

Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF)

Participants Committee

Thirteenth Meeting (PC13)

October 21-22, 2012

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Saturday, October 20

Pre-PC Workshops (Optional)	
07:00	<i>Breakfast</i>
08:30	Workshop 1: The Readiness Package – Progress on the Assessment Framework Part I: FMT presentation and group discussion Part II: Break-out into small groups by language for further informal discussion
12:00	Informal Session: Presentation and discussion of Country Needs Assessment (Neeta Hooda and Clea Paz)
12:45	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:45	Workshop 2: Discussion of the draft Term Sheet setting out general terms and procedures of a future FCPF Emission Reductions Payment Agreement (ERPA). The ERPA Term Sheet will form the basis for the subsequent development of a detailed set of General Conditions of a future FCPF ERPA under the FCPF Carbon Fund Part I: FMT presentation and group discussion Part II: Break-out into small groups by language for further informal discussion
17:00	Coffee break and informal discussions in REDD Country Participants' regional groups (open to other Participants and Observers)

Sunday, October 21

07:00	Registration and breakfast
1. Opening	
08:30	1a. Welcome (Benoît Bosquet)
08:45	1b. Official opening (H.E. Henri Djombo, Minister of Forest Economy and Sustainable Development, Congo Republic, and Mr. Eustache Ouayoro, Country Director, World Bank)
09:15	1c. Review and approval of meeting agenda (Georges Boudzanga and Jürgen Blaser as Co-Chairs)
09:25	1d. Overview of contact groups and PC Resolutions (Sachiko Morita)
09:30	1e. FMT's progress report and presentation of the FY12 Annual Report (Benoît Bosquet)
10:15	Coffee break
2. Formal R-PP Assessment	
10:30	2a. Introduction and presentation of ad hoc TAPs for PC13 R-PPs (Leonel Iglesias)
10:45	2b. TAP overview of R-PPs presented at PC13 (TAP)
11:00	2c. El Salvador (Jorge Ernesto Quezada, TAP, PC, World Bank) – <i>Resolution sought</i>
12:00	2d. Cameroon (Amadou Wassouni, TAP, PC, World Bank) – <i>Resolution sought</i>
13:00	Lunch break, contact groups on draft PC Resolutions
3. Mid-Term Progress Reports and Requests for Increased Grant Support	
14:15	3. DRC mid-term progress report and request for increased grant support – <i>Resolution sought</i> (Vincent Kasulu, Simon Rietbergen)
4. FY13 Readiness Fund Budget Addendum	
15:30	4. Presentation of proposed activities to be supported through the Readiness Fund (Neeta Hooda and Simon Whitehouse) – <i>Resolution sought</i>
16:30	Coffee Break
5. Carbon Fund	
16:45	5. Discussion of the draft Term Sheet setting out the general principles of a future FCPF Emission Reductions Payment Agreement (Markus Pohlmann)
18:45	Contact groups on draft PC Resolutions

Monday, October 22

07:00	<i>Breakfast, contact groups on draft PC Resolutions</i>
6. Monitoring and Evaluation Framework	
09:00	6. Draft M&E framework (Neeta Hooda, Alain Lafontaine, Cornelia Sepp)
10:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
7. Assessment framework for the Readiness Package	
11:00	7. Summary of Pre-PC Workshop on the assessment framework for the Readiness Package
8. Informal R-PP Presentations and Progress Reports (Parallel Sessions)	
11:45	8a. Chile (Eduardo Vial, Angelo Sartori, TAP, PC, World Bank)
12:45	<i>Lunch break, contact groups on draft PC Resolutions</i>
13:45	8b. Papua New Guinea (Rensie Panda, TAP, PC)
14:45	8c. Honduras (Efrain Duarte, Claudia Vallejo TAP, PC, UNDP)
15:45	8d. Peru progress report on R-PP implementation (Kenneth Peralta)
9. Closing	
16:00	9a. Adoption of PC Resolutions (Sachiko Morita)
17:30	9b. Co-chairs' conclusions (Co-chairs)
18:00	<i>End of meeting</i>
18:00-19:30 or 20:00-21:30	<i>Informal Meeting of the Carbon Fund Working Group on the Methodological and Pricing Approach</i>

Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) Participants Assembly Fifth Meeting (PA5)

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

07:45	<i>Registration and breakfast</i>
1. Opening	
08:45	1a. Review and approval of meeting agenda (Co-chairs)
09:00	1b. Procedures for election of the Participants Committee and Bureau of the Participants Committee, and for the selection of Co-chairs for PC14 (Sachiko Morita)
09:15	1c. Report by the Participants Committee on work of the past year (Switzerland as PC13 Co-chair)
2. Knowledge Sharing	
09:30	2a. Governance reforms for REDD+: Sharing experiences, identifying needs and implementing change (organized by FCPF, UN-REDD, EFI, and International Model Forest Network)
12:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00	2b. Deforestation trends in the Congo Basin: Reconciling economic growth and forest protection (Vincent Kasulu of DRC, Hon. Jean Jacques Zam of Cameroon)
3. Remarks by Observers and Delivery Partners	
15:30	3a. Inter-American Development Bank (Hanna Uusimaa) 3b. United Nations Development Programme (Tim Clairs) 3c. UN-REDD Programme (Mette Loyche Wilkie) 3d. UNFCCC Secretariat (Wojtek Galinski) 3e. Indigenous Peoples (Soikan Meitiaki, Onel Masardule, Kapupu Diwa Mutimanwa) 3f. Southern civil society organizations (Hugo Che Piu and Augustine Njamshi) 3g. Northern civil society organizations (Joshua Lichtenstein) 3h. Non-contributing private sector (Christopher Webb)
16:30	<i>Coffee break</i>

4. Legal Matters	
17:00	3. Election of the PC, PC Bureau and selection of Co-chairs for PC14 (Sachiko Morita) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caucus of REDD Country Participants • Caucus of Donor Participants and Carbon Fund Participants
18:30	<i>End of meeting</i>
TBD	<i>Dinner hosted by the Government of the Republic of Congo</i>

Wednesday, October 24

07:00	<i>Breakfast</i>
Field Visits (Optional)	
07:00	Departure for field visits
18:00	Return to Brazzaville

Thursday, October 25

Excursion on the Congo River (Optional)	
09:00	Departure for Congo River
17:00	Return to hotel

ANNOTATIONS FOR Participants Committee Thirteenth Meeting (PC13)

The meeting will be held at Ledger Hotel (<http://www.laicohotels.com/en/hotel/congo/brazzaville/ledger-plaza-maya-maya.html>)

All background materials are available on the FCPF PA5/PC13 website at <http://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/fcp/node/619> unless otherwise indicated.

Saturday, October 20

Pre-PC Workshop on the assessment framework for the Readiness Package

To respond to the requests for improving communications in the FCPF and enhance the capacity of REDD Country Participants to engage in PC discussions, workshops will be organized prior to the PC13 meeting and give an opportunity to Participants and Observers to discuss. The first workshop will be on the assessment framework for the Readiness Package.

The format for the workshop will be informal. It will begin with a presentation by the FMT to all participants to introduce participants to the topic at hand, followed by ample time for group discussion (approximately 30-45 minutes). Simultaneous interpretation in English, French and Spanish will be provided. After this discussion, participants will divide into three smaller groups by language (English, French and Spanish) to allow for more in-depth discussions (approximately two hours). No interpretation will be provided in these language groups. Each language group will be in Question and Answer format facilitated by an FMT member. One Participant and one FMT member will be asked to take notes and synthesize the discussion, as inputs into a summary to be presented during the PC meeting on October 22. Additional FMT staff will be available as resource persons.

Background documentation: FMT Note 2012-10, which contains the FMT's first draft of a proposed assessment framework, is available on the PC13 page.

Informal Session: Presentation and discussion of Country Needs Assessment

The FCPF FMT and the UN-REDD Programme Team jointly undertook a Country Needs Assessment to respond to requests from the participants of each initiative. The consultants who were contracted to conduct the assessment (Harrison Kojwang and Gisela Ulloa) presented their draft findings at the pre-PC12 workshop held in Colombia in June 2012. During this session, they will present their final results.

