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| **Back to Office Report: PARAGUAY** |  |
| **Mission period:** August 22-26, 2016 |
| **Purpose of mission:** UNDP GCP International Seminar, Training Workshop and Community of Practice  |
| **Mission members:** Joyti Jyoti Mathur-Filipp; Pierre-Yves Guedez |
| **Documents, materials, resources:** ToR and agenda  |
| **Background:**The GCP has started to work a couple of years ago in costa Rica and is now active working in 10 countries in Latin America (Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Honduras, Peru, Paraguay), Asia and the Pacific (Philippines, Indonesia, PNG) and Africa (Ghana, Ivory Coast). They are involved in the implementation of 10+ projects, and focused on supporting participative processes to help transform food production into a sustainable endeavour.A collaboration between UN-REDD and GCP has started 2 years ago. The detailed outcomes of this collaboration are still to be defined. **Objectives of the mission:*** To better understand the activities and objectives of the GCP, and how to create or strengthen potential linkages with REDD+ efforts.

**Brief summary of the mission:*** August 23rd: field trip
* August 24-25th: GCP training

The training section of this mission (Aug 24-25) was very much focused on the processes linked to the commodities platforms, and not on substance or achievements of the GCP. Specific methodologies to reach consensus, to engage with specific stakeholder, to manage plenary discussions have been shared. The critical role of communication for the GCP and for the platforms has been discussed. And a group discussion to comment an advanced draft of the cocoa action plan of Dominican Republic was simulated. **Findings from the mission:** The discussions during this global training were focused on GCP processes only. Therefore, potential linkages btw the work of GCP and issues such as the SDG, CC mitigation (NDC, REDD) or adaptation have not been discussed from a substantive perspective. They are however several potential linkages in term of processes btw the work of the GCP and REDD, which could easily be explored. This depends if, when and how commodities are relared to deforestation and forest degradation. And these potential linkages will also be conditioned by the timing, i.e the status of each country vis a vis REDD readiness and processes, and the status of the GCP platform. For instance: * the process led by countries to analyze DDFD and the process to analyze agriculture commodities issues;
* the process to analyze and prioritize REDD+ PAMs and the process of defining the commodity action plan;
* the process to analyze these commodity action plans / REDD PAMs from a UNDP standard and REDD+ safeguards perspective;
* ensuring consistency btw all these participative processes, in particular with regard to compliance with the social safeguards of REDD+
* the process to define the financial strategy, implementation arrangement, institutional settings, for the REDD NS / commodity action plan
* the process to monitor PAMs implementation, ensuring compliance with REDD safeguards and UNDP standards.

All these linkages have not been made explicit during the workshop. It could be worth exploring them more carefully, above all if there in a deliberate effort to increase synergies and coordination btw UNDP GCP and REDD teams. **Strategic Issues**GCP is very much focused on participative processes to discuss and improve issues relate to commodity production. They do not have concrete and tangible experience in implementing specific policies or measure that could have been prioritized in a commodity action plan. **Results achieved**The GCP holds a retreat each year in which it brings together its platform partners from country offices, governments and the platform coordinators and some platform staff with the GCP global, regional and country teams. The UNDP REDD+ team has been invited twice in a row to these retreats with the idea to explicitly increase understanding of the work of the two UNDP teams working on similar issues from different perspectives. The understanding amongst the GCP team on the cross-linkages of the work is growing but there needs for more follow-up and understanding about REDD+ PAMs specifically for commodities that are drivers of deforestation.**Expected outcomes and impacts**A growing understanding and knowledge of the inter-linkages between the work of GCP and the REDD teams and ways in which the two can provide support and expertise to countries during implementation of REDD+ PAMs. The impact would be a smoother delivery mechanism at a country level. |
| **Key counterparts**The GCP Global, Regional and Country TeamsThe Government counter-parts working on agriculture and land use |
| **11. Follow up action matrix and action to be taken:** | By whom | Expected completion date |
| 1. Continued collaboration between the two teams
 | Jyoti | On-going |
| 1. Specific examples where the work of the two teams intersect
 | Regional teams | On-going |
| 1. Collaboration on Communication products
 | Jyoti | As needed |
| 1. Collaboration on specific GCF projects, when identified
 | Jyoti | End-2017 |
| 1. Decide on how much efforts should be spent on trying to build synergies and bridges at the global and regional levels, and at the country level, based on experience of collaboration so far, and future opportunities.
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**International Seminar, Training Workshop and Community of Practice**

