PC17/FCPF Technical Advisory Panel

Belize R-PP:

Comments by the TAP

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Country Context: Belize

- Land area: 22,200 Km2
- Population: 338,000
- Economy: agriculture, industry and services
- Forest cover: 14,000 Km2 (63 %)
- Deforestation rate (1980-2013): 0.6% per year

Strengths of the RPP Document

- The R-PP clearly presents the need to improve forest governance.
- The proposal provides key information on trends in forest cover, land use change and drivers of deforestation and forest degradation.
- The description of the consultation framework including Indigenous Peoples is well articulated.
- The proposed information system on multiple benefits, other impacts, governance, and safeguards is well presented.

Key Issues and Recommendations:

- The document should provide a work plan for Reference Levels that includes the main drivers of deforestation and forest degradation.

- The R-PP should also describe the relationships between component 4a (MRV) and other components (mostly 2a, 2b).

- The TAP recommends to continue and enhance dialogue, consultation and participation with Indigenous Peoples in relation to the REDD+ process in Belize, particularly in discussing the present version of the R-PP.

Overall Summary

Components	TAP PC 16 Formal R-PP Assessment December 2013	TAP PC 17 R-PP Assessment July 2014
1a. National Readiness Management Arrangements	**Largely Met**	**Met**
1b. Information Sharing and Stakeholder Dialogue	**Largely Met**	**Met**
1c. Consultation and Participation Process	**Largely Met**	**Met**
2a. Land Use, Forest Law, Policy and Governance	**Met**	**Met**
2b. REDD+ Strategy Options	**Met**	**Met**
2c. Implementation Framework	**Largely Met**	**Met**
2d. Social & Environmental Impacts during Preparation and Implementation	**Met**	**Met**
3. Reference Level	**Largely Met**	**Largely Met**
4a. Monitoring – Emissions and Removals	**Largely Met**	**Largely Met**
4b. Other Multiple Benefits, Impacts and Governance	**Partially Met**	**Met**
5. Schedule and Budget	**Met**	**Met**
6. Program Monitoring & Evaluation Framework	**Met**	**Met**