Resolution PC/Electronic/2022/1

Endorsement of Belize Readiness Package

Whereas:

1. The Participants Committee (PC), through Resolution PC/12/2012/1, defined the purpose, scope, assessment process, and endorsement process for the Readiness Package (R-Package);

2. The PC, through Resolution PC/14/2013/1, adopted the R-Package Assessment Framework;

3. Belize has: (i) prepared an R-Package, (ii) carried out a national multi-stakeholder self-assessment process, using the R-Package Assessment Framework; and (iii) provided the information for each of the nine subcomponents of the R-Package Assessment Framework, in accordance with Resolution PC/14/2013/1;

4. A Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) expert and the World Bank have reviewed the national multi-stakeholder self-assessment process carried out by Belize and the information submitted by Belize;

5. The PC acknowledges the extensive efforts made by Belize and Belize’s readiness progress achieved to date;

6. Section 6.02 of the Rules of Procedure of the PC authorizes the FCPF Facility Management Team (FMT) to determine that certain action required or permitted to be taken at a PC Meeting may be taken without a meeting through electronic means on a no-objection basis in accordance with the procedures set forth in Sections 6.03 through 6.05 of the Rules of Procedure of the PC (No Objection Process); and

7. The FMT has determined that the decision to endorse Belize’s R-Package shall be considered without a PC Meeting following the No Objection Process.

The Participants Committee,

1. Decides to endorse Belize’s R-Package; and

2. Encourages Belize to continue with its readiness process, including implementing its work program, and to take into account issues raised by the TAP expert and the World Bank (as listed in the Annex to this Resolution).
ANNEX

List of Issues

- Continue to address the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation.
- Continue to address gaps, including in terms of data and internal capacities, as they related to REDD+ programming, implementation mechanisms and administrative and operational systems.
- Continue broad public consultations on REDD+ with diverse stakeholders, including women and indigenous peoples, especially in the development of Benefit Sharing Mechanism (BSM).
- Continue the development and updating of the Feedback Grievance and Redress Mechanism (FGRM), the REDD+ Safeguards Information System, the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) and National Forest Management System (NFMS) and Monitoring Reporting and Verification (MRV) System.
- Complete land tenure assessment and continue the implementation of Belize's Updated Land Use Policy.
- Continue improving stakeholder engagement processes and expand awareness building and communication activities.