



### 1. PLANNING THE NS/AP DESIGN PROCESS

Do you have a Roadmap for preparation of a NS/AP? ( No, but under development )

The analytical work carried out / planned

- Institutional analysis / Drivers study / PAMs listing and prioritization (ongoing);

The coordination mechanism proposed (technical working groups, workshops, etc.)

- One national consultant supported by the CTA + workshops and face to face meetings. Issue to set up a Task Force on National Policies and Strategies;

Proposed decision-making, consultation and validation/endorsement processes

- Stakeholders consultation all across the process + regular update + validation workshop (roadmap presentation/ validation + Strategy launch);

Linkages to other elements of the readiness process and other relevant planning processes

- Sections of the roadmap on NFMS, Funds management and institutional arrangements / FRL, safeguards discussions not yet started.

### 2. ANALYZING DRIVERS OF DD, AND OTHER ANALYTICAL WORK

Have you conducted analyses of drivers of deforestation and forest degradation? ( Yes )

How consensus was/is planned to be ensured among stakeholders

- Regular consultations and presentation/validation workshop

Were indirect drivers studied?

- Yes

Do you have or plan to quantify the GHG impact of the main drivers?

- No, will discuss it with our MRV team

### 3. SHAPING THE STRATEGIC VISION FOR REDD+

Have you identified how REDD+ fits with broader development objectives? ( Yes )

Main linkages to the broader legal and planning framework

Here is the agreed vision for REDD+ in Sri Lanka:

#### **Beyond forests, sustaining life and livelihood in a greener Sri Lanka**

How REDD+ will contribute to improving sustainable land management to maximize environmental services, conserve biodiversity maintain economic growth and minimize risks of natural disasters through a stepwise, decentralized and nested approach.

Scale: National scale with sub national interventions



Priority drivers selected: 4 main drivers:

- Infrastructure development projects
- Large scale agriculture ventures
- Illegal occupation of forested lands
- Multiple localized degradation drivers

#### **4. IDENTIFICATION AND SELECTION OF PAMS**

Have you designed a preliminary set of PAMs for REDD+? ( Yes )

As our list of candidate PAMs is very long... we attach it in a different document.

How were these PAMs identified?

- Preliminary PAMs from the Drivers study
- Need to update that list
- 2 day workshop with 30 stakeholders on PAMs listing (from the 4 drivers, development of problem and solution trees)
- Prioritization process ongoing (using a Multi Criteria Analysis)

#### **5. IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK FOR REDD+ IMPLEMENTATION**

Have you designed an implementation framework for your NS/AP? ( No )

- Still under discussion;
- Need to wait for more clarity in the prioritized PAMs to better understand the Sri Lanka REDD+;
- Will come directly after the prioritization process (in parallel to the Public Fund Management study).

#### **KEY CHALLENGES**

- Country leadership – without a high political buying/support/ownership, REDD+ cannot work in a country. What are the lessons learned, good practices, experiences, advices that a country like Sri Lanka can benefit to ensure this crucial support? In other words, how shall we approach the higher political level? How do we sell REDD+ to a President? REDD+ costs and benefits?
- Full stakeholder participation in the Strategy development – without a broad stakeholder involvement in its preparation, there is a risk that a REDD+ strategy won't be approved or followed. What are the lessons learned, good practices, experiences, advices that a country like Sri Lanka can benefit on this point? How can we keep the momentum of the stakeholders without giving them any direct benefits? How to acknowledge and value their participation?
- Fundraising – without clear financial commitments, our REDD+ strategy will never be implemented. What are the lessons learned, good practices, experiences, advices that a country like Sri Lanka can benefit from more advanced countries? How do you promote your REDD+ strategy to international donors/funds? What are the tendencies (requirements, potential) regarding bilateral agreements? What can we do for more visibility on our REDD+ Strategy?
- PAMs monitoring – is there any work done so far on monitoring of PAMs?
- Better understanding of the links between FREL and REDD+ Strategy – how the FREL impact the Strategy?

#### **LESSONS LEARNED**

- The succession/order of activities is very important;
- REDD+ roadmap/strategy development is country specific;
- Seek for political support should be a priority – starting from the beginning of the readiness phase.

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