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| **Back to Office Report: PARAGUAY** | | |  |
| **Mission period:** May 17-20, 2016 | | | |
| **Purpose of mission:** national workshop on DFFD and PAMs (UN-REDD) and initiation FCPF process | | | |
| **Mission members:**  UNEP: Gabriel Labatte, Juan Ferrando, Judith Walcott  FAO: Angel Parra  UNDP: Pierre-Yves Guedez, Marco Chiu | | | |
| **Documents, materials, resources:** ToR and agenda of the joint mission | | | |
| **Background:**  Since the previous mission (May 2015), María José Mendoza [majomend@gmail.com](mailto:majomend@gmail.com) replaced Dania Moreno as focal point for REDD+ in SEAM (Feb 2016) and Paula Durruty [pauladurruty@gmail.com](mailto:pauladurruty@gmail.com) replaced Damiana Mann as focal point for REDD+ in INFONA (Sept. 2015). Paraguay submitted its [INDC](http://www4.unfccc.int/submissions/INDC/Published%20Documents/Paraguay/1/Documento%20INDC%20Paraguay%2001-10-15.pdf) in December 2015 and its [FREL](http://redd.unfccc.int/files/2016_submission_frel_paraguay_es.pdf) to the UNFCCC in January 2016. The Secretariat of Planning (STP) became the National Designated Authority of Paraguay for the GCF, and in early 2016, started to plan the submission of proposals to the GCF. The *Instituto de Desarrollo* (ID) has been recruited by the UN-REDD NP to consolidate all the analysis related to Drivers of Deforestation and Forest Degradation (DDFD), support the prioritization of the Policies and Measures (PAMs) and the elaboration of their plan of implementation. Eventually, UNDP accepted to act as DP of the FCPF in May 2016.  The present mission is taking place in this context, and will facilitate the transition between Pierre and Marco, who becomes the UNDP REDD RTA for Paraguay.  **Objectives of the mission:**   1. Participate to the national workshop on DDFD and PAMs organized by ID; 2. Revise the progresses and prioritize the last activities to be implemented until the operational closure of the UN-REDD NP scheduled in July 2016; 3. Initiate discussions with UNDP Paraguay and with SEAM about the upcoming FCPF project, underlying the requirements of the Common Approach, assessing the expectations and level of ambition of SEAM vis a vis FCPF and REDD+, sharing views on the possible objectives and content of the FCPF project, and on the need for coordination with related initiatives, mainly GEF sustainable landscape in Oriente and GEF CGP Chaco; 4. Brief STP about REDD+ and the GCF, and the support already provided by UNDP.   **Brief summary of the mission:**   * On May 17th the national workshop on DDFD and PAMs took place, and was attended by approx. 50 stakeholders coming mainly from the environmental sector. After the presentations in plenary, the audience was divided into groups and invited to think and prioritize potential PAMs. * on May 18th and 19th discussions between SEAM, INFONA, FAPI and the 3 agencies of UNREDD took place to assess progresses against AWP and log frame of the NP, and agree about next steps until closure of the NP, including in relation to KM and communication needs. * May 20th was dedicated to discussions on FCPF with SEAM, and on GCF with STP. * Meetings with Cecilia Ugaz, RC in Paraguay, took place at the inception and closure of the mission.   **Findings from the mission:**  Some progresses have been made with DDFD and PAMs but ID will need significant support and guidance, in order to finalize properly and on time its expected deliverables.  It is expected that important inputs from communities and local stakeholders will be provided by CBR+ by July-August 2016. The management of this CBR+ has improved very significantly with the recruitment of a new coordinator for the SGP.  Several actors, mainly related to commodities production (international buyers such as ADM and Cargill, national banks, local producers of soy and livestock), are taking proactive measures contributing to reduce deforestation in Paraguay, as well as to implement the national plan on forestation (INFONA, STP, Vice Minister of Renewable Energy) which aims at reforesting 500,000+ ha in the next 5 years, mainly to contribute to reduce poverty and address issues of energy. Partly due to these efforts, Paraguay has reduced its deforestation quite significantly in 2013-14, compared to the previous 5 years. However, these actors and initiates are not yet connected to the REDD+ efforts. A challenge in a relatively close future will be to assess how and when these stakeholders might be included into the process of elaborating the national REDD strategy, and assess how the REDD efforts should be strategically framed to contribute naturally to these existing efforts.  **Strategic Issues**  If the actual deforestation trend continues as it has been in the last years, then Paraguay might be in a position of seeking quite significant REDD+ RBP in 2018, expected date of submission of its next BUR. Its FREL indicates that annual deforestation evolved as follow: 2005-2011= -415.530 ha/year; 2011-2013= -521.612 ha/y; 2013-2015= -338.080 ha/y.  For the implementation of the upcoming FCPF project, options for collaborating with FAO should be analyzed carefully, given the potential weight NFMS, FREL and SIS might have in this FCPF project.  