

Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) Participants Committee Eighth Meeting (PC8)

March 23-25, 2011
Grand Ballroom, Saigon Dalat Hotel, Dalat, Viet Nam
(www.saigondalathotel.com)

Wednesday, March 23

Optional Field Trip	
07:30	Departure for field trip, including special dinner and cultural event hosted by Viet Nam
22:00	Return from field trip

Thursday, March 24

07:00	<i>Breakfast</i>
1. Opening	
09:00	1a. Welcome (Joëlle Chassard)
09:20	1b. Official welcome by H.E. Cao Duc Phat, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development and Mr. Hoang Si Son, Vice Chairman of Lam Dong People's Committee
09:45	1c. Selection of co-chairs for the meeting (Joëlle Chassard)
10:00	1d. Review and approval of meeting agenda (Co-chairs)
10:15	1e. Report from the 6 th meeting of the UN-REDD Policy Board (Alexander Müller, Assistant Director General, FAO)
2. Policy Matters	
10:30	2a. Proposal to increase number of PC Bureau members (Mexico)
11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30	2b. Report on the Task Force on Multiple Delivery Partners under the Readiness Fund (Tim Mealey), followed by comments from FMT (Benoît Bosquet) and discussion
13:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00	2c. Interim results of the FCPF Program Evaluation (Alain Lafontaine of Baastel), followed by comments from FMT (Neeta Hooda) and discussion

3. R-PP Assessment	
15:30	3a. Enhancement of the R-PP template (Ken Andrasko)
15:45	3b. Presentation of the ad hoc Technical Advisory Panels (Ken Andrasko)
16:00	3c. Technical Advisory Panels' overviews of R-PPs (Jürgen Blaser and Jayant Sathaye)
17:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
17:15	3d. Ethiopia (Shimeles Erkata Sima, TAP, PC and World Bank)
18:30	3e. Viet Nam (Cuong Pham Mahn, TAP, PC and World Bank)
19:45	<i>Dinner and contact groups on draft PC Resolutions</i>

Friday, March 25

07:00	<i>Breakfast and contact groups on draft PC Resolutions</i>
3. R-PP Assessment (continued)	
08:45	3f. Cambodia (Keo Omaliss, TAP, PC and UNDP)
10:00	3g. Peru (Augusto Castro, TAP and PC)
11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
4. Informal Country Presentations	
11:30	4a. Central African Republic (Igor Gildas Tola Kogadou, TAP and PC)
12:15	4b. Liberia (Moses Wogbeh, TAP and PC)
13:00	<i>Lunch break and contact groups on draft PC Resolutions</i>
14:00	4c. Uganda (Xavier Mugumya, TAP and PC)
5. Carbon Fund	
14:45	5a. Update on FCPF Carbon Fund; cost sharing between Readiness Fund and Carbon Fund (Benoît Bosquet, Xueman Wang and Eliza Winters)
16:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
6. Contact Groups	
16:30	6a. Contact groups on draft PC Resolutions
7. Resolutions and Additional Decisions	
17:30	7a. Adoption of PC Resolutions
18:30	7b. Additional decisions
19:30	<i>End of meeting, dinner</i>



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Field Visit

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Description

The Government of Viet Nam is hosting a field visit to REDD+ pilot districts, Bao Thuan Commune, of Di Linh District, on Wednesday, 23 March. Buses will be departing from Saigon Da Lat Hotel at 7:00 and returning at 22:00. The journey from Da Lat to Bao Thuan will take about 1 hour and 45 minutes. Please note that it is the dry season in Da Lat, and suggested attire would be to bring a sweater, as the weather is about 18-20 degrees Celsius in Da Lat but a bit hotter in Bao Thuan; hiking/walking shoes and sun protection-cream for the field visit. Post field visit the Government of Viet Nam will also host a cultural show and dinner. Following the dinner buses will depart back for Da Lat at approximately 19:30.

Detailed information on the field trip area and the agenda for the visit will be provided when available.

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Eighth Meeting (PC8)

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Annotated Agenda

The meeting will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Saigon Dalat Hotel (02 Hoang Van Thu Street, Dalat Vietnam, www.saigondalathotel.com).

Section 1 (Opening)

The FMT will welcome Participants with highlights of where the FCPF stands today, including on-going cooperation with the UN-REDD Programme and the context of the outcomes of the December 2010 CoP16 in Cancun.

H.E. Cao Duc Phat, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Republic of Vietnam will officially welcome meeting participants.

Session 2a (Proposal to increase number of PC Bureau members)

As per the PC7 Additional Decisions, the PC will discuss the proposal made by REDD Country Participants at PC7 to create a fourth Bureau member for both REDD Countries and financial contributors.

