

# Biography of DRC's REDD+ Strategy

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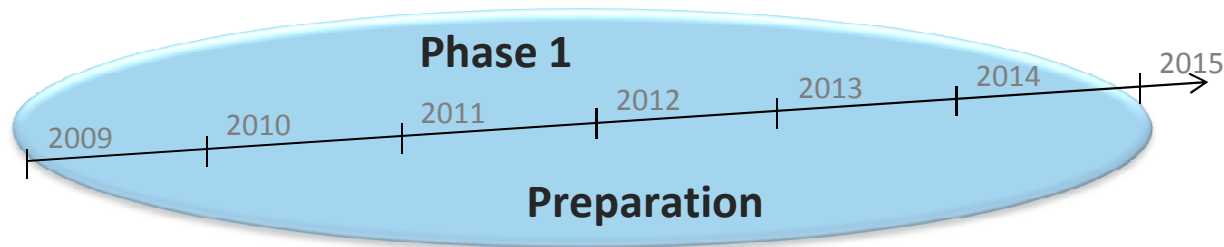
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# The REDD+ Process in the DRC



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*Process launched in 2009, recognised as inclusive & participatory*

**2009: Coord. Structures:**

- National Coordination
- National Committee
- Interministerial Committee
- GTCR (CSO platform)

**2009 :**  
Exploratory study on REDD+ potential

**March 2010 :**  
R-PP approved

**August 2010 :**  
1<sup>st</sup> REDD+ University

**June 2011 :**  
FIP Investment Plan approved (USD 60 m.)

**August 2011 :**  
CBFF Grant for 6 pilot projects (USD 22 million)