Background documentation: The report "Country Needs Assessment: a report on REDD+ Readiness among UN-REDD Programme and FCPF Member Countries" is available on the PC13 page.

Pre-PC Workshop on the Term Sheet as part of the General Conditions of an Emission Reductions Payment Agreement under the FCPF Carbon Fund.

This workshop will follow the same format as the workshop on the Readiness Package.

Background documentation: The draft ERPA term sheet is available on the PC13 page. Please note that two versions are available: the September 21 version (in English, French and Spanish), which was provided prior to the preparatory videoconference sessions among Participants and Observers of early October, and the October 18 version (in English only), which contains the changes discussed at the fifth meeting of the Carbon Fund Participants in Paris on October 16-17, 2012.

Informal discussions in REDD Country Participants' regional groups

Following these workshops, REDD Country Participants will have the opportunity to gather in their regional or sub-regional groups (i.e., Anglophone Africa, Francophone Africa, Asia, Meso-America and South America) to continue the discussions in an informal setting. Other Participants are welcome to join the discussions. No interpretation will be provided as it is assumed that these discussions would be conducted in the prevailing language of each regional or sub-regional group.

Background documentation: All background documentation for PC13 provides relevant background for these discussions.

Sunday, October 21

Session 1c (Review and approval of meeting agenda)

The PC13 Co-chairs (Georges Boudzanga, Republic of Congo, on behalf of the REDD Country Participants and Juergen Blaser, Switzerland, on behalf of the financial contributors) will introduce and request approval for the agenda, focusing on the key topics and objectives and expected PC actions.

Session 1d (Overview of contact groups and PC Resolutions)

The FMT will briefly introduce the topics that require deliberation in the PC contact groups and adoption of a PC Resolution at PC13. See table below.

Session Number & Topic	Resolution	Group Facilitator from FMT/WB	Meeting Room	Time of First Meeting
2c. El Salvador R-PP assessment	✓	Leonel Iglesias		Sunday lunch time
2d. Cameroon R-PP assessment	✓	Laurent Valiergue		Sunday lunch time
3a. DRC's mid-term progress report review and request for increased readiness grant support	✓	André Aquino, Stephanie Tam		Sunday evening
4a. FY13 budget proposal for additional activities	✓	Simon Whitehouse, Neeta Hooda		Sunday evening

Session 1e (FMT's progress report and presentation of the FY12 Annual Report)

The FMT will provide an update on recent FCPF developments and prospects. The Co-chairs will also provide a briefing on the main developments in the Readiness Fund and Carbon Fund since the last Participants Assembly held in Berlin in October 2011.

Background documentation: The Annual Report is available on the PC13 webpage and FCPF home page. Paper copies of the Annual Report will be distributed at the meeting. The updated Dashboard and Country Progress Sheets are also available on the FCPF website.

Expected PC action: The PC would provide feedback and guidance to the FMT with a view to informing the process of designing a monitoring and evaluation system for the FCPF.

Session 2a (Presentation of ad hoc Technical Advisory Panels for PC13 R-PPs)

The FMT will present an overview of the TAP members that reviewed the R-PPs. The assessment of R-PPs submitted for consideration at PC13 were conducted by six teams of TAP members who reviewed the R-PPs; and six groups of PC members who reviewed R-PPs.

Background documentation: The formal R-PPs from El Salvador and Cameroon, and the informal R-PPs from Chile, Honduras and Papua New Guinea, and the corresponding TAP summary reviews are available on the PC13 webpage. The R-PP Review Template (January 12, 2011 version) outlining the R-PP review process is available in the “Templates and Guidance” section of the FCPF website at <http://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/fcp/>. Version 6 of the R-PP template is also available on the FCPF website.

Expected PC action: The PC will have the opportunity to discuss and ask for clarifications about the process of selecting current TAP members for submitted R-PPs, and about the process of their assessment. PC will use this overview and background information to inform the process for a resolution to be taken after the formal presentation of each R-PP from El Salvador and Cameroon.

