

REDD Readiness Progress Fact Sheet

COUNTRY: DRC

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1. R-PP Implementation and FCPF Readiness grant

- **Around USD 800,000 of the FCPF grant has been disbursed to date.**
- **The National REDD Coordination has prepared a USD 9 million project proposal to raise additional funds for the implementation of the R-PP. Contacts with donors are ongoing. The country expects to submit a request of additional funds to the FCPF by the end of 2012.**

2. National REDD Readiness Management Arrangements

- **National REDD Coordination operational, with over 15 technical staff**
- **National REDD Committee and Interministerial Committee operational.**
- **Provincial REDD Focal Points have been identified for all 11 provinces to spearhead the province-level REDD+ dynamics.**

3. Stakeholder Consultations and Communication

- **The ‘Information, Education and Communication’ Cell at the National REDD Coordination is active, with two full time staff.**
- **The Second REDD+ University was organized in Kinshasa in September 2011, bringing together over 800 participants for 10 days of intense discussions on REDD+ topics.**
- **In-depth consultations on the design of REDD+ Strategy continues through the Thematic Coordination groups (*see below*).**

4. REDD Strategy Preparation

- **Thirty (30) “Thematic Coordination Groups” (TCG) covering sector-based and cross-cutting options to fight deforestation and forest degradation in DRC were constituted. They are led by a representative from the public administration, facilitated by the REDD Coordination, and supported by various stakeholders. The TCGs have started their work gathering 350 people and will feed into the REDD+ Strategy. Recently, some of TCGs have been merged to ensure more effective work.**
- **The seven pilot projects financed by CBFF (Congo Basin Forest Fund) are under implementation.**
- **The FIP investments are under preparation by the World Bank and the African Development Bank, following the Investment Plan approved by the FIP Steering Committee in July 2012.**

5. Implementation Framework

- **An options paper on benefit sharing has been prepared by national consultants.**
- **The UNDP has prepared and consulted on ToRs for the creation of a Multi-Donor Trust Fund, to manage early REDD+ financing to the country.**
- **The accreditation and validation process for REDD+ projects in DRC was adopted formally by the Government in the form of a Decree issued on February 15. It institutionalizes the process whereby actors interested in initiating a REDD+ project in DRC have to comply with before getting an authorization from the Ministry of Environment. It also formally established the national REDD+**

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registry.

- The national registry for REDD+ projects is at advanced stages of design. The registry serves as a database of all REDD finance and activities ongoing in the country, including those projects targeting carbon transactions in the voluntary market.

6. SESA

- The firm hired to lead the preparation of the SESA and ESMF in DRC (AGRECO) is conducting its work. The proposed methodology has been adopted by the National Committee for Social and Environmental Risks and Benefits.
- The National Committee for Social and Environmental Risks and Benefits for REDD has been formally created and all members nominated. The Committee is operational.
- CSOs have prepared the National Social and Environmental Standards for REDD+. A procedure manual for the application of these standards is currently under preparation.

7. Development of a Reference Scenario

- The Ministry of Environment, through its National REDD Coordination, signed a contract with the National Statistics Institute to support the National Household Survey. The REDD Coordination worked with the Survey team to make sure the surveys covered issues relevant to REDD+ (such as wood consumption in rural zones, areas under agriculture cultivation, etc.). This exercise will provide a wealth of data for the establishment of the national reference scenario, contributing to the 'national circumstances' aspect of reference scenario.

8. MRV

- The National System for Forest Monitoring in DRC has been prepared and is online.
- Capacity building efforts (mainly targeted at DIAF, at MECNT) continue.
- GIS/Remote sensing-lab equipment purchased.

9. Other