**October 2011 :**  
High-level Forum “forest, climate & sustainable development in DRC”

**December 2011 :**  
National Forest Monitoring System launched (MRV phase 2)

**February 2012 :**  
REDD+ projects homologation procedure (preliminary)

**June 2012 :**  
Independent mid-term evaluation

**June 2012 :**  
Provincial deployment

**August 2012 :**  
National consensus on the causes of D&D

**September 2012 :**  
GOBE Initiative (MPs for legal reforms)

**November 2012 :**  
National REDD+ Framework-strategy (with Nat’ REDD+ Fund designed)

**August 2013 :**  
National REDD+ Fund, with Operations Manual & Investment Plan 2014-2017

**Main direct causes**



**Main underlying causes**



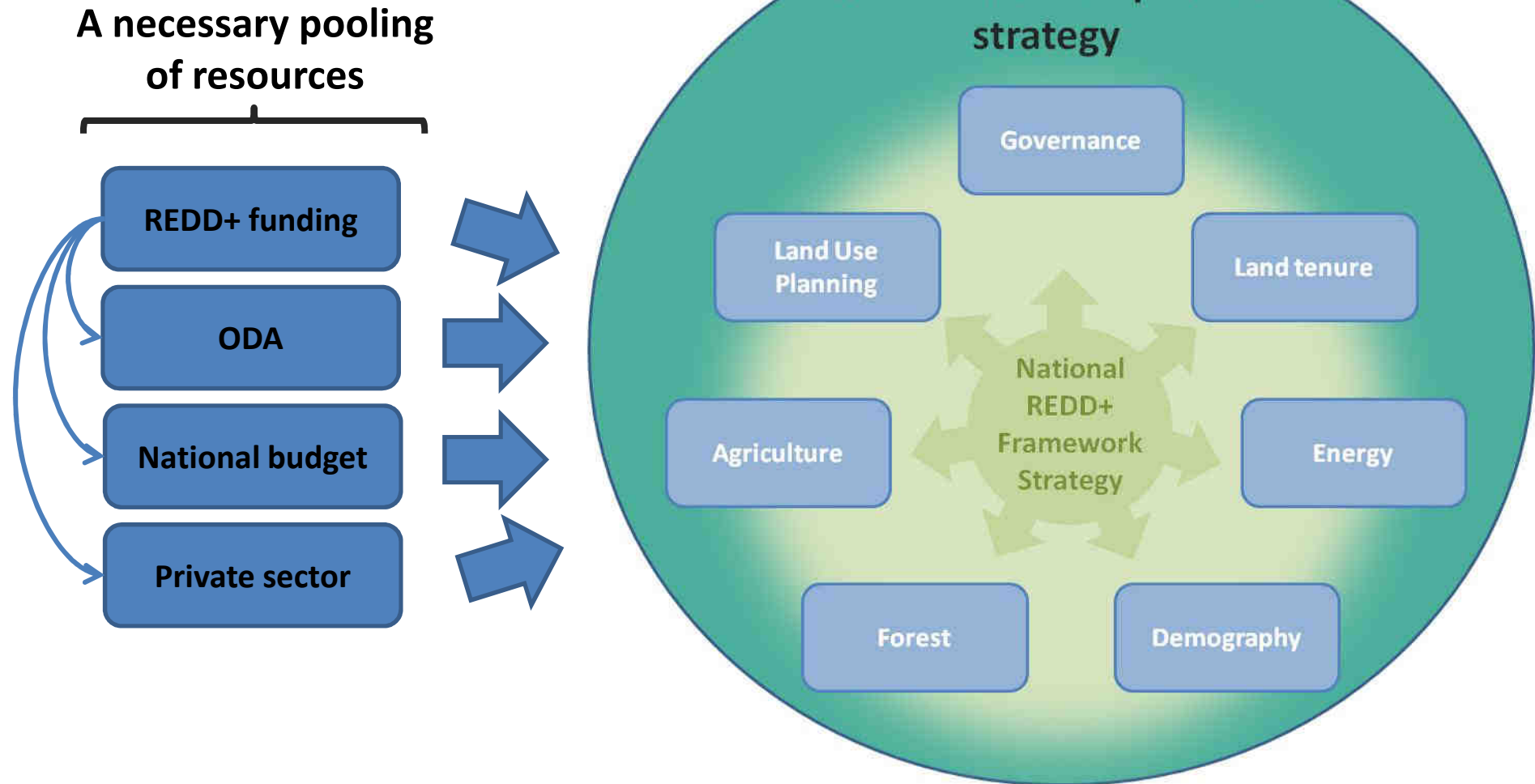
*Need to intervene outside the forest, to conserve the forest !!*



