

REDD+ Partnership

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This document expresses the intent of the governments present at the Oslo Climate and Forest Conference on 27 May 2010¹ to provide a voluntary, non-legally binding framework for the interim REDD+ Partnership², within which the Partners may develop and undertake collaborative REDD+ efforts. Any country wanting to contribute REDD+ actions or support is welcome to join our Partnership.

1. Background

Reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD+) in developing countries plays a crucial role in pursuing the ultimate objective of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and in holding the increase in global temperature rise below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.

Considerable progress was made on these issues prior to and at COP 15, including the Copenhagen Accord and Decision 4/CP.15 on methodologies for REDD+, the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action on REDD+, as well as through Decisions 1/CP.13 (Bali Action Plan) and 2/CP.13. At a ministerial meeting in Paris in March 2010, further political momentum was gained when about fifty countries called for a REDD+ partnership to be formalized at the Oslo Climate and Forest Conference.

The work of the Partnership will not prejudice but support and contribute to the UNFCCC process. The Partnership would be replaced or subsumed by a future UNFCCC mechanism including REDD+. The Partners reaffirm their collective intent to help establish such a mechanism and to enable the mobilization of financial and technical resources from developed countries in order to scale up the implementation of REDD+ actions. The partners underline the importance of the efforts of the High Level Advisory Group on Climate Finance of the Secretary-General of the United Nations in this context.

2. Objective

The core objective of the partnership is to serve as an interim platform for the Partners to scale up REDD+ actions and finance, and to that end to take immediate action, including improving the effectiveness, transparency and coordination of existing initiatives and financial instruments to increase knowledge transfer and enhance capacity.

3. Partner Contributions

We recognize the critical need to work productively together to achieve our shared objective under the Partnership. Accordingly, we are determined to build sustainable and robust REDD+ capacity in developing forest countries by effectively channeling financial and technical support to effective REDD+ actions and results in accordance with the Partnership principles. We recognize the short, medium and long-term need to provide positive incentives to REDD+ actions.

¹ The Partners are listed in Appendix 1

² Reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries, as defined in Bali Action Plan (1/CP.13).

The developed country Partners among us intend to provide scaled up funding for readiness and capacity strengthening as well as for supporting implementation of REDD+ plans and actions, demonstration activities and payments for results. A pledge was made by six donor countries on the margins of COP 15 in Copenhagen to dedicate a total amount of about USD 3.5 billion as initial public finance over the 2010 to 2012 period to initiate an effort of slowing, halting and eventually reversing deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries, also expressing their willingness to scale up financing for REDD+ thereafter, as appropriate, in line with opportunities and the delivery of results.

Since then, further pledges of support have been made, including at the ministerial meeting on REDD+ in Paris in March 2010 and at the Oslo Climate and Forest conference in May 2010. The total pledges on 27 May 2010 stand at [xxx] billion USD.³

The developing country Partners among us are already planning and undertaking REDD+ actions. Developing country Partners now intend, supported by appropriate and scaled up financial and technical support, to develop REDD+ strategies, build the required capacity and create the enabling environment for REDD+, prepare and implement REDD+ actions and demonstration activities, and provide for the full and effective participation of relevant stakeholders, including indigenous peoples, local communities and civil society, in the design and implementation of REDD+, taking into account national circumstances.

4. Principles of the Partnership

In their actions under the Partnership, the efforts of the Partners will:

- Be focused on *support for developing countries' REDD+ efforts*
- *Be inclusive* to all committed countries as well as representatives of relevant stakeholders.
- Provide *transparency* around REDD+ financing, actions and results.
- Focus on *coordinated delivery of scaled up REDD+ financing* to seek to close gaps, avoid overlaps and maximize effective delivery of actions and support.
- *Consider continuity* with medium and long term finance needs and actions by *promoting linkages* with other relevant processes, including the High Level Advisory Group on Climate Finance.
- *Exchange lessons learned and transfer knowledge* through discussion and presentation of our REDD+ initiatives.
- Seek to ensure the *economic, social and environmental sustainability and integrity* of our REDD+ efforts.
- *Promote the safeguards* provided by the AWG-LCA's draft decision text on REDD+, adjusted by any COP decision on this matter.

5. Organization of the Partnership

To work towards achieving its objectives, the partnership will meet regularly, at senior official or political level depending on the issues at hand, with technical level meetings to address specific issues as appropriate. Meetings will be co-chaired by one developing and one developed country representative respectively, both selected for **[six month][one year]** non-renewable terms through an inclusive and transparent selection process. The co-chairs will report to the partners, and be responsible for soliciting and communicating country views, tasking the secretariat based on guidance from the partnership, and proposing meeting

³ We will include here in final version developed countries' contributions in alphabetical order.

agendas to the partners for approval. When appropriate, co-chairs may draw support from the former and upcoming co-chairs.

We will draw on the knowledge and expertise of The Facility Management Team of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility and the UN REDD Program Technical Secretariat for the provision of secretariat services for the partnership, under oversight of the co-chairs on behalf of the partner countries. Their tasks will include designing and maintaining the REDD+ coordination database, organizing partnership meetings, and providing on request from the partner countries related analyses, reports and papers, as well as providing logistical support. This service will be independent of the normal functioning of the FCPF and UNREDD programme and of their respective organizations. Additional resources will be provided to them for this purpose. Specific tasks could also be undertaken by particular countries if agreed by the Partnership.

We will promote inclusiveness through the participation of a representative group of stakeholders – including indigenous peoples and local communities – as observers to the Partnership. We will also seek timely and significant feedback on REDD+ financing, actions and results from these groups.

Appendix I: The REDD+ Partner Countries

The REDD+ Partnership is open to any interested developing forest country that wishes to undertake REDD+ actions and any developed country that wishes to contribute financially or technically to the partnership efforts. Interested countries may contact one of the co-chairs to join our partnership.

As of May 27, 2010, the partnership included the following partner countries:

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Appendix II: Operational Measures

Consistent with the above, the Partners decide to immediately initiate the following measures:

- *[specify or indicate timing and location of next meeting]*
- *Establish a Voluntary REDD+ Database* – covering significant multilateral, bilateral[, national] and other REDD+ financing, actions and results, building on the initial data collection effort launched by Australia, France and PNG – to improve the transparency and coordination of REDD+ actions and support. The Facility Management Team of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility and the UN REDD Program Technical Secretariat are jointly requested to expeditiously propose a design for the database, in collaboration with partner countries and other stakeholders, for deliberation at our next partnership meeting.
- *Determine the modalities for stakeholder participation* in our efforts at our next partnership meeting.
- *Share lessons, generate and share best practices* regarding significant REDD+ actions and financing, and *promote cooperation* among Partners as well as among multilateral, bilateral and if appropriate national REDD+ initiatives, starting at our next partnership meeting.
- *Initiate efforts to identify and analyze gaps and overlaps in financing* and take steps to address them. A first report could be represented by Australia, France and PNG at our next partnership meeting.
- *Facilitate discussion*, starting at our next partnership meeting, on the effectiveness of relevant multilateral, bilateral and other initiatives.