Session 2b (TAP’s overview of R-PPs presented at PC13)

The TAP lead reviewers will give a single overview presentation of their assessments of the R-PP submitted for formal consideration at PC13 (El Salvador and Cameroon), as well as the informal submissions (Chile, Honduras, Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu). Any additional country-specific comments will be provided by the TAP in the individual R-PP sessions.

Background documentation: The TAP synthesis reviews of each R-PP will be available on the PC13 webpage.

Expected PC action: None.

Session 2c-d (Cameroon and El Salvador R-PPs for formal assessment)

Cameroon and El Salvador will present their formal R-PPs for assessment by the PC. After presentation by the respective country representative, TAP and PC members will share observations with the PC. The following discussion in plenary will provide additional elements for a contact group to prepare a draft PC resolution.

Background documentation: The R-PP, TAP synthesis review, and preliminary PC synthesis review for Cameroon and El Salvador will be available on the PC13 webpage.

Expected PC action: The PC could adopt a resolution as to whether the respective R-PP provides a sufficient basis for funding to move ahead with preparation for readiness and to request the World Bank acting as Delivery Partner to complete due diligence with a view to entering into a grant agreement.

Session 3 (DRC mid-term progress report and request for increased grant support)

Following up on its informal presentation at PC12, DRC will present its mid-term progress report on the national REDD+ Readiness process, building on an evaluation conducted by an independent consultant, a mid-term evaluation by the Delivery Partner, and its own self-assessment. The country will also present a request for additional FCPF funds to the ongoing REDD+ Readiness process and seek PC's approval for it. The country will follow the process for reporting on mid-term progress and requesting additional funds adopted by PC12.

Background documentation: The criteria and process for considering a request for additional funding are laid out in Resolution PC/10/2011/1.rev and Resolution PC/12/2012/2.

Expected PC action: Adopt a resolution if the PC approves allocation of additional funds.

Session 4 (FY13 Readiness Fund Budget Addendum: Presentation of proposed activities to be supported through the Readiness Fund for FY13)

At PC12, the FMT presented a detailed proposal and budget estimate for analytical work, knowledge management, and centrally sourced activities to be undertaken in FY13. While many PC members recognized the importance of the proposed additional activities (with a budget implication of an additional cost of US\$1.6 million in FY13), they raised concerns on the impact of the additional activities on the capacity of the FMT, and lack of prioritization and coordination with other REDD+ initiatives. In view of these concerns, Resolution PC/12/2012/5 on Approval of the FY13 Annual Budget for the Readiness Fund requested the FMT to “prepare a proposal for additional activities for consideration by the PC at its thirteenth meeting (PC13). Such a proposal should take account of (i) the final report of the Country Needs Assessment Report prepared jointly by the UN-REDD Programme and the FCPF, (ii) similar existing or planned activities undertaken by other initiatives and donors, and (iii) the FMT’s capacity to support the proposed activities. The proposal should assess the priority of the additional activities, including with regards to their global learning value. The PC also requested that the FMT consider (iv) consultations with bilaterals and other relevant institutions (specifically UN-REDD) on comparative advantage for the delivery of work, and (v) a prioritization of support needed by REDD Countries in the short term.

In addition, the PC requested the FMT to outline any necessary increases in FMT capacity as part of this proposal.

The FMT will present its revised proposal, and will report on regional safeguards workshops carried out since PC12.

Background documentation: FMT Note 2012-9 rev “Strategic Direction of the FCPF: Activities to be supported through Readiness Fund” will be available on the PC13 webpage.

Expected PC action: The PC is expected to provide feedback and guidance on the prioritization of activities to be supported by the Readiness Fund in FY13 and beyond in the context of the FY13 budget discussion and approval (see session 6b below).

Session 5 (FCPF ERPA Term Sheet)

As decided at PC12, the Trustee is drafting a term sheet which includes general principles to be included in a future FCPF Emission Reductions Payment Agreement (ERPA) and forms the basis for the subsequent development of a detailed set of ERPA General Conditions. Since the ERPA term sheet is the first step for the subsequent development of a detailed set of ERPA General Conditions, as per the FCPF Charter, the ERPA term sheet also has to be endorsed by the PC.

