**Aide Memoire**

**Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and**

**Inspector General Forests, Ministry of Climate Change, Pakistan**

for implementation of UN-REDD Programme “Support to National REDD+ Action (Global Programme Framework 2011-2015), Targeted Support, Work area:
REDD+ Readiness Roadmap development; MRV and Monitoring

FAO is a partner agency within the UN-REDD Programme and is the lead agency in the work area on National Forest Monitoring Systems (NFMS), including Measurement, Reporting & Verification (MRV), under which the programme will deliver the outcome: “REDD+ countries have systems and capacities to develop and implement MRV and monitoring”.. This leadership role is justified through FAO’s in-house capacity in NFMS, MRV and forest information systems in general, including the biophysical, environmental and socio-economic parameters needed by national decision makers, and the management of the Global Forest Resources Assessments (FRA). NFMS for REDD+ will build upon the systems and methods developed in these assessments and other national-level experience, taking into account the requirements under the Cancun Agreements of the UNFCCC and the guidance and guidelines of the IPCC. FAO, together with the other UN-REDD partner agencies UNDP and UNEP, supports UN-REDD member countries in other work areas, contributing to REDD+ Readiness, including the development of national strategies and roadmaps.

The UN-REDD programme makes Targeted Support (TS) available to member countries for demand-driven specific activities under one or more of the UN-REDD Programme’s six work areas. Pakistan is a UN-REDD member country and thus eligible for TS. The Office of the Inspector General of Forests (OIGF, hereinto called party 2), acting as designated National Focal Point for the UN-REDD programme and acting on behalf of Pakistan’s National Steering Committee (NSC) on REDD+, coordinates with all provinces and stakeholders for developing and implementing a national REDD+ programme, in line with the Cancun Agreements and UN-REDD Programme guidance. In this capacity, the OIGF submitted a request for TS to the UN-REDD Programme for its ongoing national REDD+ Readiness Roadmap process and implementation of M&MRV activities under the Roadmap.

The objective of this FAO-OIGF collaboration is to implement activities for REDD+ Readiness Roadmap development and NFMS development, according to the Targeted Support request submitted to the UN-REDD Global Programme. These activities will be implemented through the Service Providers selected by the FAO on the recommendation of the NSC / OIGF on the basis of relevant national and international experience and following a transparent system of selection. The proposals, work plans, progress reports of physical and financial outputs, etc. will be sent to the FAO Responsible Officer, Ben Vickers, FAO ROAP, Bangkok after the concurrence of OIGF.

Signed: Islamabad, Pakistan the of May 2013

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