

Joint Meeting between the UN-REDD Policy Board and FCPF Participants Committee

Provisional Agenda

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Granados Park Hotel, Avenida 15 de Agosto y Estrella, Asunción, Paraguay
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07:00	Breakfast
1. Opening	
08:30	1a. Welcome and opening remarks i. Welcome by the Co-chairs (Rodrigo Mussi, Paraguay and John Verdick, United States) ii. Welcome by FCPF and UN-REDD (Benoît Bosquet and Yemi Katerere) iii. Remarks by Minister Oscar Rivas, Minister of the Environment, Paraguay iv. Brief report on PB8 (Yemi Katerere)
09:00	1b. Review and approval of meeting agenda
2. Progress in Harmonizing Support for National REDD+ Readiness	
09:15	2. Lessons learned from designing and implementing National Programmes and Readiness Preparation Proposals (facilitated by Clea Paz) i. Panel (panelists TBD)
10:30	Coffee break
3. Enhancing Technical Support to Countries	
10:45	3a. Update on Country Needs Assessment (Thais Linhares-Juvenal, Neeta Hooda and Harrison Kojwang, Consultant)
11:30	3b. Definition of Readiness: Update on Readiness Package and FCPF/UN-REDD Collaboration (Alexander Lotsch and Clea Paz)

12:00	3c. Enhancing support for engaging CSOs, Indigenous Peoples and other forest-dependent communities in the REDD+ readiness process (facilitated by Charles McNeill) i. Update on the joint FCPF/UN-REDD Stakeholder Engagement Guidelines (Charles McNeill) ii. Update on the UN-REDD Programme's FPIC Guidelines (Nina Kantcheva) iii. Update on FCPF regional and global dialogues with Indigenous Peoples (Soikan Meitiaki) iv. Mapping of FCPF, UN-REDD and FIP activities supporting CSOs, Indigenous Peoples and other forest-dependent communities (Haddy Sey, Nina Kantcheva and Joshua Lichtenstein) • FCPF CSO capacity building program • Future joint FCPF/UN-REDD work on Indigenous Peoples consultations and capacity building v. Update on self-selection processes of Indigenous Peoples (UN-REDD) and CSOs (UN-REDD and FCPF) (UN-REDD TBD, Chris Meyer)
13:15	<i>Lunch</i>
4. Readiness Knowledge Exchange	
14:15	4a. Knowledge exchange on community-based MRV, including work done by UN-REDD and FCPF, and country experiences i. Introduction and facilitation (Alexander Lotsch and Haddy Sey) ii. Panel (Nepal, Tanzania, Vietnam) iii. Participatory Forest Monitoring (Danilo Mollicone)
15:15	4b. Addressing land tenure in the context of REDD+ (facilitated by Yemi Katerere) i. Panel (panelists TBD)
16:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16:30	4c. Lessons of PES for REDD+ benefit distribution systems i. Introduction and facilitation (Leonel Iglesias and Tim Clairs) ii. Panel (Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, Vietnam)
5. Other Updates	
17:30	5a. Update on joint paper developed between FCPF, FIP, GEF and UN-REDD secretariats (Benoît Bosquet)

17:45	5b. Presentation of draft advice on REDD+ biodiversity safeguards, and proposed indicators for impacts on biodiversity and indigenous and local communities (Tim Christophersen, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity)
6. Closing Business	
18:15	6. Summary, dates and locations of next meetings, and closing remarks (Benoît Bosquet and Yemi Katerere)
18:30	<i>End of meeting</i>
19:30 TBC	<i>Departure for dinner for FCPF and UN-REDD participants, hosted by the Government of Paraguay</i>

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Annotated Agenda

Session 2 (Lessons learned from designing and implementing National Programmes and Readiness Preparation Proposals)

To date, 14 countries have National Programmes approved by the Policy Board and 13 of them are in implementation as part of the UN-REDD Programme. In addition, 23 have had their R-PPs assessed and allocated funding by the Participants Committee as part of the FCPF. As a result, there are multiple design and implementation lessons emerging. A panel will focus on the main lessons, challenges and opportunities associated with design and implementation of National Programmes and Readiness Preparation Proposals and allow participants to learn from each other through dialogue and gaining common understanding of issues.

Session 3a (Update on Country Needs Assessment)

At its sixth meeting the UN-REDD Programme Policy Board established a process for engaging countries and stakeholders in a countries' readiness needs assessment. This assessment is now being undertaken as a joint assessment with the FCPF, in order to meet the recommendation for a quick needs assessment mandated by the Participants Committee of the FCPF at its Berlin meeting. The UN-REDD Policy Board established a working group to undertake the country needs assessment. This working group has representatives of the UN-REDD partner countries, donor countries, UN participating agencies, FMT FCPF, civil society organizations and of the Indigenous Peoples.

The overall goal of the Countries' Needs Assessment (CNA) is to identify the technical, institutional and financial needs of UN-REDD and FCPF partner countries' to complete their REDD+ readiness stage (phases I and II) as defined by the Cancun Agreements.