Background documentation: A proposal has been prepared by Mexico and is available on the FCPF website at <http://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/fcp/node/297>.

Expected PC action: The PC may adopt a resolution to amend the FCPF Rules of Procedure, to increase the number of Bureau members.

Session 2b (Report of the Task Force on Multiple Delivery Partners under the Readiness Fund)

Resolution PC/7/2010/4 on Piloting Multiple Delivery Partners established a Task Force to “develop a common approach for the provision of readiness support for REDD countries, drawing on the ongoing work of the FCPF and its application of environmental and social safeguards, including strategic environmental and social assessments, as well as good practices on delivery of REDD services to REDD countries, including comparative analysis of the environmental and social policies of the Potential Delivery Partners.” The Task Force first met formally in December 2010, has been conducting bi-weekly conference call discussions since, and will meet in person in March 2011 in Dalat, to elaborate on the terms of reference of the Task Force and its work program. Resolution PC/7/2010/4 requested the Task Force to report to the PC at PC8 and complete its work prior to PC9 with a view to approval of the common approach by the PC at PC9, and also requested the FMT to address financing need, including additional budget proposal to the PC, for the purpose of the work by the Task Force. The Task Force and FMT will

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report on progress to date, planned actions, and the implications of the Task Force's work on the FCPF budget.

Background documentation: The current drafts of the "Common Environmental and Social Approach Among Delivery Partners" and "FCPF Readiness Fund Disclosure Guidance" are available on the FCPF website at <http://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/fcp/node/297>.

Expected PC action: Consider the FMT's proposal to adopt a resolution to allocate additional budget for the activities of the Task Force.

Session 2c (Interim Results of the FCPF Program Evaluation)

The PC7 Additional Decisions requested the FMT to make the draft evaluation report of the first FCPF program evaluation available two weeks prior to PC8. The consortium composed of Baastel of Canada and the Nordic Agency for Development and Ecology (NORDECO) from Denmark is conducting the evaluation. They have completed the documentation review, solicited feedback from stakeholders and have completed one of the three scheduled country visits (DRC) and have started to analyze and consolidate the findings in a draft report. The consultants are currently in Mexico and Nepal, (the other two countries scheduled for country visits) collecting more data and are in the process of seeking inputs from stakeholders who did not respond in the earlier survey in January 2011. The draft report is therefore still work in progress as it still needs to capture the findings from the remaining country visits and additional stakeholder feedback and is expected to be completed in April 2011.

The FMT will present the status of the evaluation. Alain Lafontaine of Baastel will present the methodology and interim results of the evaluation. The FMT will present a brief response to the key findings.

Background documentation: A presentation of the evaluation approach and interim evaluation results is available at <http://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/fcp/node/297>.

Expected PC action: The presentations will be followed by an opportunity for the participants to seek clarifications and comment on the findings. However given the limited time available in this session the PC may wish to set up a contact group for discussing with Alain and providing feedback. Such a contact group, if established, could also be entrusted with follow-up actions such as (i) comment on the complete draft evaluation report expected to be available in April 2011; (ii) discuss the next steps for finalization and adoption of the evaluation report, including possible discussion of the full report at PC9; (iii) suggest follow-up actions based on recommendations in the evaluation report; or (iv) discuss the need for and timing of subsequent evaluations

Alain will be available for follow-up discussions with the interested participants and/or the contact group on both days of the meeting. The PC may wish to adopt an additional decision to establish a contact group for the follow-up actions of the evaluation.

Session 3a (Enhancement of the R-PP template)

The PC7 Additional Decisions requested the FMT to review comments received on the R-PP template, continue cooperation with the UN-REDD Programme to produce a revise draft R-PP template, and provide a revised draft template. REDD Countries had discretion to choose whether to use the previous template

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or the draft revised template for submissions of R-PPs in January 2011. Two countries used the revised template (from December 2010) for their submission. The FMT will update the PC on the changes made to the template and the status of the revision process.

Background documentation: The draft revised R-PP template (*Draft R-PP Template v. 5: 12-22-10*) is available in the “Templates and Guidance” section of the FCPF website at <http://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/fcp/>.

The document outlining the R-PP review process was updated to reflect the changes made to the R-PP template. This *Program Document 2009-1-Rev.5 R-PP Assessment 01-11-2011* will be available on the FCPF website.

Session 3b (Presentation of the ad hoc Technical Advisory Panels)

The FMT continues to manage the TAP process on the basis of the draft Program Document FMT 2009-1-Rev. 4 presented at PC5, while working to ensure its efficiency. Accordingly, as was done at PC6 and PC7, the reviews of R-PPs submitted for consideration at PC8 were conducted by (1) teams of TAP members who reviewed multiple R-PPs; and (2) groups of PC members who reviewed multiple R-PPs. The FMT will present the TAPs that reviewed the R-PPs.

