

UN-REDD & FCPF Country Needs Assessment (CNA)

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OBJECTIVE

- Identify *the technical, institutional and financial needs* of UN-REDD and FCPF countries to complete their REDD+ readiness phases (phases I and II) and thereby facilitate the alignment of the programmes and activities of UN-REDD and FCPF with the needs and priorities of those countries.

CNA PROCESS OVERVIEW

- i. Development of and agreement on a *methodology* for assessing country needs
- ii. An *assessment of the needs* of all 52 UN-REDD Programme and FCPF countries, collecting data from the literature and through a remote survey administered to all the countries, with participation of stakeholders such as *IPs , CSOs and the private sector*
- iii. An *in-depth CNA* in 6 selected UN-REDD Programme partner countries – *full stakeholder participation*

THE PROCESS

- Working closely with the Working Group
- Iterative process to develop methodology – inputs from WG members and feedback through conference calls, emails and two formal meetings
- Methodology agreed by the Working Group and ready to move forward

DEFINITIONS AND ASSUMPTIONS

- The original expressions of countries' readiness needs are contained in official documents – RPPs, NPDs, NFPs and others
- The list of “readiness components” in the CNA have been developed based on the relevant UNFCCC COP decisions, the R-PP template (v. 6) components, and the six work areas of the UN-REDD Global Programme.

DEFINITIONS AND ASSUMPTIONS

- NEEDS are here understood as ‘GAPS ‘in support, identified by countries as necessary for progressing towards REDD+ readiness.
- By examining the state of core capacities (systemic, institutional and individual) for REDD+ readiness, needs for support will be revealed – hence the link between “capacity” and “needs” in the methodology

DATA COLLECTION PROCESS

Desk assessment

Review of available information from countries and regions

Collect expert views from technical advisors of UN-REDD/FCPF

Literature review of recent assessments, e.g. GOFC Gold, CIFOR, UNDP, REDD+ Partnership

Analyze data and develop a background report

Remote survey

Send to 52 countries / focal points → stakeholders, complete with guidelines to fill the response matrices (Role of the Focal Point is critical)

Coordination with UN RC/ regional technical advisors for support (UNDP's support critical)

Follow up and support to respondents (including stakeholder participation) in data collection

Collate and analyze collected information

In-depth CNA

Coordination with regional technical advisors/country focal points

Discussion workshops with government and non-government stakeholders during country visits, using questionnaire and matrix

Interviews with key representatives

Analyze collected information, verify conclusions with country focal points

CNA FINAL REPORT

SUMMARY OF OVERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Identifying the top achievements together with the top specific priority needs/gaps requiring support to progress towards readiness
2. Modes for delivering support to address identified needs
3. National versus regional approaches to address identified needs
4. Prioritization of capacity building needs for state and non-state actors
5. Country perspectives on the concept of “REDD readiness” that could feed into ongoing processes