Specifically, the objectives are to:

- iii. develop a methodology for assessing country needs.
- iv. undertake a rapid CNA of all 52 UN-REDD & FCPF partner countries, and
- v. undertake an in-depth CNA in 6 selected partner countries based on information collected during field visits.

An update on progress to date will be presented by the UN-REDD Programme Secretariat and FCPF FMT followed by a presentation of the methodology for the needs assessment by the consultants leading this work, and preview into how the findings from the assessment will be synthesized.

Background documentation: Draft Methodology for Country Needs Assessment available on UN-REDD Programme <http://www.un-redd.org/PolicyBoard/8thPolicyBoard/tabid/78556/Default.aspx> (Session III) and FCPF webpage at <http://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/fcp/node/328>

Session 3b (Definition of Readiness: Update on Readiness Package and FCPF/UN-REDD Collaboration)

With readiness preparation sufficiently advanced, REDD countries can elect to submit a Readiness-Package (R-Package) to the FCPF Participants Committee for assessment. In line with the objective of the FCPF Readiness Fund, the R-Package defines critical elements of early action on REDD+ and helps determine whether a country has reached important milestones and identify gaps (financial, technical, capacity) that need further work.

The FCPF's Facility Management Team and a working group of FCPF Participants have been developing a draft structure and assessment framework for the R-Package. The FMT circulated a draft Concept Note on the Readiness Package Content and Assessment Approach (FMT Note 2011-14) to REDD countries, donors, observers and UN-REDD for comment on December 31, 2011. There was general agreement that

- (i) the scope of the R-Package should encompass the complete set of Readiness activities (not just FCPF-funded ones) and include UN-REDD supported work (for countries participating in both programs),
- (ii) the R-Package should not add to the reporting requirements imposed by different programs, and
- (iii) the FCPF should aim for synergy and consistency with activities under the UN-REDD Programme.

At the same time, the feedback received indicates that views diverge on several important aspects of R-Package, notably the assessment framework, and that REDD countries need to play a stronger role in the definition of Readiness and the R-Package assessment approach.

In this session, the FCPF FMT and the UN-REDD Programme Secretariat will update members of the FCPF and Participants Committee and the UN-REDD Policy Board on the ongoing discussion on the R-Package and pertinent issues related to the collaboration on this issue between the two programs.

Background documentation: FMT Note 2012-2 summarizes the feedback on the original Concept Note on the R-Package Content and Assessment Approach (FMT Note 2011-14). Both Notes and a feedback response matrix are available on the FCPF PC11 webpage at <http://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/fcp/node/375> (agenda item 4).

Session 3c (Enhancing support for engaging CSOs, Indigenous Peoples and Other Forest-Dependent Communities in the REDD+ readiness process)

Update on joint FCPF and UN-REDD Programme draft "Guidelines on Stakeholder Engagement in REDD+ Readiness With a Focus on the Participation of Indigenous Peoples and Other Forest-Dependent Communities": One of the main areas of collaboration between the FCPF and the UN-REDD Programme has been the harmonization of guidance on stakeholder engagement, specifically guidance for the national and global level on engaging Indigenous Peoples and other forest dependent communities. The purpose of this harmonization exercise is to improve the way in which REDD+ readiness is carried out in countries where both the FCPF and the UN-REDD Programme are active. The Guidelines were open for a month-long public review process between June and July 2011 and revised. The FCPF and the UN-REDD Programme will provide an update on these Guidelines.

Update on the UN-REDD Programme's FPIC Guidelines: The UN-REDD Programme has pursued a rigorous consultative process to develop Guidelines on Free, Prior and Informed Consent. Three regional

workshops held in Africa, Asia-Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean between June 2010 and January 2011 united over 150 Indigenous Peoples and civil society representatives to craft a useful guide to FPIC implementation. Draft Guidelines were developed as a result of these regional consultations. These were open to a six week-long public review between December 2011 and January 2012 that generated comments from a number of governments, civil society organizations, Indigenous Peoples, and UN agencies. Between 10-11 February 2012 the UN-REDD Programme convened a two-day global workshop to review and address major issues emerging from the public review process to further the development of the Guidelines. The UN-REDD Programme will provide an update on this process and the Guidelines as well as review next steps for supporting the right to FPIC in UN-REDD Programme countries.

Update on dialogues: At its October 2011 meeting and in response to requests made in the Kuna Yala Action Plan of Indigenous Peoples relating to the FCPF, the PC approved up to US\$ 1 million to support participation of Southern CSOs in Participants Assembly and PC meetings and to conduct three Regional Dialogues and one Global Dialogue with Indigenous Peoples on the FCPF. The Regional and Global Dialogues will be carried out in coordination with the UN-REDD Programme and other relevant regional or global REDD+ initiatives. During COP 17, the global caucus of Indigenous Peoples decided to hold regional caucuses to plan the regional meetings, and for the Indigenous Peoples observers to the FCPF PC to consolidate the results of the regional caucuses and plan the global meeting. An Indigenous Peoples observer will provide an update on the three regional caucuses that have since been held (Central and South America, Africa and Asia), and on the regional and global dialogues.

