



# Bangladesh REDD+ Readiness Roadmap Outline

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## Introduction

**Country profile:** Geography, population, economy, brief political history, land use map, system of government,

**Bangladesh and climate change:** Projected impacts, current actions, institutions, international engagement,

**Bangladesh Forest Sector:** Institutional mapping, Current policies/legislation, Programmes and projects, Budget, Investment, Products/markets, Statistics (FRA and other sources)

**Background to REDD+:** Brief summary of REDD+ mechanism, Understanding of the fundamental principles of REDD+

**Relevance of REDD+ for Bangladesh:** Estimated future trends in forestry and land use, Summary of main issues in the forest sector (drivers of deforestation/degradation), Origin of the Roadmap process in Bangladesh and progress to date

## Section 1: National REDD+ Readiness Management Arrangements

**Existing institutional arrangements** (climate change and forests),

- Description of existing institutions relevant to climate change and forests
- Institutional networks, coordination and decision-making (existing legislative and procedural arrangements),
- Projects, programmes, NGOs and private sector involvement in forest sector (potential partners in REDD+ Roadmap),
- Gaps in existing institutional arrangements which REDD+ Readiness must address

**Proposed REDD+ Readiness management arrangements:**

- Proposed institutional setup for management arrangements,
- Adaptation of existing institutions, creation and justification of new institutions (achieved and planned) to fit the proposed arrangements
- Composition and ToRs for: Decision-making body, implementing body, Multi-stakeholder forum, Technical Working Groups; how will they be adapted, created, developed and managed?

## Section 2: Stakeholder consultation and participation

**Stakeholder consultation process to date:**

- Stakeholder mapping: What forest sector stakeholder mapping exercises have been carried out in the past, what were the results, how must these exercises be updated for the REDD+ context, how was this (or will this be) done? Summarise the potential relevance of REDD+ for each stakeholder group, and their potential roles in a national mechanism
- Practical consultation activities already conducted: describe workshops, inter-departmental/ministerial meetings, involvement of new REDD+ institutions (if relevant),

methodologies used, timelines, agendas, participants and summary of results. What was the rationale for these consultations, what were the objectives (with regard to REDD+ management structure, REDD+ strategy) and what gaps (with reference to stakeholder mapping)?

- *Lessons from past consultation processes: including REDD+ consultations to date (as above) as well as other relevant consultation processes*

**Planned consultation processes:** *Development of a long-term, ongoing consultation strategy involving all stakeholder groups. Including:*

- *Awareness raising strategy: How each stakeholder group's specific information needs will be addressed; materials, information delivery methods, activities*
- *Framework for stakeholder engagement: How the REDD+ management structure and other institutions will be used to ensure neutral, transparent two-way feedback during REDD+ Readiness and Implementation? Describe roles of each institution*
- *Consultation activities: Describe workshops, activities and communication materials planned for:*
  - *Management structure development*
  - *REDD+ strategy development*

**Gender inclusiveness:** *Identify gender-specific risks of REDD+ Readiness process in Bangladesh. Describe explicit activities and institutional developments to ensure gender-neutral outcomes.*

**Compliance with principles of Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC):** *Identify experience of Bangladesh institutions with FPIC (if any); describe obligations of Bangladesh government to FPIC in the context of REDD+. Describe explicit activities and institutional development to ensure that adherence with FPIC can be upheld and verified.*

**Grievance Mechanism:** *Describe the rationale for a grievance mechanism for REDD+ Readiness and Implementation and any existing institutional arrangements (government or non-govt). Describe how framework for stakeholder engagement (above) will be utilized to develop an independent, transparent and unbiased grievance mechanism. Describe the steps of the mechanism and its relationship to legislative processes.*

### **Section 3: Development and selection of REDD+ strategies**

**Assessment of land use, forest policy and governance:** *Present an overview of the national situation with regard to deforestation and forest degradation. Outline the key policies affecting the forest sector and the effectiveness of the forest governance system in achieving policy objectives. Assess effectiveness of past and present projects and programmes at achieving policy objectives*

**Initial assessment of drivers of deforestation and degradation:** *Present summaries of past studies of forest sector policies and drivers of deforestation and degradation, distinguishing between proximate and ultimate causes. Describe past consultations on assessments of drivers (if relevant), the methodologies used, and the results, including social, economic, environmental and governance drivers.*

**Forest governance assessment framework for REDD+:** *Describe the analytical process for identifying drivers of deforestation and degradation. Identify the steps involved, the roles of the actors involved, and the consultation process to be employed.*

**Preliminary workplan for assessing REDD+ strategy options:** *Describe past consultations (if relevant) on appropriate strategies for addressing drivers, and the results. Propose a methodology for identifying potential REDD+ strategies and performing analyses of risks, costs and benefits.*

**Feasibility assessment:** Describe methods to analyse the feasibility of potential REDD+ strategies, including the institutional capacity, infrastructure and potential livelihood and conflict-related impacts.