Cross-cutting integration of REDD+ agenda in the development policy of DRC

The analytical work focused on both current and future drivers of deforestation

# A very transversal implementation and the convergence of all efforts



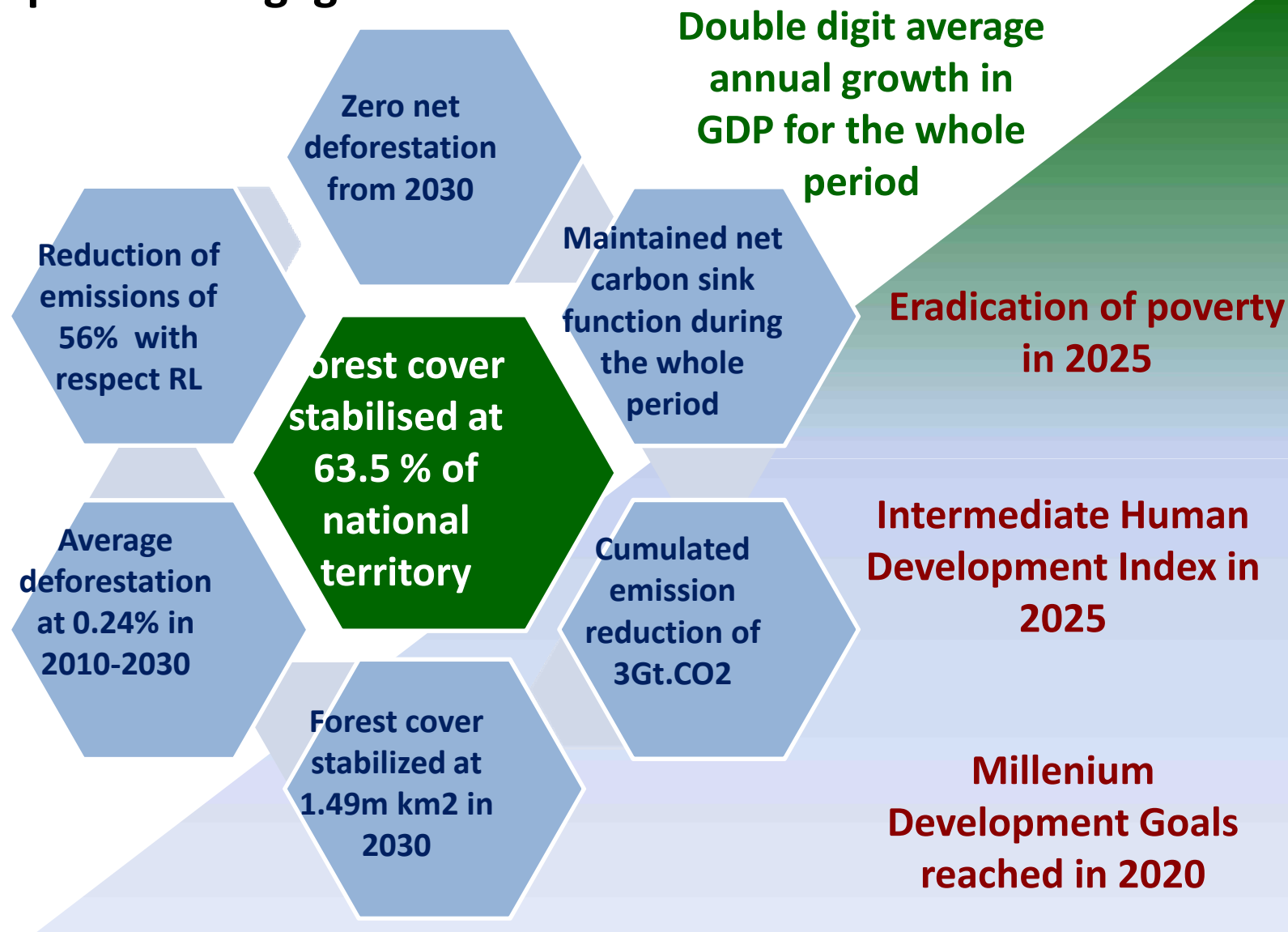
**An implementation largely based on positive incentives & the support of stakeholders for a durable change in practices (Payments for Environmental Services, conditioned to performance)**

## The process for the REDD+ Framework-Strategy

- An entrepreneurial effort, with political, technical and stakeholder consultations
- CN-REDD+, with UN staff support, under regular oversight and guidance of the Minister of Environment himself, and with international & national expertise
- CN-REDD working in close dialogue with the GTCR (civil society platform)
- Views from pilot projects and the private sector integrated
- Around 1,000 stakeholder engaged (only 30% from government)
- 16 thematic working groups (for different strategic options & key issues), countless briefing notes and technical papers circulating all around
- High-level political dialogue, including a high-level forum (several ministers together), draft presentations at CoPs and the like
- Continuous update with, and integration of key donors
- Drafting by experts – as there are many drafting hours involved !!!!



