

# REDD+ Process in DRC

## At the Crossroad

Speeding and Scaling up International Support


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# International support to DRC's REDD+ process: Determining

- So far, DRC has received around 12M\$ to support its readiness process (all fees included, not considering on-the-ground pilot initiatives)
  - UN-REDD: 7.3M\$ pledged and made available, about 2.5M\$ disbursed (March 2011).
  - FCPF: 3.6M\$ pledged, 200K\$ disbursed, 3.4M\$ to be made available shortly
- DRC was also pledged 22M\$ to support on-the-ground pilot projects (CBFF) and between 40M\$ to 60M\$ to enter investment phase (FIP)
- At last, several international partners claim REDD+ related support in various ways (review under way)





# International support to DRC's REDD+ process: Managed efficiently

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- Money is being used efficiently through a unique nationally-led process, and delivers robust results, globally in line with DRC's high level of ambition and international expectations
    - Among core work, 19 projects out of 26 are ahead on schedule or in line with objectives, 7 are delayed and under close supervision
    - Components 3 (pilot initiatives) and 4 (investment phase) has delivered tangible outcomes, highly supportive to the readiness phase (registry, accreditation process, national fund, empowerment and capacity building...)
  - DRC works quickly to improve and secure long-term conditions for efficiency: Governance studies, national REDD+ registry of funds and activities, national REDD+ fund, accreditation process...

# International support to DRC's REDD+ process: Insufficient

- REDD+ process is complex. Managing numerous projects in an adaptive manner is key. Readiness plan keeps evolving as it moves forward
- A fully participative process is the only relevant way for REDD+ in DRC. The need for capacity building and participation is more costly than first assessed in R-Plan
- Coordination of current support from partners in the country offers significant levers but takes time to speed up





# International support to DRC's REDD+ process: Speeding and scaling up

- The readiness phase is expected to cost 28.5M\$
  - 7.8M\$ are requested urgently to keep implementing the R-Plan, to secure the national momentum and to keep the process on track through:
    - Province decentralization
    - Participative REDD+ Strategy building
    - Increased capacity building
  - Current efforts to review partners programmes and detail operational work plans are expected to match needs and resources already available. Funding gaps are to be closely watched over on three key projects:
    - Carbon MRV (short term)
    - Risk and cobenefits MRV (medium term)
    - Implementation framework (implementation phase – medium term)
- Beyond readiness phase, clear commitment from international community must support DRC's investment phase shortly



# At the frontline: DRC calls for an urgent 7.8M\$\* support to keep the process on track



outcomes (R-PP)	key action	indicative activities	Expected results	Timeline			Budget requested (US\$)
				Sem.2 2011	Sem.1 2012	Sem.2 2012	
A national REDD+ strategy in the 2030 horizon is constructed in a participatory manner and ready to take off	Strengthening capacities and mobilization	IEC campaign, capacity and consultations in the territories	One-week thorough REDD+ seminar in each of 144 territories of DRC				\$1 860 000
		Specific civil society readiness plan	Civil society is ready (capacities, organisation, legitimacy) to accompany REDD+ implementation	X	X	X	
		Production, implementation and dissemination of IEC tools	Community-based radio network, movie, song, IEC sketches...				
	Building REDD+ strategy through an exemplary process	Targetted studies and consultations	30 sector-based strategies and operational programmes produced by 30 TCG in a fully transparent, participative and robust manner; 400 key people from all stakeholders engaged and capable	X	X		\$3 000 000
		On-the-ground missions					
		Training and capacity building					
		Thematic Coordination Groups meetings					
	Decentralising REDD+	Management and coordination of the provincial process	DRC's 11 provinces are ready to implement REDD+ at their level with local capacities and organisation, connexion to national registry and MRV tools, and locally-relevant strategy, coordinated and consistent with the national REDD+ strategy	X	X	X	\$2 900 000
		IEC, consultations and capacity strengthening					
		Provincial strategy building and implementation tools					
Support to and coordination of pilot projects and anticipated programmes							
Administration fees							\$931 200
<b>Total</b>							<b>\$8 691 200</b>

\* DRC requests an overall US\$8.691K, with US\$7.76M for operations and 931K\$ for administration fees



# Conclusion: DRC at a crossroad

- **A country firmly engaged on the path to development**
  - Enormous mining resources
  - Asian investment and infrastructure development
  - Potentials and challenges for agriculture
  - Political stabilization
- **REDD+ as the only lever for a truly sustainable development, responsible both socially and ecologically**
  - A complex, and naturally imperfect, transformation process
  - National forces ready to engage
  - International funding, a crucial indicator of credibility
- **The place that REDD+ holds in the post-electoral national development strategy will be largely determined by the credibility of international funding.**  
**We have one year to act.**