The new REDD focal points in SEAM and INFONA are both extremely competent, knowledgeable on REDD+ and ambitious for mobilizing resources from different sources in order to support their joint efforts towards reducing deforestation and increasing forest cover in the country. STP and the Vice Ministry of Energy are also very keen on promoting reforestation, as a way to contribute to poverty alleviation and simultaneously increase the capacity of the country to generate renewable energy (40% of energy consumed in Paraguay comes from biomass).  The National Secretary of Planning (STP) is the NDA for the GCF, is currently thinking about promoting the elaboration of 4 concepts to be submitted to the GCF Sec: i) reforestation and poverty reduction, with WB and FAO; ii) resilient cities with IDB, iii) reducing deforestation from commodities with UNDP, and iv) renewable energy with CAF. STP plans to submit proposals i) and ii) in 2016, and start a prioritization process in 2017. STP acknowledged that accessing loans is a significant challenge in Paraguay, and indicated their interest in starting the accreditation process to the GCF in 2017 in order to allow for direct access.  **Results achieved**  The activities to be realized until the operational closure of the NP have been agreed upon, as well as the process to support the work of ID and finalize the draft 0 of the REDD+ national strategy, with the proactive and permanent support of Elido.  The process and timeline for the elaboration of the FCPF prodoc has been defined and agreed upon, as well as its overall orientation, to be now discussed with the Minister of SEAM. In addition to the requirements of the FCPF (SESA, ESMF, GRM) the FCPF should built on the achievements of the UNREDD NP and support i) the elaboration of the next FREL, going beyond deforestation, ii) the implementation of the NFMS, iii) the implementation of the SIS, iv) the finalization of the REDD+ national strategy, articulated with the vision 2030, the SDG, the NDC, the adaptation needs of the country and other national priorities; v) support to mobilize resources for the implementation of this strategy, via GCF and potentially other sources, and potentially vi) the implementation and piloting of PAM prioritized in the draft 0 of the national strategy which are not directly related to soy and cattle productions (already covered by the 2 GEF projects implemented by UNDP). With regards to implementation arrangements, the idea of having one single PMU responsible for the existing GEF sustainable landscape, the upcoming GEF GCP Chaco, and the FCPF, has been discussed as a logical solution to allow from the onset a perfect coordination with a programmatic vision, although some additional thought are required to define the most appropriate project management structure.  Now, the GCF focal point in STP understands much better REDD+, and will probably start discussing with SEAM to better understand the progress of Paraguay and potential in terms of resources mobilization, through the GCF and other sources.  **Expected outcomes and impacts**  As a result of this mission, it is expected that the UN-REDD NP will end on a timely manner in July 2016, with a draft of REDD national strategy and a national interpretation of Cancun safeguards, in addition to the already submitted FREL and the existing National Forest Monitoring System.  Additionally, it is expected that a FCPF prodoc will be elaborated and ready for signature during Q3 2016. | | | |
| **Key counterparts**  SEAM, INFONA, STP, FAPI, | | | |
| **11. Follow up action matrix and action to be taken:** | By whom | Expected completion date | |
| 1. Underlines to SEAM and INFONA the competency of their REDD+ focal points, the quality of their collaboration, and the importance of keeping them in place as long as possible during the next 2 years so the country can indeed be able to seek REDD+ RBP. | Management of UNDP Paraguay | asap | |
| 1. Follow-up on the task agreed upon for the closure of the NP | Roberto L. | Continuous until end July | |
| 1. Discuss with SEAM, INFONA and FAPI about the KM and communication material that could / should be prepared during the closure of the NP | Patricia | asap | |
| 1. Assess available funds to finance KM and communication agreed upon for the closure of the NP | Roberto L. with Cesar and Gabriela | Asap | |
| 1. Assess with FMT the need for updating the R-PP document | Marco | Asap | |
| 1. Prepare R-PP assessment note | Marco | Before L-PAC meeting | |
| 1. Prepare a logframe draft 0 for FCPF, listing possible outcomes, outputs, targets and deliverables. | Marco | June 7th | |
| 1. Schedule follow-up mission to discuss detailed logframe and budget, articulation with ongoing initiatives, management arrangements | Veronique | For 2nd half of July | |
| 1. Support Elido in elaborating the ToC for reducing deforestation in Paraguay, and in completing draft 0 of the national strategy | Marco | continuous | |
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| **12. Distribution list :** Cecilia Ugaz,Roberto Galvez, Veronique Gerard, Eduardo Allende, Elido Ghiglione, Roberto Lopez, Tim Clairs, UNDP REDD LAC, Helen Negret, Matilde Mordt, Carla Zacapa | | | |

