



FCPF Technical Advisory Panel

Ethiopia RPP-TAP Comments & Recommendations

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Overall Summary : Strengths of the RPP (Final Draft)

- **The steering of a REDD+ Programme at the national level by the Environmental Council, chaired by the Prime Minister, is appropriate considering the responsibility for oversight in Ethiopia's federal system.**
- **In response to earlier comments, the RPP formulation has recognized the need for further consultations, both during the readiness and implementation phases of the RPP. In addition, the consultations that have been organized had clear outputs that have been summarized and presented.**
- **The RPP recognizes that the revision and harmonization of forestry related policies, and the setting up of a dedicated forestry institution are crucial for the successful implementation of the proposed REDD+ Programme**
- **The section on the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation has been substantially re-written, and as opposed to earlier versions, wood fuel harvesting is now recognized as a major driver**
- **Components 3 (Reference Scenario) and 4 (MRV) have been substantially improved. Ethiopia will build upon a recent woody biomass inventory, to fulfill the requirements both for setting reference scenarios and for monitoring. Significantly, the results of a new study by the Ethiopia Development Research Institute (ERDI 2010) has made projections on carbon emissions up to 2030 using a non-linear model, and in the process improved component 3 in particular**

Some aspects to consider during Implementation

- **Ethiopia's federal system of government, that requires the duplication of steering and / or coordination bodies within Regional Governments brings considerable complexity that is likely to be a challenge to manage during the implementation of REDD+.**
- **It seems that the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (FEPA), with virtually no history of implementation and also considering its 'thin' presence in the regions, is likely to oversee the implementation of REDD+ at national and local levels. (The TAP is informed that *a decision in this regard will soon be made by the Environmental Council of Ethiopia*).**
- **Building the capacity of partner institutions (e.g. Community groups, Farmers, NGOs) during the early stages of implementation is recommended.**
- **Strategies to deal with policies from outside the forest sector , but which nonetheless drive deforestation and forest degradation could be more strongly considered during the implementation phase. The Climate Resilient Green Economy (CRGE) Initiative, which Ethiopia is promoting, among others, provides an opportunity to do that.**

Major Recommendations

- ***The current quest to create a dedicated forest service is an important element in the implementation of its REDD+ Programme***
- ***The REDD+ strategy would greatly benefit from high level policy work to deal with the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation. While the TAP recognizes that much effort will be needed to create new and innovative mechanisms to deal with drivers from outside the sector.***
- ***Since the implementation of some aspects of REDD+ will involve and include partner institutions, including local communities, their empowerment and assistance to improve their capacities to participate in REDD+ and their representation in both federal and regional REDD+ bodies is important.***

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	<i>1b</i>	<i>largely met</i>	<i>Meets the standard</i>
<i>Component</i>	<i>2a</i>	<i>partially met</i>	<i>Meets the standard</i>
	<i>2b</i>	<i>partially met</i>	<i>Largely meets the standard</i>
	<i>2c</i>	<i>partially met</i>	<i>Largely meets the standard</i>
	<i>2d</i>	<i>met</i>	<i>Meets the standard</i>
<i>Component</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>partially met</i>	<i>Meets the standard</i>
<i>Component</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>partially met</i>	<i>Meets the standard</i>
<i>Component</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>partially met</i>	<i>Largely meets the standard</i>
<i>Component</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>did not meet</i>	<i>Meets the standard</i>