**Ciudad del Este, Paraguay, 22nd - 26th August 2016**

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| **Monday 22nd** **International Seminar and** **Capacity building for PY Team** **(Optional)**  | **Tuesday 23****Field trip GCP-PY****-compulsory-** | **Wednesday 24****Training GCP****-compulsory-** | **Thursday 25****Training GCP****-compulsory-** | **Friday 26****Day Trip (Optional)** |
| 6:30 am -7.30amBreakfast | 6:30 amBreakfast | 6:30 amBreakfast | 6:30 amBreakfast | 6:30 amBreakfast |
| 7:30 amDepart from Hotel(A Bus is arranged to take delegates and participants to the National University) | 7:30 amDepart Hotel to Cargill | 8.00am How are our National Commodity Platforms doing?  | 8.00am Facilitating consensus | 7:30 amField trip to Iguazú. Falls.(See Logistics Note Options) |
| 8:00 am UNE. Participant Registry8:30 am Opening Remarks Governor, Justo Zacarías 8.40am Jeronimo Laviosa, University Rector8:50 am Opening Remarks Rolando Barros, Minister SEAM  | 8:00 am Visit to Cargill **Objective**: Learn about the industrial processing and trade of soy and this company’s sustainability vision. | 10.30am National Action Plans | 10.30am Engaging specific stakeholder groups & Communications | Field trip to Iguazú. Falls |
| 9:00 am UNDP Res Rep9.10 am Regional Head SENATUR 9.20 am Oscar Ferreiro: Context of the seminar: 9:30 am Andrew Bovarnick: Re-defining competitiveness for commodities10:00 am Kate Botriell: Private Sector Pressures. 10:30 am Soraya Rib: How is the competitiveness of cocoa being improved in DR. 11.00am: Leif Pedersen: The world of environmental and quality certification for commodities.11.30am Rebecca Lake: Sustainable Palm Oil: The process of creating a national certification 12.00 Kifah Sasa: National Action Plans: A National Response: 12:30 am Closing remarks by Paraguayan Ministry of Agriculture Authority12.35 Closing Remarks Oscar Ferriro | 9:00 am-10.00am Transfer to Naranjal10:00 am Naranjal Municipality:Objective: Learn about local government participation and how the root-cause analysis was conducted by local stakeholders.Opening remarks Intendent: Clairton Feix and COPRONAR10:30 am Presentation María Mantinian: Root Cause Analysis for Soy (Process and Results) in English.11:00am – 1.30pm Visit farm to see combined production of beef, soy and forestry.  | 11.30am-National Action Plans (Continued) | 11.30am Engaging specific stakeholder groups & Communications(Continued) | Field trip to Iguazú. Falls |
| 12:40 pm – 1:30 pmLunch with Authorities 1.30pm-2.00pm Transfer to Hotel | 1:30 pm-3.00pmLunch | 12:30 pm – 14:00 pmLunch | 12:30 pm – 14:00 pmLunch | 12:30 pm – 14:00 pmLunch |
| 2:15 pm Training to Paraguay Project Green Team(15 pax team of Project Green, back in the hotel)2.15pm Registry2.30pm Presentations2.45pm The Importance of good communications3.15pm Theory of Change of Green Commodities3.30pm Green Commodities Programme Strategy3.45pm Background of Platforms4.00pm Democratci Dialogue4.15pm Break4.30pm Case Studies5.00pm Wrap Up | 3:00 pm -3.30pm Transfer to Puerto Barra3.30pm-4.30pm Visit Puerto Barra local community Led by Jose Anegui. Objective: Learn about rural livelihoods in soy production landscapes 4.30pm-5.30pm Transfer to Hotel. | 2:00 pmImplementing & Monitoring National Action Plans | 2:00 pmCommunity of Practice Open Space discussions | 2:00 pmDepart to Hernandarias2:30 pmVisit to Guaraní Land Museum.Visit to Hidroelectrica Dam Itaipú |
| Free Evening  | Free Evening | 6:00 pmBus available to restaurant area |  5:15 pm Revision, Wrap up and final remarks | 6:00 pmReturn to Hotel. Free |
| **Note:** For those in Ciudad del Este on Sunday 21st, there is a group dinner arranged at 8pm at the Nobile Hotel restaurant.  |  | 8:00 pmFree | 7.45pm- Transfer to Hotel Acaray for group dinner 8:00 pm Dinner - Farewell | 8:00 pm Optional: Light and Sound Itaipú |

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