## DRC: The political engagement






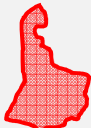
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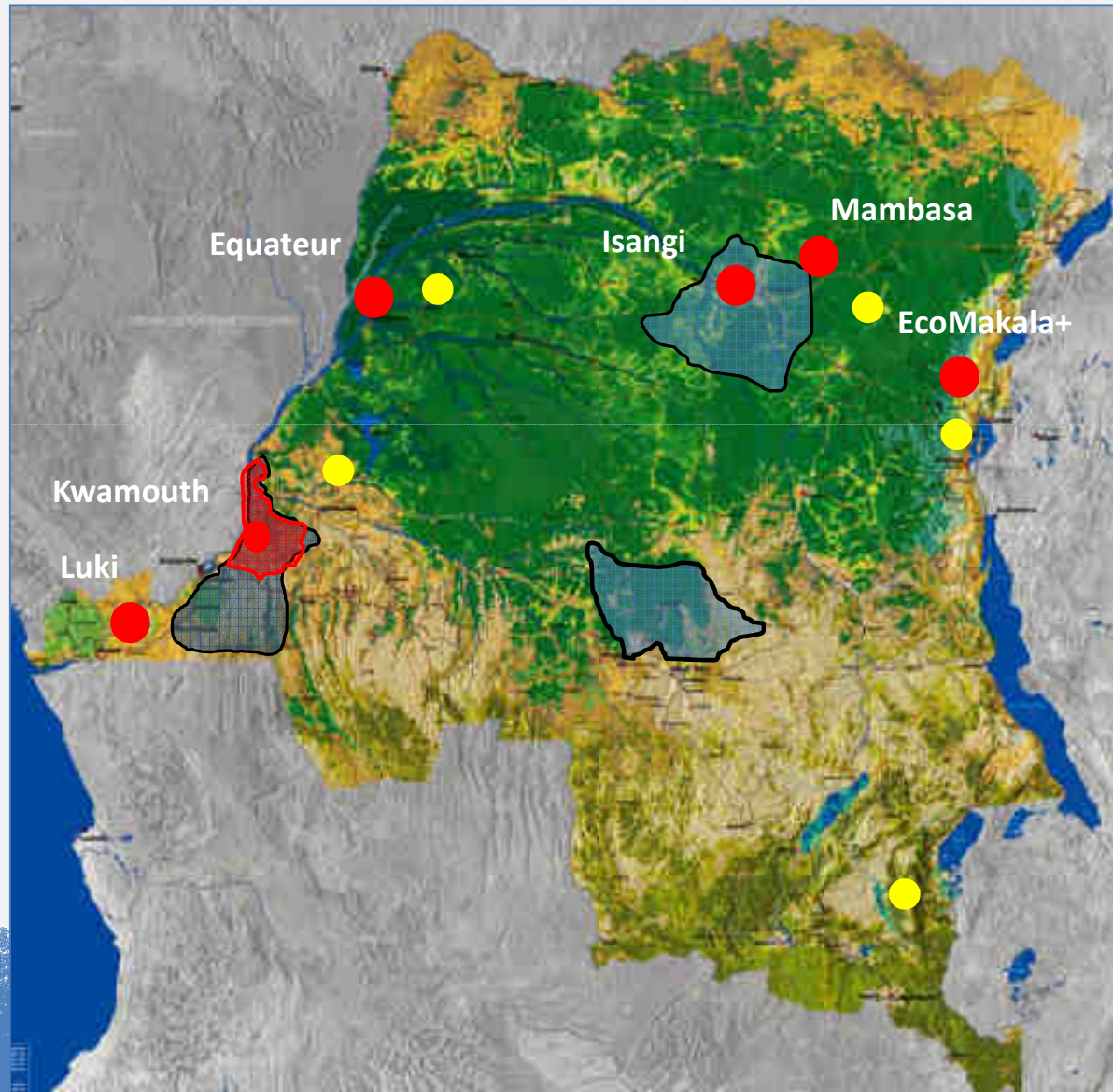
## *The role of the REDD+ strategy*

- Organise analysis, ideas, priorities, roles and functions, with a focus on targets
- Sustain a high-level political dialogue
- Facilitate negotiations with donors & international dialogue
- Influence national development planning and priorities
- Federate national and local projects
- Sustain the design & operationalisation of the National REDD+ Fund
- Provide the basis for a first REDD+ Investment Plan (2014-2016) with a resource mobilisation of a magnitude of US\$ 200 million (ongoing mobilisation process).



