

REDD Readiness Progress Fact Sheet

COUNTRY: ARGENTINA

June 2012

1. R-PP Preparation and FCPF Readiness grant

- R-PP was assessed by FCPF PC at PC6 (June 2010) and Readiness Preparation Grant funding authorized by PC.
- Argentina was asked by PC to revise and resubmit R-PP.
- A meeting was held with the UnderSecretary of the Environment and the REDD country focal point in November 2011 and April 2012. The UnderSecretary reconfirmed Argentina's interest in continuing with the FCPF, among other World Bank Forestry Activities proposed and underway.
- Although an R-PP Formulation grant (\$200,000) was under preparation, Argentina submitted its R-PP to the PC for review before the grant was finalized. The PC assessed the R-PP and authorized Readiness Preparation funding totaling \$3,600,000, and the Government of Argentina is considering pursuing one grant agreement for the full amount. WB support to FCPF Argentina is ongoing. Comments regarding social, environmental, communications, institutional arrangements, MRV and Reference Level have been provided by the Bank for the most recent version of the RPP.
- Argentina is considering pursuing also the additional \$200,000 available in the donation related to Grievance Mechanisms.
- Argentina is revising the latest R-PP to address the key issues identified in the PC/6/2010/I Resolution as well as the latest comments provided by the Bank. Argentina has submitted a draft plan for workshops for information dissemination and feedback from stakeholders.
- Argentina will submit by the next PC meeting in June of 2012 the revised R-PP so that the FCPF/FMT can confirm completeness.

2. National REDD Readiness Management Arrangements

- REDD Advisory Committee, civil society committee that advises the Implementation Unit, is in the process of formation.
- The Bank underlined the importance of having a multi-sectoral and multi-level institutional arrangement to the REDD+ process.
- The bank has been informed that a new framework for inter-sectoral coordination has been proposed for inclusion in the next version of the R-PP.

3. Stakeholder Consultations and Communication

- Early engagement with key stakeholder groups.
- Meetings with key stakeholder groups with specific objectives to validate the consultation plans.
- Discussions underway on addressing the challenge of identifying appropriate representation of stakeholder groups (Indigenous peoples and non-Indigenous groups) spread in a large country with ONPIA and others indigenous organizations.

Regional and multi-sectoral workshops will be undertaken to keep stakeholders informed and involved the process.

4. REDD Strategy Preparation

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- **Vision: Strengthen land-use planning and governance at provincial level.**
- **New Forest Law has required provinces to submit initial land-use plans. Several provinces are actively working on their land-use plans, and working with provincial stakeholders. However, implementation is highly variable.**
- **Discussions with the Agriculture Ministers (In charge of Plantations Forest Policy) are underway as to how to create consistency with Argentina's vigorous plantation forestry sector, and its inclusion in a future REDD+ Strategy.**

5. Implementation Framework

- **Under ILO 169.**
- **Discussions will be held to identify appropriate traditional decision-making mechanisms.**
- **New Forest Law makes a provision to establish a National Fund for the Enrichment and Conservation of Native Forests.**
- **Discussions underway on addressing the challenge of capacity building and resources for provincial institutions and creation of links between national and provincial authorities.**

6. SESA

- **ToRs for SESA have been drafted.**
- **Detailed local and regional stakeholder mapping is in process.**

7. Development of a Reference Level

- **Data available: One inventory has been undertaken at national level. Satellite imagery available and plot data.**
- **Next forest inventory is currently being designed. Decentralized forest monitoring units are being financed under an IBRD project and should be on line by early 2013.**
- **Finalizing a national map of forest and soil carbon.**
- **Various independent exercises at sub-national level with remote sensing.**

8. MRV

- **Currently designing a permanent forest inventory system covering the country's entire forest area, but with higher sampling intensity in areas of greatest change or concern.**
- **Exploring indicators of co-benefits in the various eco-regions in the country.**

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9. Other

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