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| UNDP_Logo-Blue%20w%20Tagline-ENG | **Back to Office Report****Submitted by:** Clea Paz-Rivera**Title: BTOR mission to Costa Rica** **Date submitted: August 8, 2016** |
| 1. Practice area : BPPS |
| 2. Mission period (incl. of travel days) From : August 2 to: August 5 |
| 3. Type of mission: Official | 4. ClientsFONAFIFOUNDP Costa Rica |
| 5. Purpose of mission Costa Rica has a second targeted support approved in July 2014, and in implementation until December 2016. The TS, at the request of FONAFIFO covered several areas of gaps of their REDD+ readiness process. FONAFIFO developed a first draft of its [National REDD+ Strategy](http://reddcr.go.cr/sites/default/files/centro-de-documentacion/estrategia_reddcr.pdf), which was included as part of the readiness preparation package presented to the FCPF. The mission had the purpose of: * Review the latest version of Costa Rica´s National REDD+ strategy, following a theory of change approach in order to strengthen it and adequately integrate UN-REDD’s TS support to it.
 | 6. Documents, materials, resources * Mission’s agenda
* NRS diagram
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| 7. Mission members Carla Ramirez (FAO); Clea Paz-Rivera (UNDP); Daniela Carrión (UNEP). | 8. CostsUS $ |
| 9. Brief summary of the mission *9.a Findings*.* Despite Costa Rica’s progress on its REDD+ readiness process and advancing in the FCPF’s carbon fund by having its [ERPD](https://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/sites/fcp/files/2016/May/CR-ERPD-May%2024-%202016.pdf) [positively assessed](https://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/sites/fcp/files/2016/May/CR-TAP%20Final%20Report%20May%2030-2016.pdf) by the technical advisory panel, the mission confirmed that there is still significant lack of clarity on drivers of deforestation/potential for increasing carbon’s stocks, and the sufficiency of the National REDD+ Strategy to address them.
* Hence, the mission was devoted to clarify the above mentioned elements, following a theory of change approach, in order to review the NRS, simplifying the PAMs and clearly linking them to the drivers of DD and potential for increasing carbon stocks.
* This exercise resulted in 5 priority PAMs:
	+ Promoting low-emission productive systems
	+ Strengthening fire and land-use change prevention programs
	+ Restoring forest ecosystems and landscapes
	+ Enhancing incentives for conservation and SFM (PES program)
	+ Enabling PAMs related to strengthened capacities for command and control measures, NFSM, participation, and safeguards.
* While UN-REDD’s TS has produced interesting (although fragmented) results, these would only be fully integrated and applied once the NRS is revised

*9.b Results achieved (key outputs)** Revised NRS PAM’s agreed with FONAFIFO (see attached diagram)

*9.c Expected outcomes and impacts** As a result of this mission Costa Rica’s NRS was strengthened and clarify, which will allow them to scale-up the political support to it, and define the financial strategy for its full implementation
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| 10. Key counterparts* FONAFIFO REDD+ Secretariat
* UNDP CO
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| 11. Follow up action matrix |
| Action to be taken | By whom | Expected completion date |
| Finish the relationships in the NRS diagram | FONAFIFO REDD+ Secretariat | 15/8/2016 |
| Present the proposed NRS revision to the head of FONAFIFO and the Minister | Maria Elena Herrera | Last week of August |
| Revise the work plan TS activities (emphasis on financial and NFMS support) to align them to the revised NRS | Carla Ramírez, Daniela Carrión, Clea Paz | Second week of September |
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| 12. Distribution list* UNDP CO: Kifah Sasa
* UNDP-UN-REDD team
* FAO, UNEP REDD+ focal point
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