## A multi-partner and decentralised strategy

-  Integrated pilot-projects
-  Other pilot-projects
-  FIP investment priority areas
-  Mai Ndombe Emission Reduction Programme Area





# TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION

## NATIONAL REDD+ FUND



**November 2012**

**2012 - 2035**

**REDD+**

**US\$ billions**

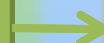


**August 2013**

**2014 - 2016**

**Fund Portfolio**

**US\$ 200m**



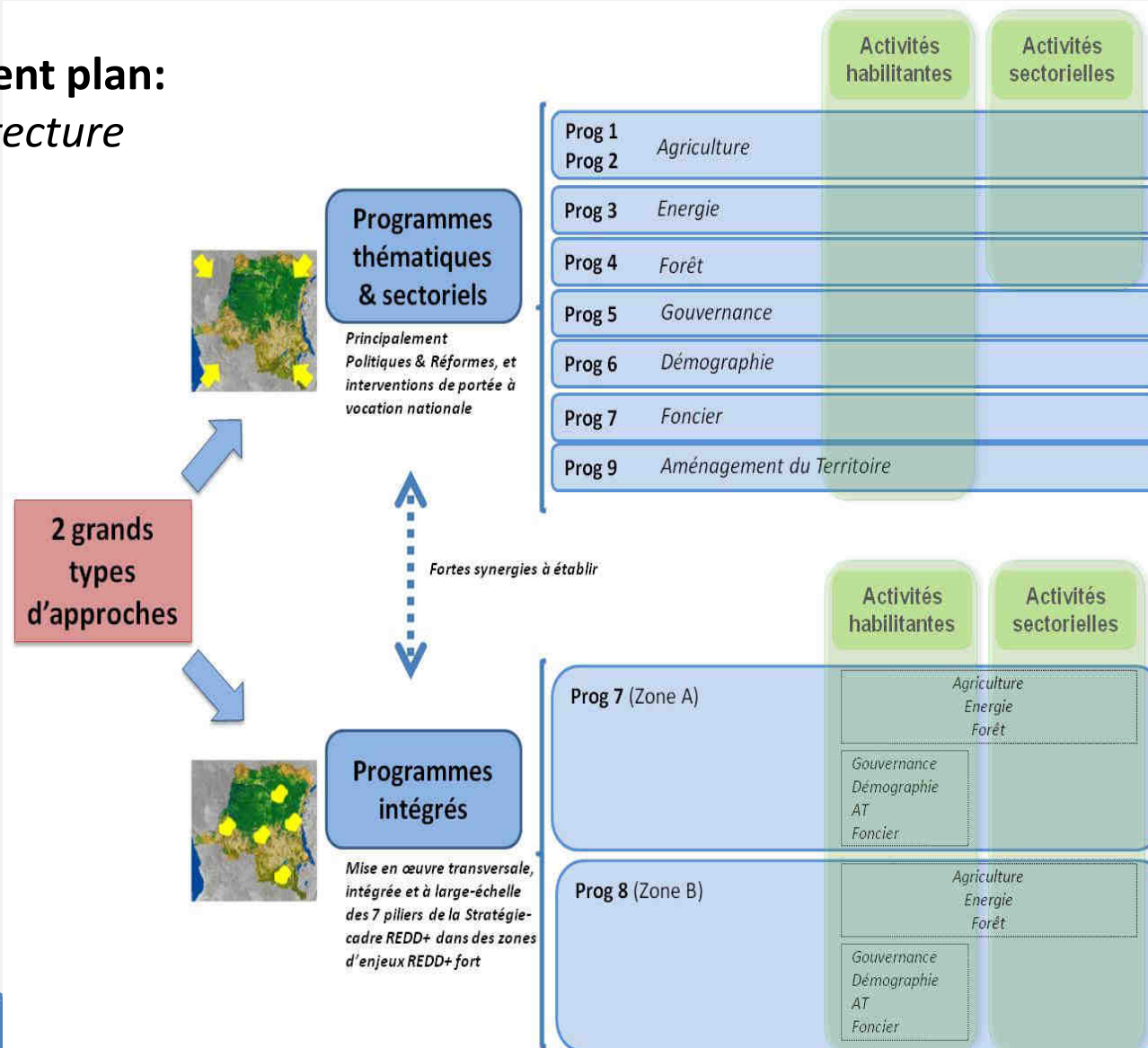