Results of FCPF, FIP and UN-REDD mapping exercise: Also at its October 2011 meeting, the FCPF Participants Committee requested the FMT to conduct a mapping exercise of the activities being supported by the existing Indigenous Peoples and Civil Society Organization (CSO) capacity building programs, such as the FIP's Dedicated Grant Mechanism for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, and the UN-REDD Global Programme's work area on Stakeholder Engagement, in order to identify current activities and needs and explore modalities to coordinate these resources in an efficient and transparent manner. The exercise was conducted and aims to (i) provide a co-ordinating tool for the three programs to work more closely together and establish synergies, and (ii) enable participants to make informed decisions about allocating resources to programs including the FCPF's existing Indigenous Peoples Capacity Building program and the FCPF's new Southern CSOs program, the FIP's Dedicated Grant Mechanism for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, and the UN-REDD Global Programme's work area on Stakeholder Engagement. The FCPF FMT and UN-REDD Secretariat will present the results of the exercise.

The Bank Information Center (BIC) has work closely with the FMT to design the CSO capacity building program and they will present updates on the proposed CSO capacity building programme.

Update on self-selection processes of Indigenous Peoples (UN-REDD) and CSOs (UN-REDD and FCPF): The self-selection processes for Southern CSOs participation in FCPF-PC/PA meetings was facilitated by the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) whose representative will give an update on the process. The UN-REDD Programme will present updates on their upcoming self-selection processes for Indigenous Peoples and CSO representatives to the Policy Board.

Session 4a (Knowledge exchange on community-based MRV, including work done by UN-REDD and FCPF, and country experiences)

The Facility Management Team of the FCPF and the Centro de Investigaciones en Geografía Ambiental, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México jointly organized a workshop on “Linking community monitoring to national MRV for REDD+,” which took place in Mexico City in September 2011. Sixty-five people from 15 national REDD+ programs in Africa, Asia and Latin America, indigenous community organizations, NGOs and national REDD+ planning teams showcased their activities, discussed synergies, and identified how community-level monitoring efforts could support and enhance national MRV systems.

Building on that event, this session features panelists from Tanzania, Nepal and Vietnam to share their experiences in community-based monitoring approaches and highlight how local communities are engaging in participatory monitoring of forest stocks/carbon and monitoring of biodiversity and other livelihood activities. The discussion with the panelists is expected to stimulate ideas of how Indigenous Peoples and local communities can be involved in the development of REDD+MRV systems in FCPF and UN-REDD countries.

Background documentation: The final report of the September 2011 “Linking community monitoring to national MRV for REDD+” workshop can be accessed together with all the presentations and papers, at www.ciga.unam/redd/events.

Session 4b (Addressing land tenure in the context of REDD+)

While REDD+ is not a governance reform initiative, weak governance arrangements can undermine its implementation and success. The debate is no longer about whether governance is important in the design and implementation of REDD+, but how to develop the desired transformative policies and laws, and define clear roles and responsibilities of the different actors and institutions in this process. Tenure systems help determine the relationship between communities and others and natural resources. They define who can use resources, for how long and under what conditions. Lack of clarity over tenure rights poses significant challenges to implementing activities and programmes in the world’s forests. The urgency and magnitude of REDD+ demands strong tenure systems. An additional challenge posed by REDD+ is to deal with carbon rights. Insecure tenure rights can result in conflicts between competing interests Indigenous Peoples and forest dependent communities being marginalized or displaced and facing poverty.

This session will invite views from a panel of countries and representative of Indigenous Peoples, Rights and Resources Initiative and FAO.

Session 4c (Lessons of PES for REDD+ benefit distribution systems)

Costa Rica, Ecuador and Mexico launched a South-South cooperation initiative on Payment for Environmental Services (PES) for REDD+ at COP16 in Cancun, and presented the first set of PES lessons for REDD+ at COP17 in Durban. They will present on how national PES and conservation incentive programs can evolve into different forms of positive incentives, and can inform REDD+, e.g., benefit sharing options, governance, institutional arrangements, contracting. They will also inform participants of the details of their Initiative, with an eye to identifying potential country partners for and actions to

be undertaken by the Initiative. Vietnam will also present its experiences in PES and benefit sharing, comparing and contrasting with the Latin America experience and highlighting the relevant lessons learned other countries' experiences.

Background documentation: All materials on the South-South initiative are available at <http://www.profor.info/profor/knowledge/south-south-learning-payments-environmental-services-redd-latin-america>.

Session 5b (Presentation of draft advice on REDD+ biodiversity safeguards, and proposed indicators for impacts on biodiversity and indigenous and local communities)

The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) will discuss advice on REDD+ biodiversity safeguards, and indicators for impacts on biodiversity and indigenous and local communities, at SBSTTA 16 (April 30 to May 5, 2012), for approval by COP 11 in October in Hyderabad. The discussions will be based on the CBD REDD+ workshop series in 2011.

CBD will make a 15-minute presentation to brief participants on the draft advice on safeguards, and proposed indicators. This will be followed by a 15-minute discussion.