

REDD Readiness Progress Fact Sheet

COUNTRY: ARGENTINA

June 2014

1. R-PP Preparation and FCPF Readiness grant

- Argentina's R-PP was assessed by FCPF PC at PC6 (June 2010), and the Readiness Preparation Grant funding was allocated.
- The Government of Argentina is considering pursuing one grant agreement for the full amount of US\$3,8 million
- Argentina submitted a revised R-PP in July 2012 with revisions as requested by the PC of April 2010. The updated version was reviewed and returned for further revisions.
- The FCPF FMT confirmed on March 4, 2014, completeness of Argentina Final R-PP version including all issues raised by participants at PC6. The review did not consider information requested by the technical team of the WB as delivery partner, which should be further verified by the TTL.
- Argentina and the World Bank did not sign a readiness grant agreement before the May 31st, 2014 deadline as stated in the PC resolution PC/14/2013/2.
- Argentina is requesting December 31st, 2014 as extension date for signing the grant agreement. In March 2014, the World Bank, as delivery partner for the FCPF, conducted a mission and is working with Argentina focal point to fulfill all pending issues to complete the due diligence process.

2. National REDD Readiness Management Arrangements

- The REDD readiness Management Arrangements are under review as a result of discussions during the WB March 2014 mission.

3. Stakeholder Consultations and Communication

- A plan and agenda for consultation was reached in September 2012 with the government.
- Meetings with key stakeholder groups with specific objectives to validate the consultation plans were carried out. Between May 2013 and March 2014 eight workshops were completed, seven of them in provincial locations and one in Buenos Aires.
- A protocol for consultation and participation for REDD+ was formulated by a major national federation of indigenous peoples and presented at a workshop in Buenos Aires in November 2013.

4. REDD Strategy Preparation

- Vision: Strengthen land-use planning and governance at provincial level.
- 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. Twenty two (out of 23) provinces already submitted land use plans ratified by provincial law to the forest national authority.
- Discussions 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

- Discussions will be held to identify appropriate traditional decision-making mechanisms.
- The National Fund for the Enrichment and Conservation of Native Forests under the Law 26,331 is currently under development.

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In the meantime, required funds are being annually provided through the national budget.

- A federal strategy is being developed with provincial governments
- National capacity building strategy is being developed with National Universities and other stakeholders

6. SESA

- A draft of the Social and Environmental Framework was elaborated subsequently to the March 2014 WB mission and is under review.

7. Development of a Reference Scenario

- Data available: One inventory has been undertaken at national level.
- National map of forest and soil carbon was finalized.

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.
- Co-benefits maps were developed in the various eco-regions in the country. Specific metrics and indicators are current under development

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