

**Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF)**  
**Fifth Meeting of the Participants Committee (PC5)**  
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**Informal Summary of Discussions of Madagascar's Draft R-PP**

The Government of Madagascar presented a draft Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP) to the FCPF Participants Committee at the PC5 meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010, for informal discussion and feedback. The following is an informal summary of the discussions prepared by the Facility Management Team (FMT).

**Overall national political context.** Participants questioned whether the high-level political commitment necessary for the success of REDD+ can be ensured in Madagascar under the current national political situation. They expressed concern over whether Madagascar would be able to produce a strong R-PP at present and, as such, encouraged Madagascar to wait until political stability is reestablished before formally presenting an R-PP to the PC. Meanwhile, Participants encouraged the country to continue working on REDD+ Readiness at the technical level.

**REDD+ Strategy Options.** The TAP noted that further detail would be useful in the description of and conclusions on the existing deforestation and forest degradation situation in the country, including a more “regionalized” analysis of drivers of deforestation and degradation and REDD+ strategies, and more thorough addressing of key underlying drivers (e.g., illegal logging, and human-induced wildfire as a deforestation and degradation driver). The PC advised the country to revise the REDD+ strategic options proposed, to take more account of aspects specific to Madagascar (e.g., variety of biomes) and to link the REDD+ strategic options with the country's existing forest policy framework.

**Existing experiences on REDD+ in the country.** Participants noted that Madagascar is well placed to contribute to REDD+ learning, as home to some of the earliest pilot REDD+ projects. The TAP noted that it would be useful for the R-PP to draw more on the lessons learned from these experiences.