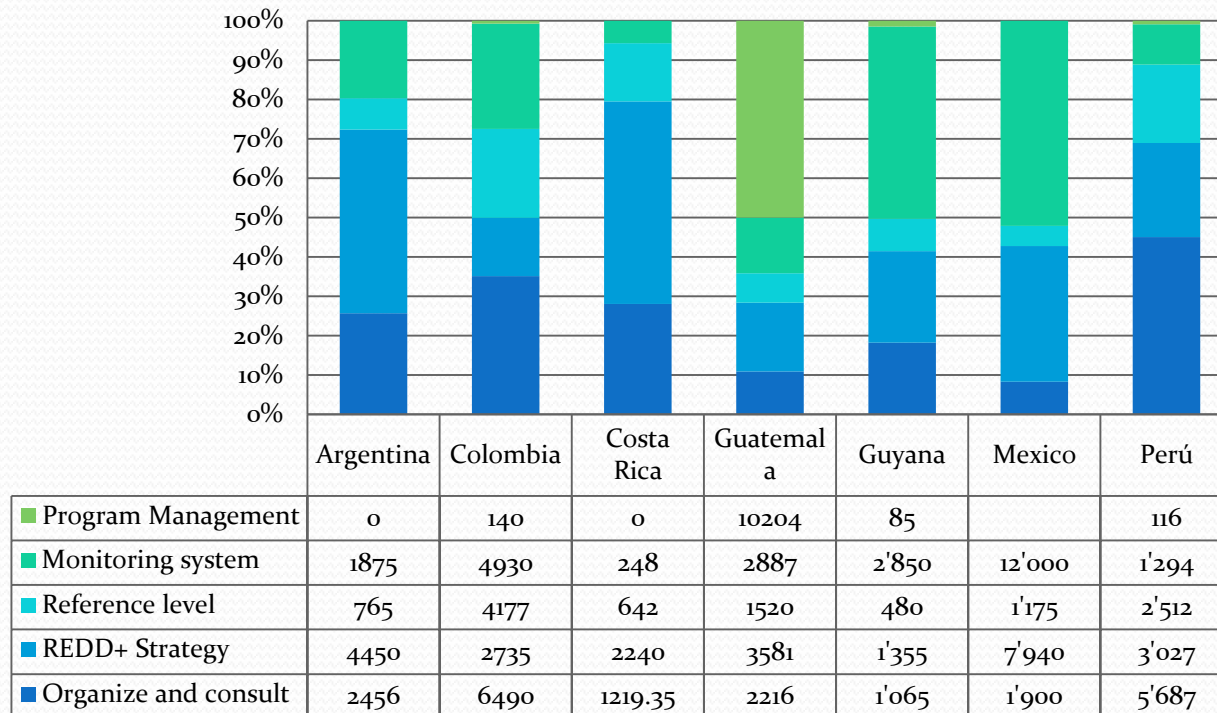
STRUCTURE OF THE RESPONSE MATRIX

- Based on the Cancun Agreement and FCPF-UN-REDD RPP Version 6
- Six components , subcomponents and capacity required to address issues to reach readiness
 - Structure for response
 - Option to add sub-components and needs
 - Include suggestions for considerations
 - [Component 1 in Excel.xlsx](#)

EXAMPLE: BACKGROUND ANALYSIS (FROM DESK STUDY)

- Current budget allocations will be compared with stated needs/gaps for support

Country R-PP budget allocations by component and country in Latin America (in thousand US\$)



EXPECTED RESULTS

- Key needs/‘gaps’ for support identified and presented (as per agreed readiness components; Cancun and FCPF-UN-REDD RPP Version 6 Template) by country, region, and globally
 - Level of urgency, funding needs and benefits for different stakeholders
 - Mechanisms by which the support could be delivered
- Identification of ‘new and emerging needs’ as countries go forward

ISSUES FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- Implications for the UN-REDD Programme and inputs for developing FCPF specific technical support to countries.
- Improved / suitable mechanisms for delivery of support to address needs/gaps
- Opportunities (e.g. for south-south exchange) and challenges that may be identified through the results
- Possible mechanisms to address 'emerging needs' as countries make progress
- Others

COUNTRY SELECTION

The key criteria for county selection were:

- Regional representation (Africa, Asia, Latin America)
- Participation in multilateral REDD+ processes (UN-REDD, FCPF, FIP)
- Readiness stage (no strategy, draft strategy, strategy adopted)
- Readiness finance attained so far
- Forest type (humid forest, dry forest)

Countries: DRC, Tanzania, PNG, Cambodia, Ecuador & Panama

Final selection subject to formal acceptance of a country to participate in the process

TIMELINE

1. Development of methodology in collaboration with the Working Group (January to March 2012)
2. Presentation of the methodology to the Policy Board & Joint Meeting of FCPF PC and UN-REDD PB (March 24-27th 2012)
3. Distribution of remote survey to all UN-REDD & FCPF countries (April 2nd, 2102)
4. Country Visits (April – May, 2012)
5. Initial findings submitted to working group (May 15th 2012)
6. First draft report (May 29th 2012), also distributed to partner countries for their inputs
7. Presentation of final draft to UN-REDD PB + FCPF PC (June 2012)
8. An inter-sessional approval of the final draft by the PB and the PC.

Critical Issue: Support and active participation of partner countries to provide responses, in consultation with and involvement of stakeholders will be crucial

THANKS

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