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[National experience with multiple benefits]

Determined in putting REDD+ in the overall National Development context, the Government of Nigeria requested for observer status to UNREDD Programme which was granted in February 2010

Nigeria began its National REDD planning by developing National REDD+ Roadmap comprised of;

- i. Preliminary Assessment of REDD+ context at National and State levels
- ii. Establishment of Governance Structures for REDD+
- iii. National Stakeholder/CSO/FDCs Sensitization/Awareness Programmes
- iv. First UNREDD Scoping Mission to Nigeria
- v. Preparation and Submission of R-PIN

The two governance bodies are:

- National Advisory Council on REDD+ is the Apex decision organ on REDD+, it is headed by the Minister of Environment, and;
- National Technical Committee on REDD+, it is the primary organ for REDD+ planning in Nigeria, members drawn from all stakeholders, including CSOs, Forest Dependent Communities;

Status of REDD Planning: Steps i and ii have been completed, while step iii is on-going.

Steps iv and v are planned for October 2010.



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National experience with local and indigenous community participation and benefits

The National Technical Committee on REDD+ includes;

- Biodiversity Experts from relevant Institutions/Organizations
- Representatives of indigenous and local communities who are directly involved in its activities

There are no experiences from the voluntary carbon market that we are drawing from

Several civil society organizations representing indigenous and local community views are operating mainly at the state levels. Their views are coordinated.

The mechanisms through which the views of indigenous and local communities are considered will be via stakeholder consultation visits, field works, participation at NTC meetings, sensitization workshops, etc; from which they will be collated and incorporated into the REDD+ planning and implementation processes

The series of statutory stakeholder consultations and sensitization workshops scheduled to take place at national and state levels as part of the REDD+ Roadmap as well as REDD+ planning and Design will specifically address the concerns related to CBD Articles 8j and 10c



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[Tools at national level]

Nigeria has not completed the National Ecological Gap analysis under the CBD, but we are working towards it.

When undertaken the national gap analyses will be considered in REDD planning.

UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Center (WCMC) has initiated the process of developing multiple-benefit tools including the mapping of biodiversity and carbon overlays at both National and State levels.

A Capacity Assessment for the project was completed by UNEP/WCMC in June 2010.

The PoW on Biodiversity is being implemented within the context of the ECOWAS Biodiversity Programmes, in addition to other Bilateral Initiatives, e.g. NNJC, GCLME



[Main opportunities and challenges]

Level of political support: High at National, Low at State, V. Low at Local level

Main Obstacles:

- Poor funding
- Lack of awareness
- Poverty
- Poor Institutional Capacity
- Inadequate Infrastructure
- Etc;

Capacity Needs:

- Institutional strengthening towards forest policy reforms, enhance forest governance, updating of legal framework, carbon inventory and
- Capacity building for CSOs, Local Communities on Biodiversity benefits and livelihood
- Support for local empowerment programmes to relieve pressure on forests

Main lessons learnt regarding multiple benefits:

- Critical to conservation of biodiversity
- Critical in REDD planning and implementation
- Poorly understood, poorly assessed, not inventorized, poorly harnessed



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[Regional collaboration for multiple benefits]

Nigeria intends to participate in regional and international exchanges of REDD pilot experiences regarding multiple benefits

The level of regional collaboration on REDD-plus is low in the ECOWAS sub-region at the moment

Additional Support required;

- Regional consultative meetings to share experiences on REDD
- Development of regional REDD strategies
- Enhance regional coordination towards mainstreaming multiple benefits of REDD into regional development agendas

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