

REDD Readiness Progress Fact Sheet

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1. R-PP Preparation and FCPF Readiness grant

- R-PP 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 revised RPP has been submitted by the focal point in October 2011 and is under review.
- WB due diligence ongoing (ensure key issues are identified, process being developed to address those issues, fiduciary arrangements to be finalized, preparation of R-PP Assessment Note).
- TTL and social specialist have had continuous contact with the REDD country focal point.
- A diverse Bank team of 7 (Bank staff and consultants) traveled to Argentina in March 2010 to provide technical assistance including R-PP Formulation, finalizing the mission with an Aide-memoire. Follow-up conducted during mission in September.
- A meeting was held with the UnderSecretary of the Environment and the REDD country focal point in August 2011. The UnderSecretary reconfirmed Argentina's interest in continuing with the FCPF, and 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.
- Argentina hosted a multi-national event for FCPF in October 2010 for information sharing on FCPF environmental and social themes. Nine countries attended.

2. National REDD Readiness Management Arrangements

- Steering Committee, a multi-sectoral committee of government institutions has been formed.
- REDD Advisory Committee, civil society committee that advises Implementation Unit, is in the process of formation.
- Implementation Unit will include a staff of thematic coordinators.

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.
- ONPIA is undertaking indigenous peoples' capacity-building workshops, with funds from FCPF.

4. REDD Strategy Preparation

- 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

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- their land-use plans, and working with provincial stakeholders. However, implementation is highly variable.
- 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

- 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.
- As a federal country, implementation will be at the provincial level.
- 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.
- Stakeholder mapping has been undertaken.
- SESA workshop was held in the province of Salta in October.

7. Development of a Reference Scenario

- Data available: One inventory has been undertaken at national level. Satellite imagery available and plot data.
- Next forest inventory is currently being designed.
- 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.

9. Other

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- **Leandro Fernandez has been re-designated as the REDD+ Focal Point for Argentina.**