process for completing the design of the implementation framework
- **Standard met. Liberia could consider addressing additional comments.**

2c – Assessment of social and environmental impact

- **Standard met**

3 – Reference scenario

- **Strengths:**
 - A thorough and sincere assessment is given of available data and data needs as well as key challenges and options for developing a reference level for the country.
 - Building staff capacity is identified honestly as a major challenge for this work and for the development of a national MRV-system.
- **Improved:**
 - clarification of the definition of forest and the treatment of forest carbon pools other than Above Ground Biomass

→ **Standard is met**

4a – Emissions and removals

- **Strengths:** while little detail is given on the design of the actual MRV system, the section provides clear and good early ideas and principles for this work.
- **Improvements:** clarification on historical period considered and on how the final MRV system will build on the test phase.

→ **Standard is met**

4b – Other Multiple Benefits , Impacts and Governance

- Section significantly improved since PC8.
- Latest improvement: Involvement of stakeholders in the definition of Liberia's specific indicators for social and environmental benefits.

→ **Standard is met**

5 – Completeness of information and resource requirements

- **Comments:**
 - Budget estimates do not show costs for capacity building
→ costs embedded in respective sections?
 - A more detailed budget would facilitated assessment.
- **Standard partially met. Liberia could consider addressing these comments.**

6 – Design a Program Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

→ **Standard is met.**

Conclusion

- **Voluntary PC Reviewers are of the opinion that Liberia's R-PP provides a satisfactory foundation for funding**
- **PC reviewers request Liberia to take into account the comments made.**