Background documentation: The draft ERPA term sheet is available on the PC13 page. Please note that two versions are available: the September 21 version (in English, French and Spanish), which was provided prior to the preparatory videoconference sessions of early October, and the October 18 version (in English only), which exhibits the changes discussed at the fifth meeting of the Carbon Fund Participants in Paris on October 16-17, 2012.

Expected PC action: PC members are expected to provide feedback in addition to the feedback expected from the preparatory videoconference sessions to be held in early October. No Resolution is sought on this topic as it was determined that more time will be needed to ensure proper discussion and endorsement.

Session 6 (Draft M&E framework)

At PC11 the FMT presented the revised draft logical framework (log frame) that attempted to present the priorities for the FCPF for the next three years and serve as a potential framework for FCPF monitoring and evaluation (M&E). Based on the discussions, the PC requested the FMT to finalize the log frame for internal purposes only and focus its efforts on the design of an M&E framework, taking into consideration the relevant elements of the log frame and the previous draft M&E framework that was first developed at the time of the FCPF evaluation. The FMT procured the services of Mr. Alain Lafontaine (of Baastel) to lead the process of developing the M&E Framework, with technical support provided by Mr. Dietrich Busacker and Ms. Cornelia Sepp (Eco Consult) hired by GIZ.

The consultants will present the draft at the PC meeting. The framework includes two key components : the conceptual basis and the monitoring framework.

Background Documentation: The draft M&E Framework has been developed and will be available on FCPF webpage prior to the PC meeting in English, Spanish and French.

Expected PC action: The PC is expected to provide feedback on the draft framework. Depending on the nature of the comments and feedback received, two options are available: (i) If the overall feedback at PC13 is positive, the consultants will incorporate the comments received and the final draft M&E framework will be made available by the FMT for virtual approval on a 'no objection basis' **before PC14**. (ii) If however the comments received at PC13 are substantial, the PC may wish to request a presentation of the revised framework for approval **at PC14** in March 2013. No formal PC resolution is expected at PC13.

Session 7 (Assessment framework for the Readiness Package)

The FMT and select country representatives will summarize the discussions of the pre-PC workshop on the assessment framework for the Readiness Package, including the discussions of the language break-out groups.

Background documentation: Note 2012-10, which contains the FMT's first draft of a proposed assessment framework, is available on the PC13 web page.

Expected PC action: Following the presentation, the PC may ask additional questions on the assessment framework or pre-PC workshop discussions. No formal PC action is expected at PC13.

Sessions 8a-c (R-PPs for informal presentations)

The following countries are expected to present informally draft R-PP's: Chile, Honduras, and Papua New Guinea. Representatives from each country will give a presentation followed by comments from TAP members and from PC members. A PC discussion will follow.

Background documentation: The R-PPs, TAP synthesis reviews and preliminary PC synthesis review will be available on the PC13 webpage.

Expected PC action: The PC would provide feedback and guidance to the countries on ways to improve their R-PP with a view to a future resubmission.

Session 8d (Peru progress report on R-PP implementation)

Per Resolution PC/8/2011/7 on Peru's Readiness Preparation Proposal and following a request by Peru at PC11 to postpone the requested report back to the PC on progress made, the country will give an update on latest developments and achievements in REDD readiness, in coordination with representatives of Indigenous Peoples' organizations and national Mesas REDD+.

Expected PC action: none.

Carbon Fund Working Group on the Methodological and Pricing Approach: Informal meeting

This session offers an opportunity for informal discussion among those WG members who are present and the FMT of: 1) a summary of the FMT presentation at the Carbon Fund meeting in Paris on plans for the Carbon Fund's new Working Group on the Methodological Framework and Pricing Approach; 2) how the Framework will be developed; 3) the proposed schedule and products identified (a set of TAP issue papers, the REDD Design Forum events, submissions by anyone interested); and early discussion of the general approach the Methodological Framework should take (e.g., (a) a strictly standards and indicators approach; (b) this approach combined with methods guidance in more detail; or (c) a positive list approach, wherein a Emissions Reductions Program that meets an existing standard for a given topic (say VCS on MRV, or SES for safeguards) would be considered to have met the CF standard for this topic).

