







# UN-REDD Template for Expression of Interest to Receive National Programme Support

UN-REDD PROGRAMME THIRTEENTH POLICY BOARD MEETING

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# UN-REDD Programme – National Programmes Expression of Interest Template

As per the Policy Board decision taken at its 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, the process for selection of National Programmes will be undertaken on the basis of Expressions of Interest (EOI) to be assessed by the Policy Board Working Group. The Working Group comprises of one representative of each: (i) partner country; (ii) donor country; (iii) CSO; (iv) IP; (v) agency, with the UN-REDD secretariat providing secretariat support to the working group.

The present format is intended to summarize and harmonize all submissions of Expression of Interest in order to enable the Working Group undertake a fair assessment. The rating will cover all the criteria indicated below as well as completeness and clarity.

The EOI is not to exceed 5 pages, however links to or files of additional supportive documents for consideration by the working group can be annexed to the EOI.

## 1. The vision of REDD+ for the country

Please indicate if there is a vision for REDD+ in the country, if and how it is foreseen to contribute to national priorities and goals and if there are any existing documents that can be referred to. Should the country not have a vision for REDD+, please indicate if there is are any associated visions — e.g. on climate change, forests or ecosystems.

Should a R-PP, readiness road map or other framework document be available, please indicate this here and provide a link or the document in attachment if so desired.

#### 2. Current status of implementation of readiness (through national and international resources)

Please provide a summary of existing efforts towards readiness supported via national and international resources, providing the area of readiness supported (e.g. MRV, National REDD+ strategy etc...), associated resources (financial and human) and name of the partner.

## 3. Proposed niche for the UN-REDD Programme support in country

This section intends to delineate where the country sees the contribution of the UN-REDD Programme as a contribution to its readiness efforts. These can be provided against the following aspects:

- National REDD+ strategies and Action Plans
- National Forest Monitoring Systems
- Reference Emission Levels/Forest Reference Emission Levels
- Safeguard Information Systems
- Others may include supportive processes as envisaged by the country.

# 4. Funding needs to support the readiness process

If the country has already estimated its readiness funding needs either through a R-PP or any other budgeting exercise, please provide here the total estimated funding needs as well as an estimated

budget that would be foreseen for support from the UN-REDD Programme should the EOI be retained. This can be an overall estimate or provided against the five areas of support indicated above.

## 5. Self-assessed absorptive capacity

Please provide here an assessment of the number of staff currently dedicated to REDD+ issues, the national and development assistance budgets expended per year and development assistance received on REDD+ and non-REDD+ projects and managed by the implementing partner. This should provide an indication of the estimated annual disbursement capacity.

#### 6. Timeline for submission:

Taking into consideration that National Programmes are considered for approval twice per year at Policy Board meetings and that the requirements for submission include:

- An R-PP or equivalent framework document delineating the country's readiness needs and processes
- A multi-stakeholder validation of the above
- A budget prepared in accordance with the UNDG guidelines

PB 14 is to be held end of May 2015, NP documentation should be submitted by end of April 2015 PB15 is to be held in November 2015, NP documentation should be submitted by end of October 2015

Please provide here your own assessment of which PB meeting you would be aiming for.