## ToR and Agenda Misión Conjunta

## Programa Nacional Conjunto ONU REDD

## Asunción – Paraguay

## 17 – 20 de mayo – 2016

**Antecedentes**

El Programa Nacional Conjunto ONU-REDD (PNC ONU-REDD) Paraguay fue desarrollado a través de un proceso participativo, bajo el liderazgo nacional de la Secretaría del Medio Ambiente (SEAM), el Instituto Forestal Nacional (INFONA) y la Federación para la Autodeterminación de los Pueblos Indígenas (FAPI) y con la cooperación técnica de la FAO, el PNUD y el PNUMA.

La presente misión se ejecuta para dar seguimiento a los resultados y productos elaborados en el marco del PNC el cual se encuentra en su fase final. Además de ello dar seguimiento y participación en el taller de presentación de Propuestas y Medidas (PAMS) para reducir la deforestación, correspondiente al Resultado 2: Primera Versión de la "Estrategia Nacional REDD+" elaboradas de manera conjunta y participativa establecida en el Plan Operativo Anual del Programa.

**Objetivos generales**:

1. Apoyar el trabajo de preparación de las PAMs
2. Evaluación de los avances del PNC – ONU REDD mediante la revisión del marco de resultados del programa.
3. **Objetivos específicos**
4. Apoyar el desarrollo del taller PAMS y revisar los siguientes pasos del trabajo;
5. Revisar el estado de avance del PNC en función del POA 2106 y del Marco de Resultado del PNC y revisar el cronograma de trabajo para la efectiva conclusión del PNC ONU REDD (cierre técnico y financiero)
6. Planificar el inicio de la Evaluación Final del PNC ONUREDD
7. Reuniones de planificación para la culminación de propuesta de salvaguardas y otros elementos
8. **Integrantes del equipo Inter-agencial**

**PNUD:** Roberto López – Veronique Gerard – Pierre Yves Guedez - Marco Chiu

**PNUMA:**  Gabriela Viñales – Juan José Ferrando, Gabriel Labatte, Judith Walcott,

**FAO:**  César Balbuena – Angel Parra

**Programa Tentativo**

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| **Martes 17/05/2016** | | |
| 08:30 – 15:30 | Taller- Desafíos del cambio de uso de la tierra y las políticas de desarrollo para el Paraguay” - Identificación y priorización de políticas y medidas para enfrentar los desafíos del cambio de uso de la tierra considerando los riesgos ambientales, económicos y sociales | Participantes:   * Equipo ONU-REDD/ETN * Equipo Consultor PAMS * Equipo técnico nacional * STP * Agricultura * Gremios * Energía / obras públicas * Proyectos relacionados al tema   Prever conexión Skype para que Arturo y Patricia puedan seguir remotamente. |
| **Miércoles 18/05/2016 - Local: Sala de Reuniones ONU-REDD+, SEAM** | | |
| 9:30 – 10:30 | Sesión I: Evaluación del taller PAMS (interna)   * Revisión de resultados del taller PAMS * Revisión de Resultados de la Consultoría a la fecha. | Participantes:   * Elido + Jorge * Equipo ONU-REDD/ETN * Equipo inter-agencial FAO- PNUD- PNUMA |
| 10:30 – 13:00 | Sesión II: Evaluación del taller PAMS (interna)   * Revisión de resultados del taller PAMS * Discusión sobre siguientes productos y relación con estrategia REDD. | * ID + Elido + * Equipo ONU-REDD/ETN   Equipo inter-agencial FAO- PNUD- PNUMA |
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| 14:00 – 16:30 | Sesión II: Avances ONU REDD   * + Revisión de avances POA2015; estado de actividades e identificación de actividades críticas.   + Actualización de avance general del PNC - ONU REDD" - sobre la base de presentación hecha al CP en OCT 2015. | Participantes:   * Equipo ONU-REDD/ETN * Equipo inter-agencial FAO- PNUD- PNUMA |
| 16:30 – 17:30 | * Discusión sobre temas específicos: * Evaluación final (costeo y calendario); * Productos comunicacionales (\*) * Otros? * Marco de resultados * Calendarizar eventos (Presentación de documentos y resultados del programa, publicaciones, etc.) | * Equipo ONU-REDD/ETN * Equipo interagencial FAO- PNUD- PNUMA * Jose Arturo y Patricia (por skype)   (\*) la reunión sobre productos comunicaciones preliminar podría ocurrir martes a las 16hrs (para aprovechar la presencia de Carmen) |
| **Jueves 19/05/2016 Local : PNUD – UN HOUSE** | | |
| 9:00 – 11:00 | * Reunión Inter- Agencial | * FAO, PNUD, PNUMA * OCR |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | * Reunión de cierre con el ETN | * Equipo ONU-REDD/ETN * Equipo interagencial FAO- PNUD- PNUMA |
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| 14:00 – 16:30 | * Sesión III: Seguimiento a las actividades de Salvaguardas y beneficios múltiples. |  |