ANNOTATIONS FOR Participants Assembly, Fifth Meeting (PA5)

Tuesday, October 23, 2011

Annotated Agenda

The meeting will be held at the Ledger Hotel

(<http://www.laicohotels.com/en/hotel/congo/brazzaville/ledger-plaza-maya-maya.html>).

All background materials are available on the FCPF PA5/PC13 website at

<http://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/fcp/node/619> unless otherwise indicated.

Session 1b (Procedures for election of the Participants Committee, Bureau of the Participants Committee, selection of Co-chairs for PC14)

The FMT will brief the Participants Assembly (PA) on procedures for electing the Participants Committee (PC) and the Bureau of the PC, and for selecting the Co-chairs for PC14. The PA will break into caucuses for the actual election of the Participants Committee in session 3, the final session of the PA meeting.

Session 1c (Report of the Participants Committee)

The Charter of the FCPF states that the PC shall report to the PA at each Annual meeting on the decisions made by the PC and, where appropriate, other issues discussed by the PC. Switzerland, as PC13 co-chair, will report to the PA on Resolutions adopted by the PC at its PC10, PC11, PC12 and PC13 meetings, which not all the Participants were able to attend.

Session 2a (Governance reforms for REDD+: Sharing experiences, identifying needs and implementing change) (Organized jointly by FCPF, EFI, UN-REDD and MFN)

Background: Addressing governance issues associated with the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation is critical to the successful implementation of REDD+. REDD+ country participants have devoted significant attention to these governance challenges throughout the preparation of their R-PPs. However, a more systematic and deeper exchange of experiences would be beneficial to the effective implementation of REDD+. As part of this process, this workshop is being organized and will follow up on the knowledge sharing panel on REDD+ and Governance held at PC10 in October 2011. The workshop will be jointly organized by the FCPF, UN-REDD Programme, EFI and International Model Forest Network.

Workshop objectives:

- To outline the broad scope of REDD+ governance concerns and to explore some key areas in greater depth.
- To allow sharing of experiences and good practices.
- To improve understanding of issues and country needs.
- To consider the need for further work and discussion at future events.
- To raise the profile of governance in REDD+ discussions.

Program

- I. Setting the stage (30 minutes)
 - a. Overview of the morning's program
 - b. What is governance for REDD+? (Neeta Hooda, FCPF)
 - c. What are the main messages from the CNA regarding governance? (Thais Juvenal, UN-REDD Secretariat)
- II. Country perspectives on governance for REDD+ (60 minutes)

Speaker from Colombia, Elizabeth Valenzuela
 Speaker from Indonesia, TBA
 Speaker from Democratic Republic of Congo, TBA
- III. Coffee break (20 minutes)
- IV. Mixed panel on needs and the way forward (60 minutes)

Invited:

 - Daniel Haas, BMZ, Germany
 - Chimère Diaw, African Model Forest Network
 - Local or regional NGO speaker, TBA
 - Parliamentarian from Congo-DRC or Uganda
 - Indigenous Peoples representative, TBA
- V. Wrap-up (10 minutes). Facilitator gives a brief recap of the morning, including next steps proposed in previous panel.

Workshop report to PA/PC: A brief report on the main findings of the workshop and the way forward will be presented to the PA/PC in the FMT's progress report.

Session 2b (Knowledge Sharing Panel on Deforestation trends in the Congo Basin: Reconciling economic growth and forest protection.

Congo Basin forests have so far not experience the large-scale forest cover loss and forest degradation experienced by main tropical forest blocks. However, some signs indicate that they may be at a turning point, heading toward higher deforestation and forest degradation rates. Over the past 2 years, an ambitious study was conducted to increase the understanding of the deforestation profile of the Congo Basin in the coming 20 years. The approach adopted combined economic modeling tools (GLOBIOM, set up by IIASA - International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis-) with in-depth sectoral review in a very

participatory manner. The model tested a series of “policy shocks” identified by the Congo Basin country representatives. Various scenarios were developed, in order to highlight the potential impacts on forests of various drivers of deforestation, both internal (improved transport infrastructure, improved agricultural technologies, decrease in fuelwood consumption) and external (increase in international demand for meat, increase in international demand for biofuel). Based on the detailed analysis of the major forces driving future deforestation, the study *Deforestation Trends in the Congo Basin: Reconciling economic growth and forest protection* highlights policy options that would help countries reconcile the dual challenge of developing local economies while limiting the negative impact of growth on the region’s natural capital and particularly on forests.