**when Fund capitalised**

**2014 - 2016**

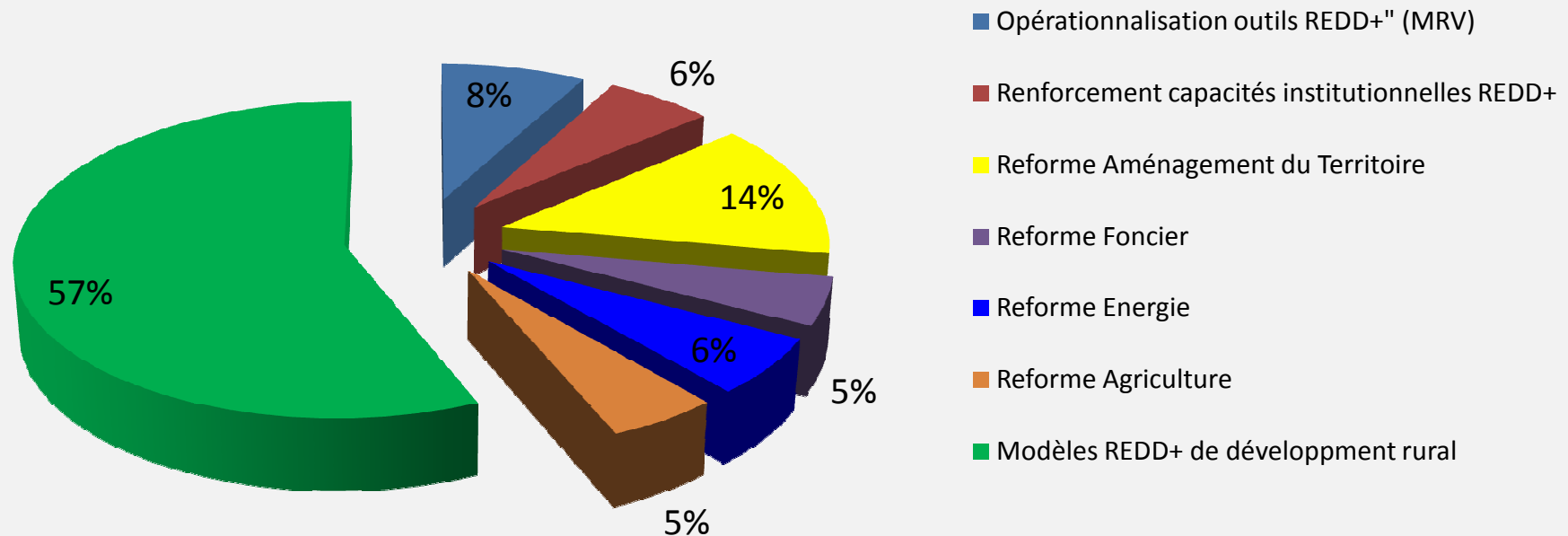
**By Programme**

**≈ US\$ 5-30m per  
programme**

**The investment plan:**  
*overall architecture*



**Forecast of investment portfolio (domains & finance)**



Implementation on the ground: 60 % (approx. 120 M \$)  
 Reforms Land-use planning, Land Tenure, et others : 25% (50 M\$)  
 Capacities and REDD+ Tools (MRV, SISE, etc) : 15% (30 M\$)