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Dear Mr. Tshering,

Following upon our electronic communications, we would like to formally thank you for sending Bhutan's request to participate in the UN-REDD Programme. The UN-REDD Programme welcomes Bhutan's request and is pleased to start collaborating with your country on REDD+ readiness. Please allow me to detail what Bhutan's participation in the Programme entails.

Bhutan will have access to our online community of practice through its collaborative workspace ([www.unredd.net](http://www.unredd.net)). The person designated as "knowledge focal point" in Bhutan's application form, and all relevant colleagues as per your suggestion, will be provided with a unique username and password to access the online workspace. The workspace acts as a knowledge sharing tool where you will find past and current information about REDD+ readiness activities, key documents, contact information, discussion fora, a calendar of events, meetings, mission and workshops, and other information tools. A short personalized online training will be scheduled to enable Bhutan to share information about its own REDD-related activities directly through this tool.

In addition, Bhutan will receive sponsorship to attend regional training sessions and workshops where possible, and be placed on the UN-REDD Programme's mailing list for key documents and information emerging from the Programme's body of work. We can also offer you access to our satellite imagery archives and the opportunity to participate in technical workshops that the Programme is supporting at a global level.

We have sent a request to our Policy Board to have Bhutan invited to participate as an observer at the next meeting, and have received an approval on non-objection basis. We will be communicating with you in September regarding the details of the next meeting.

Regrettably, we do not have funds available at this time to support national REDD+ readiness activities in Bhutan. We are however pursuing several funding options which we hope will allow us to expand the nature of our support on REDD+ to Bhutan in the future. In the meantime, we are very keen to support the exchange of experiences and engage with you on REDD+ readiness process.



Our UN-REDD Regional Coordinators, based in Bangkok, whose contact information is appended below, are also available to provide advice and assistance on coordination of REDD+ readiness activities in Bhutan. Experience in several countries has demonstrated that considerable cost efficiencies can be achieved through careful consideration of how existing and planned forest sector initiatives can contribute to REDD+ readiness.

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