Session 3c (TAP’s overview of R-PPs)

In an effort to streamline discussions, the TAP will give a single overview presentation of their assessments of the three R-PPs submitted for formal consideration at PC8, as well as the informal submissions, instead of giving separate presentations during each R-PP session. This approach is also in line with comments from the TAP at previous PC meetings, that many R-PPs have demonstrated similar strengths and weaknesses. Any additional country-specific comments will be provided by the TAP in the individual R-PP sessions.

Background documentation: The TAP synthesis reviews for each R-PP are available on the FCPF website at <http://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/fcp/node/297>.

Sessions 3d-3g (R-PP assessment)

Cambodia, Ethiopia, Peru and Vietnam have submitted R-PPs for formal assessment by the PC. The country representatives will present their R-PPs, followed by brief comments by the TAP if necessary, the PC reviewers, and the respective (potential) delivery partner if relevant. The PC will then discuss the R-PP.

Background documentation: The R-PPs, TAP synthesis reviews, and preliminary PC synthesis reviews are available on the FCPF website at <http://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/fcp/node/257>.

Expected PC action: The assessments of these R-PPs could conclude in four Resolutions by the PC as to whether each R-PP provides a sufficient basis for funding to move ahead with preparation for readiness and to request the (potential) delivery partner to complete due diligence with a view to entering into a grant agreement.

Session 4a-4c (Informal Country presentations)

Central African Republic, Liberia and Uganda have submitted draft R-PPs for informal presentation. The country representatives will present their R-PPs, followed by brief comments by the TAP if necessary, comments by the PC reviewers, and a discussion by the PC.

Background documentation: The R-PPs, TAP synthesis reviews, and preliminary PC synthesis reviews are available on the FCPF website at <http://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/fcp/node/257>.

Expected PC action: The PC will discuss the R-PPs. The PC's comments will be provided for the consideration of the submitting countries as they update their R-PPs and resubmit them for formal assessment at a later date. No PC resolutions are expected on these R-PPs.

Session 5a (Update on FCPF Carbon Fund and cost sharing between Readiness Fund and Carbon Fund)

The PC7 Additional Decisions requested the FMT to update and finalize the Carbon Fund Issues Note based on comments received from design meetings, and welcomed the FMT's proposal to intensify marketing activities to reach out to private sector to join the Carbon Fund. In addition, Resolution PC6/2010/8 approved that the Readiness Fund will cover 100 percent of the Shared Costs until the Carbon Fund becomes operational in FY11, at which point the Carbon Fund Participants shall pay 35 percent of the Shared Costs that are incurred, and the Readiness Fund 65 percent. The FMT will provide an update on the Carbon Fund and propose a resolution capping the Shared Costs for the Carbon Fund.

Background documentation: The FCPF Carbon Fund Issues Note was updated on December 22, 2010 (with a minor correction made on February 9, 2011) and is accessible at <http://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/fcp/sites/forestcarbonpartnership.org/files/Documents/PDF/Mar2011/FCPF%20Carbon%20Fund%20Issues%20Note%2002-09-11.pdf>. An FMT note on the capping of Shared Costs will also be made available on the FCPF website.

Expected PC action: Adopt a resolution on capping the Shared Costs for the Carbon Fund during session 7a.

Session 6a (Contact groups on draft PC Resolutions)

In order to facilitate the PC Resolution adoption process, drafts of the Resolutions will be discussed in two steps: first contact groups, and then in plenary. Contact groups will meet at several points in time during the meeting to discuss the wording of the draft Resolutions, which would be formally discussed and adopted by the PC in session 7a.

Background documentation: The FMT will circulate any draft Resolutions during the PC meeting, for initial discussion by contact groups.

Expected PC action: Adopt PC8 Resolutions in session 7a.

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Session 7a (Adoption of PC Resolutions)

The FMT will present the draft resolutions that have been discussed and refined by contact groups throughout the PC8 meeting. The PC will formally discuss and adopt each PC resolution in plenary.

Background documentation: Draft resolutions will be circulated during the PC8 meeting for discussion and refinement by contact groups.

Expected PC action: Adopt the resolutions, if necessary subject to changes.

Session 7b (Additional decisions)

Adoption of additional decisions.

In addition, the PC7 Additional Decisions requested financial contributors to the FCPF to develop criteria for election of their PC members, and requested Australia to consult with other contributors, and propose a set of criteria for discussion on the margins of PC8. If the financial contributors agree to criteria in the margins of PC8, they may wish to report on the outcomes of these discussions and record their agreement.