The major outcomes of the study will be presented by the author. The panel will bring together experts involved in the study and particularly in the modeling exercise. They will discuss the outputs of the study as well as the next steps. Discussants will include: i) Representative from COMIFAC or CEEAC, who will present the challenge of ensuring multi-sectoral responses to REDD (ii) Representative from the Republic of Congo, who will present their plans to down-scale the modeling exercise at the country level, (iii) the third panelist is still to be identified.

Sessions 3a-i (Remarks from Observers and Delivery Partners)

The observers recognized in the FCPF Charter and the Delivery Partners approved by the PC will make observations on developments in the past fiscal year or look forward into the future. Approximately five minutes will be set aside for each representative.

Session 4 (Election of the Participants Committee, Bureau of the Participants Committee, and selection of Co-chairs for PC14?)

Background documentation: FCPF Charter, section 10.02 (b); Rules of Procedure for Meetings of the Participants Committee, article 7.02; and PC election criteria agreed by financial contributors in May 2011 are accessible at <http://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/fcp/node/43> .

Expected PA action: The Participants will break into caucus groups (REDD Country Participants in one group, and Donor Participants and Carbon Participants in the other group) and elect their representatives (14 members each for the PC, among whom three Donor Participant and Carbon Participant members and five REDD Country Participant members to serve on the Bureau, and one member each to serve as Co-chair for PC14).

Reception hosted by the Government of the Republic of Congo

Information forthcoming

October 24: Optional field trip (3 options)

Visit to Imboulou (Hydroelectric dam)

The Imboulou Dam is a hydroelectric dam located on the lower section of the Léfini River, 14 kilometers from its confluence with the Congo River.

Departure will be by bus at 7:00. The visit will take place from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. We will be back in Brazzaville the same day by 6:00 pm.

Visit of the Lessio Louna Fauna Reserve

The Lessio Louna Reserve is located about 100 kilometers from Brazzaville. This protected area covered 44,000 hectares and was established for the protection of gorillas in the Republic of Congo.

