

REDD Readiness Progress Fact Sheet

COUNTRY: MEXICO

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1. R-PP Preparation and FCPF Readiness grant

R-PP assessed by FCPF PC at PC5 (March 2010), and Readiness Preparation Grant funding authorized by PC.

Mexico was asked by PC to revise and resubmit R-PP, revisions are currently 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 Environmental specialist have continuous contact with the REDD country focal point. Videoconferences and meetings with CONAFOR staff in DF and Guadalajara have led to the near complete RPP. Written comments were dispatched to client on two occasions re the RPP.

Since the government of Mexico hasn't requested the \$200,000 formulation grant the total grant amount will be USD 3.6 million.

There will be an FCPF due diligence mission in May 2011.

2. National REDD Readiness Management Arrangements

REDD+ Working Group (GT- REDD+) has been formed under the Inter-institutional Commission for Climate Change (CICC, in Spanish) and has met regularly to develop the National REDD+ Strategy – multi-sectoral government institutions; designs strategy. A multi-stakeholder technical advisory committee (Comite Técnico Consultivo or CTC-REDD+), including civil society, has been created and appointed as advisory body for the GT REDD.

CONAFOR has set a REDD+ team to promote demonstration activities.

The CTC-REDD+ elected a new president in the first meeting of 2011 (February 15th).

The next meeting of the year for the CTC-REDD was on March 4th, the World Bank was invited as an observer and to provide an overview of their work in Mexico, in particular on FIP. One of the objectives of this meeting was to establish working groups around the five strategic lines of the Mexico's Vision for REDD+, in order to develop the National Strategy.

In addition, an internal REDD+ working group was established within CONAFOR. This group will be divided in subgroups which, as the subgroups of the CTC, will be working along the five strategic lines of the REDD+ Vision.

3. Stakeholder Consultations and Communication

Institutions exist to undertake a consultation strategy in forest sector inclusive of relevant stakeholders and comprehensive in its issues.

Discussions underway on addressing the challenge of conducting adequate consultations for a large Indigenous peoples population (5 million) spread over a large geographical area and identify appropriate representation of ejidos.

As a result of the feedback received by the CTC-REDD+, the consultation process is being revised and the methodology to be used is on the way of being improved.

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4. REDD Strategy Preparation

Vision: To promote REDD+ in the wider context of sustainable rural development, seeking to create policy synergies with non-forest policies and to strengthen governance at the sub-national and local levels.

The document of Mexico's Vision for REDD+ was presented by President Calderón at COP 16 in Cancun. An important landmark of this presentation is that the Ministry of Agriculture endorsed the document, as well as it was ratified by the Inter-ministerial Commission for Sustainable Rural Development (CIDRS, in Spanish).

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The goal for 2011 is to develop the National REDD+ Strategy through a participatory process, involving relevant stakeholders, including those in the CTC-REDD+. This process will be conducted along the lines set in the Vision.

At least five REDD+ pilots are planned to test REDD programs and institutional arrangements at sub-national levels and to advance methods on MRV at a multi-scale level.

The REDD Strategy will become part of the overarching National CC Mitigation Strategy.

5. Implementation Framework

Mexico is undergoing a process for developing its National REDD+ Strategy, which envisions the development of a National Plan (which involves a national accountability system for REDD+), the development of a national reference scenario, a national MRV system. National accountability and sub-national implementation framework are subject of REDD+ pilot testing.

Mexico has ratified ILO 169 and thus recognizes the importance of promoting and ensuring the participation of Indigenous People in the implementation of the National REDD+ Strategy. A positive highlight that favors the National Strategy at the local level is the fact that in Mexico, land tenure issues involving local communities and Indigenous Peoples have been generally resolved (65% of forest land owned by communities).

One of our current challenges is how to harmonize the fast moving initiatives from the States, while the National REDD+ Strategy is still shaping, without halting local initiatives, but at the same time promoting consistency and coherence between the sub-national and the national levels. There may be another challenge, with regard to land tenure it will be important to minimize conflict between collective Indigenous Peoples land tenure and private ownership within the same ejidos (in Mexico most forest areas are under collective ownership by traditional communities and ejidos).

6. SESA

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Stakeholder mapping has been conducted.

Draft framework for SESA included in the R-PP.

The 2nd Latin American and Caribbean FCPF Workshop in Argentina (October 18-20, 2010) contributed to Mexico's understanding of the SESA.

The draft for SESA included in the R-PP is being improved in collaboration with WB social specialist during a working session on March 7 and 8 in Guadalajara.

7. Development of a Reference Scenario

Data available:

Mexico has generated a spatially-explicit model of deforestation risk over time, and will improve this model based on analysis of drivers.

The Reference levels will be determined through a combination of historical data as well as adjusting for national circumstances, for which explicit and transparent criteria will be developed.

8. MRV

Vision: To develop a multi-scale and multifunction forest monitoring system that takes full advantage of the existing national forest inventory along with state and community inventories to monitor carbon stocks with low uncertainty.

Five thousand plots are re-measured every year, equivalent to 20% of total permanent plots.

Mexico is a demonstration country for GEO Forest Carbon Tracking.

Complementary activities will include developing early detection system for land use change (using coarse and mid-resolution imagery).

A multi-scale measuring scheme is in process of development, connecting information at project and sub-national and national levels for a single accountability data set.

9. Other

The R-PP is being finalized in the context of intense REDD+ activity, within the Technical Advisory Committee for REDD+ (CTC-REDD+) and in the context of REDD+ Working Group (GT- REDD+) within the CICC (Climate Change Inter-institutional Committee). These two groups are developing a National Strategy for REDD+, and REDD+ VISION of that strategy was presented at COP 16 in Cancun, December 2010.

These national processes, which build upon the experience gained through the development of the RPP, stress the need to ensure flexibility as more experience and analysis updates and refines Mexico's vision and priorities.