## Section 4: Implementation Framework

**Institutional Strengthening:** Describe what is required to make the REDD+ management structure operational. Outline a proposal for institutional analysis of the overall management structure and the key institutions in the structure with respect to necessary improvements in:

- Governance and decision-making systems
- Communication
- Administration

**Capacity Building:** Describe a process to develop a comprehensive and continuous process of learning for REDD+, including:

- Development of a Competency Framework for REDD+ in Bangladesh: the knowledge and skills required by each stakeholder group in order for REDD+ strategies to be successful
- Design and implementation of a REDD+ Capacity Building Needs Assessment (CBNA): Identifying the gaps in skills and knowledge against the Competency Framework
- Design and implementation of a REDD+ Capacity Building Action Plan: To respond to the needs identified in the CBNA, identifying roles of existing capacity building institutions and the need for new capacity building institutions as appropriate, interactions with initiatives in other REDD+ Implementing countries

**Information Management:** Describe a process to develop supportive communication and information networks for REDD+, including the use of existing forest information systems at national level and international REDD+ networks.

**Policy and Legal Alignment:** Describe a process to review the policies and legislative procedures that are relevant for REDD+ to ensure alignment between sectors, clarity of decision-making processes

**Forest and Land Tenure Systems:** Describe the pattern of forest ownership and use according to statutory and customary law, with particular attention to the territorial systems of indigenous peoples. Outline a system to review statutory and customary land tenure systems for potential conflicts under a REDD+ programme.

**Carbon Rights:** Describe a process for identifying the meaning of carbon rights in the REDD+ context and, if necessary, a process for allocating such rights

**Financial framework and REDD+ resource distribution:**

- Management of REDD+ Resources: Describe existing national-level systems for managing funds for the forest sector, outline a study to identify and define the authority that will receive REDD+ finances, including the role of government and other participants
- Potential partner agencies: Describe potential sources of co-financing for Bangladesh REDD+ Roadmap implementation. Describe a targeted strategy for lobbying and fundraising from each potential partner, and the agencies or bodies responsible for this role.

- *Resource distribution (benefit sharing): Describe a process to explore resource distribution within a REDD+ programme to ensure finances reach stakeholders that can effect the necessary behavioral change.*

**Social and Environmental Safeguards:** *Outline the main risks of REDD+ programmes which safeguards are meant to address. Describe the national and international obligations of Bangladesh to comply with the safeguards according to Annex 1 of the Cancun Agreements. Describe a process to develop a nationally-specific set of Social and Environmental Standards (SES) to ensure that these safeguards are complied with, including:*

- *Formation of a Working Group for developing national indicators for SES*
- *Development of SES indicators, including consultation processes to produce and incorporate feedback on drafts*

## **Section 5: Development of the Reference Level for REDD+**

*Historical data availability on drivers of deforestation and degradation*

*Bangladesh socio-economic, political or environmental circumstances that may affect the development of a reference level or reference emission level*

*Assess feasibility of the REDD+ management structure to develop REL/RLs with regard to institutional and technical capacity*

## **Section 6: Development of the Monitoring System**

*National Definition of 'Forests' in Bangladesh*

*Background data on forest land and carbon stock assessment*

*Description of existing national forest monitoring systems and the gaps that need to be filled during REDD+ Readiness*

*Measuring, reporting and verification (MRV) system for REDD+: what are the objectives of the MRV system and how would it be implemented?*

*National Forest Inventory: How can the MRV system be integrated into the NFI*

*National Greenhouse Gas inventory: How can the MRV system be integrated with the GHG inventory*

*Describe a workplan for development of the MRV system*

*Describe existing monitoring systems for Social and Environmental impacts of development activities and analyse the gaps that need to be filled during REDD+ Readiness in order to meet the monitoring requirements for SES under REDD+.*

***Describe a process for development of a monitoring plan for SES, the roles of institutions within the REDD+ management structure, other actors and measures to ensure transparency and independence of the monitoring system***

**Logframe:**

***Objective, Outcomes, Outputs and Activities under the Roadmap***

***Timeline and Budget estimate for activities identified in the logframe***