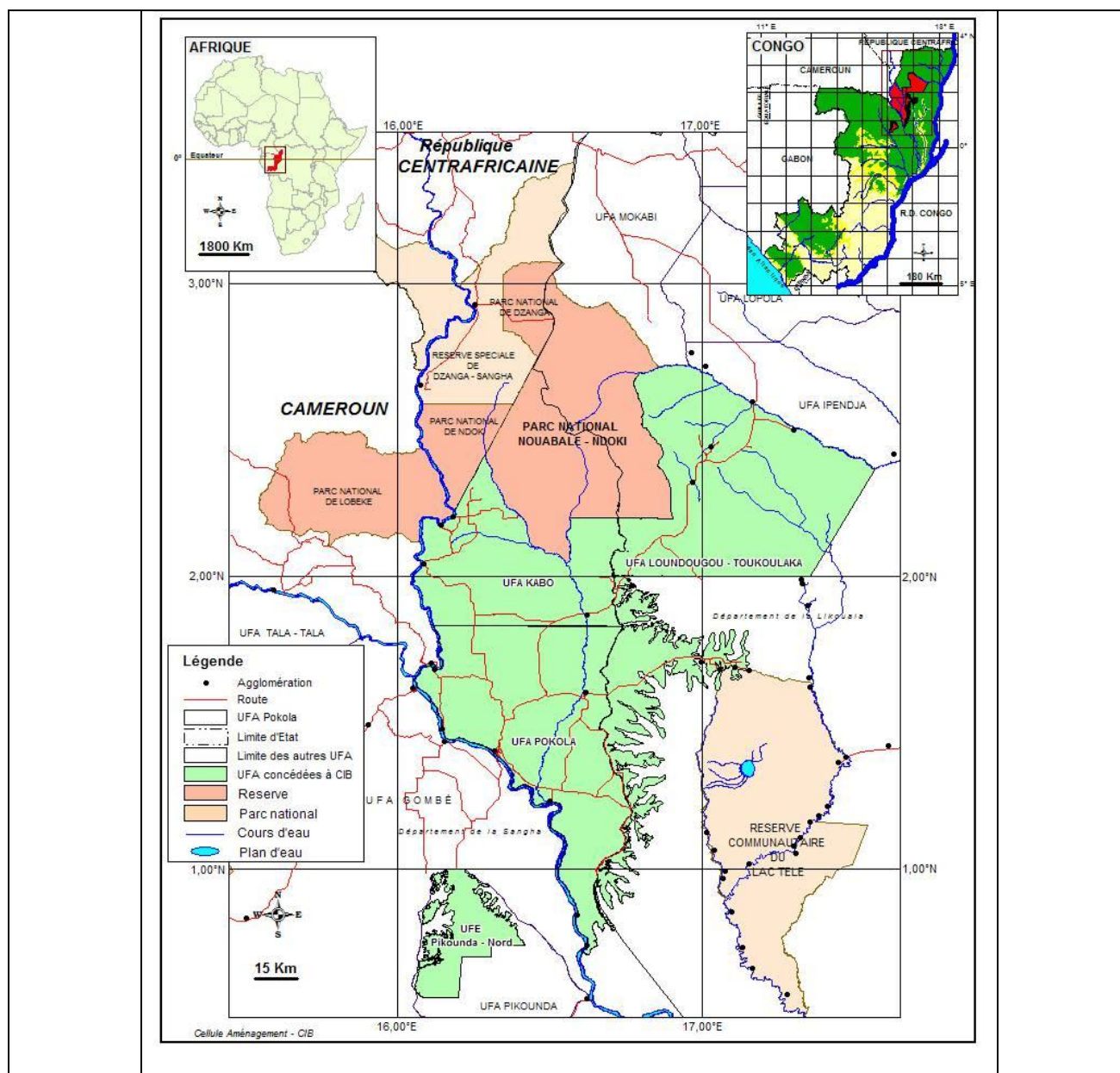
During this visit, members of the FCPF and UN-REDD will have the opportunity to approach infant gorillas in the nursery and reintroduced gorillas on Abio Island before visiting and admiring the wonders of the blue lake.

This botanical and touristic tour will be restricted to a limited number of visitors (in groups of 45 people).

Access to the Reserve will be by bus on a road paved at 80%. Departure will be at 7:00 am. The field visit will take place from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. We will be back in Brazzaville the same day by 6:00 pm.

Visit of a managed and certified forest concession (Pokola FMU) in the Sangha Department

The Pokola Forest Management Unit (FMU) covers an area of 452,200 hectares and is located about 800 kilometers from Brazzaville, in the Sangha Department in the northern part of the country.



The management plan for 2007-2036 for the Pokola FMU was launched in 2007. This baseline for the effective implementation of conservation and sustainable forest management led to its certification based on the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) standards.

During this visit, members of the FCPF and UN-REDD will have the opportunity to observe: i) the transition from a settlement of less than 50 people to a modern urban area of over 13,000 inhabitants; (ii) the effective implementation of sustainable forest management practices (application of reduced impact logging rules, effective integration of the social component, compliance with environmental standards, etc.).

Given the short length of stay of the FCPF and UN-REDD members in the Republic of Congo, the Pokola field visit will be restricted to a limited number of visitors (70-75 people).

Departure will be by plane (compliant with the United Nations safety standards) at 7:00 am. The field visit will take place from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. We will be back in Brazzaville the same day by 6:00 pm.

October 25: Sightseeing

Sightseeing on the Congo River

On October 25, 2012, a sightseeing tour will be organized on the Congo River. Delegates will have the opportunity to enjoy an ecological and touristic tour on the majestic Congo River, the second most powerful river in the world after the Amazon.

This tour will give visitors the opportunity to:

- Experience typical Congolese food and drinks;
- Discover the cultural diversity of local and indigenous populations of the Republic of Congo; and
- Admire the rich biodiversity of the Congo River and surrounding areas.

The sightseeing tour will take place from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.