

Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

3a. Presentation of the Ad Hoc Technical Advisory Panels

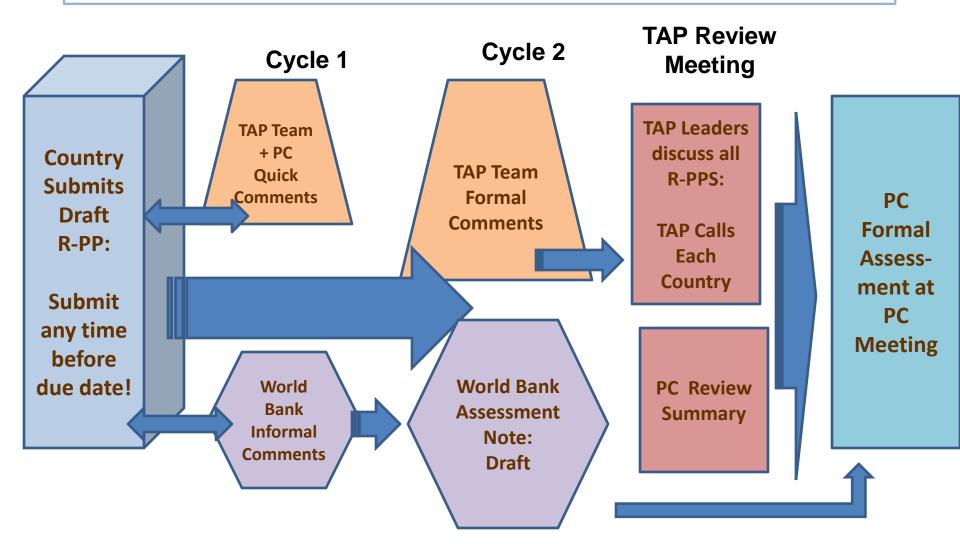
Sixth Meeting of the Participants Committee (PC6) Georgetown, Guyana June 28-July 1, 2010

Process of TAP Review of Readiness Preparation Proposals (R-PPs)

- TAP Country R-PP Review Team:
 - 6 to 10 individual experts nominated per country & included on FCPF Roster of Experts. Cross-disciplinary & regional expertise.
 - Avoid conflict of interest.
 - At least 1 expert with FCPF TAP review experience (lead reviewer) and in-country experts.
- Review methods:
 - Individual reviews, using standard review template
 - Conference calls, meetings
 - Lead reviewer produces single synthesis review. TAP comments on it.
- TAP conference call with country on draft review synthesis
- Final TAP Country Review synthesis made public

R-PP Review Process: Comment and Revision Approach

Early FCPF Experience: Countries Benefit from Early Sharing of Draft R-PP Ideas with TAP + WB. Thus 2 review cycles can be helpful.



ad hoc TAP R-PP Review Process

- Round 3 R-PP review (PC5, La Lope, Gabon, March 2010):
 - 3 R-PPs (DRC, Ghana, Mexico) and 3 draft R-PPs (Argentina, Madagascar, Suriname)
 - 32 expert reviewers
 - First PC organized reviews.
- Round 4 R-PP review (PC6, Guyana):
 - 5 Full R-PP: Argentina, Costa Rica, Nepal, Kenya, Republic of Congo)
 - 2 Draft R-PPs: Peru, Tanzania
 - Bolivia: submitted informally but not assessed as not from government.
 - About 40 TAP reviewers



- PC reviews as well.

FMT Overview of PC 6 R-PPs

- **R-PP quality continues to improve.** Some common questions :
 - What is reasonable budget amount or percentage for national institutional arrangements, and for consultations, at R-PP stage?
 - What is the relationship among: Quick Assessment of deforestation drivers, reference scenario, and MRV design?
 - How to develop MRV design, including for non-carbon benefits?
 - How to design SESA?
- R-PPs reflecting unique country circumstances in institutional arrangements, REDD Strategy, etc.: E.g., Argentina proposes market mechanisms, while Nepal builds on community forestry tradition.



FMT Observations on Review Process

- Countries tending to revise draft R-PPs on continuing basis: While TAP, WB and PC are reviewing them.
 - Argentina (and previously DRC) roughly 4 drafts.
 - Kenya, Republic of Congo and Tanzania did 2 drafts.
 - Challenge to complete review of document before revision arrives.
 - Translation issues: Which version to translate? TAP language skills.
- Review of 7 R-PPs: about 40 TAP reviewers & 70 reviews.

FMT Observations on Review Process: 2

- Countries using TAP more actively: about 25 TAP conference calls performed in May and June among TAP or with countries.
- Result is positive: TAP and WB comments encourage continued revisions into higher-quality products.
- Potential solutions to challenges:
 - Require any country revision to provide clear identification of what text was changed: Good Practice, and essential.
 - FMT send notice whenever new document is posted on web?.
 - Use web-based translation tools to produce very quick, though clearly less exact, <u>draft</u> translations to allow review process to keep up with countries' revisions, and limited TAP time and language skills??

Table 1: Tentative Schedule for R-PP Submission

R-PP Draft Received by FMT	Revised R-PP Posted on FCPF Website	PC Meeting: Tentative Dates
August 23, 2010	October 15	November 1 st week, 2010 PC 7, Washington, DC
January 10, 2011	March 7, 2011	Mid-March, 2011 PC 8, Vietnam: to be confirmed

Expertise of TAP Members at This Meeting

- Steven Cobb (lead, Republic of Congo R-PP)
 - Global conservation consultant (UK)
- Harrison Kojwang (co-lead, Kenya and Tanzania R-PPs)
 - Conservation consultant (Kenya; based in Namibia)
- Eduardo Morales (lead or co-lead, Argentina, Costa Rica)
 - Forest economics and policy (Chile)
- Jayant Sathaye (lead, Nepal)
 - LBNL, Univ. California-Berkeley (US, India). Forest carbon mitigation.

Country Lead Reviewers Not Able to Attend:

- Juergen Blaser (lead, Peru R-PP)
 - Swiss Intercooperation. Sustainable forestry. (Switzerland)
- Sandra Brown (co-lead, Costa Rica; MRV and reference scenario)
 - Winrock International, carbon accounting (US, UK)

Charge to the TAP Members

- Be objective, consistent and fair.
- Provide constructive recommendations for enhancement of R-PPs by the country, and expert advice on REDD.
- Serve in individual capacity, not representing an organization.
- Our thanks to the TAP members.

