



# Nigeria

## REDD+ Readiness Programme

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# Chronology and context

- 2008: Cross River State: policy decision to pursue REDD+
- 2009: Nigeria engages in REDD+ and joins UN-REDD Programme.
- 2010: Nigeria lays the foundations for REDD+, including:
  - *Preliminary Assessment of the Context for REDD in Nigeria*; plus others.
  - Political commitment built
  - Stakeholder engagements and dialogue, and community training.
  - REDD+ coordinating structures created (Federal & Cross River State)
  - UN-REDD scoping mission
  - Intention to submit a REDD+ programme expressed at PB-5 (Washington)
  - Nigeria's REDD+ approach presented at Cancun's climate summit.
- October 2010 – March 2011: Nigerian stakeholders, with UN-REDD support and guidance, **prepare, consult & validate a national REDD+ readiness programme.**
- March 2011 : Presentation of draft Nigeria REDD+ programme at UN-REDD (PB-6, Viet Nam)

# UN-REDD PB-6 Decision

At its 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, the UN-REDD Policy Board reported:

- The Board welcomed the presentation by Nigeria of its draft full National Programme;
- The progress Nigeria has made in rapidly preparing its proposal was appreciated;
- The Policy Board noted the draft full National Programme is almost complete and the information presented at the sixth Policy Board meeting represents an initial round of comments;

then decided:

- The Policy Board will give priority consideration to Nigeria's submission at its next meeting.

# Actions and activities since PB6

**Nigeria REDD+ programme document has been revised and finalised:**

- All comments received were addressed, or noted for the implementation (a 36-item matrix is attached to Nigeria's submission)
- Validation in CRS
- PGA (Participatory Governance Assessment) – early REDD+ readiness work
- Social & environmental safeguards (using draft UN-REDD Social & Environmental Principles & Criteria guidelines)

**Plus further training**

- GHG intensive training
- CBD REDD & biodiversity safeguards meeting
- Nigeria REDD+ University (Calabar) designed
- Oslo Governance Forum (Nigeria REDD+ Team made 2 presentations)

## Improvements of programme document after PB-6 (i)

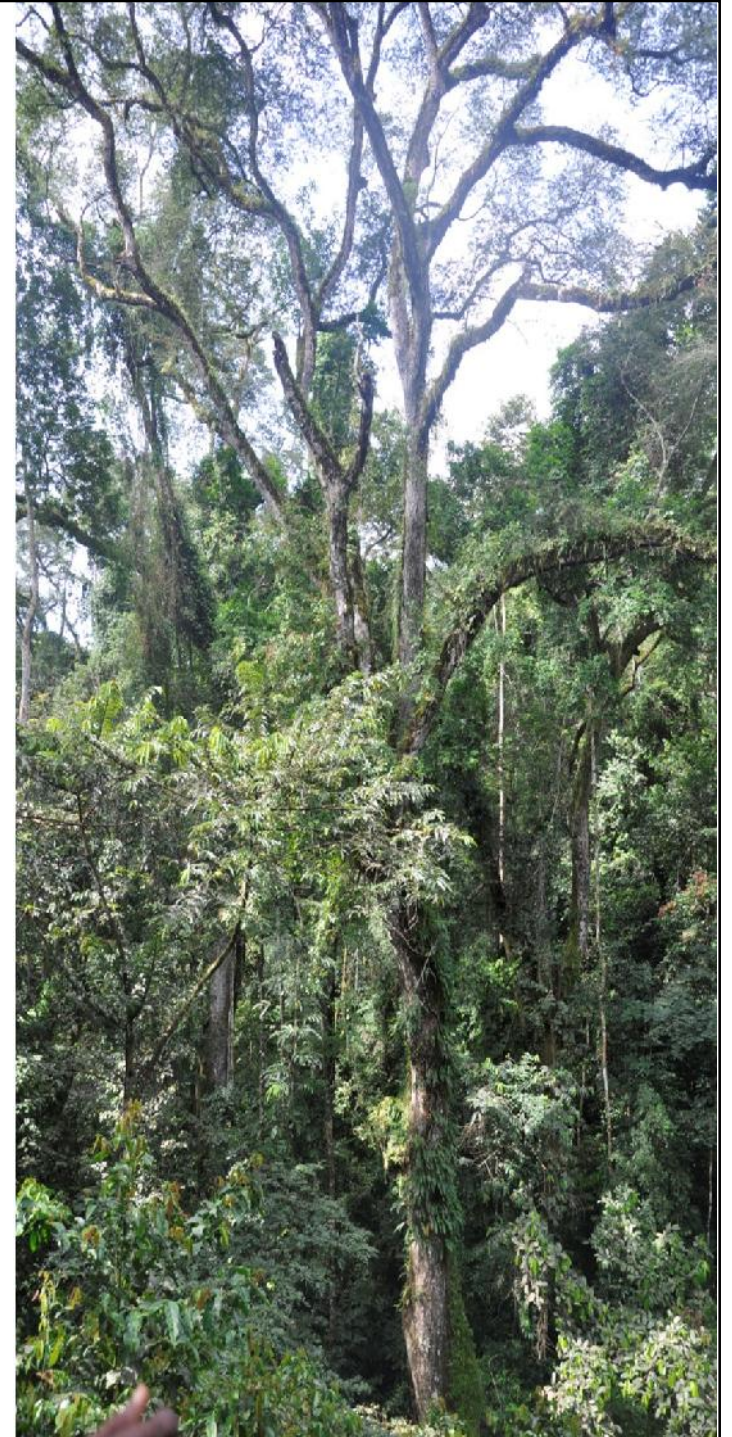
- Comments received from PB members, UN-REDD independent technical reviewers, and international civil society organisations;
- Overall assessment of the independent technical reviewers was positive on the approach, the design and the degree of stakeholder engagement;
- **All comments addressed**
- Stakeholder **appraisal of comments conducted** (Calabar, August 2011)
- Decision to **expand REDD+ readiness activities to other states** adopted at National Council on Environment (September 2011)  
– important policy decision **to address risks of leakage** (emission displacement);
- At least 7 states have expressed interest to engage in REDD+

# Improvements of programme document after PB-6 (ii)

- Sections of the programme document improved substantially:
  - Safeguards (following the *Cancun Agreements and* employing the draft UN-REDD Principles & Criteria)
  - Governance (PGA exercise initiated, which will serve to build and monitor REDD+ governance)
  - Ecosystem multiple benefits (biodiversity notably)
  - Monitoring framework and risk matrix
- Current document has 118 pages, 12 annexes, more than 25 tables & figures

## Policy context

- Deforestation rate at 3.7% , one of the highest in Africa and in the world – need to react promptly.
- Cross River State (CRS) hosts over 50% of remaining tropical high forests in Nigeria.
- Initial, bold actions taken:
  - Ambitious nationwide reforestation programme with indigenous trees
  - Moratorium on timber extraction in Cross River State
  - Engagement in REDD+ since 2009
- Political awareness that curbing deforestation depends on community engagement and enhancing local livelihoods.



## Nigeria: a two-track approach to REDD+ readiness

- **Federal** Level: Capacity-building & strategic framework for REDD+ [national level]
- **Cross River State**: Intense REDD+ readiness & demonstration model for the country [sub-national level]





# Programme architecture

GOAL: To enable Nigeria to contribute to climate change mitigation through improved forest conservation and enhancing sustainable community livelihoods

OBJECTIVE: To build the REDD+ mechanism in Nigeria, using Cross River State as a demonstration model

OUTCOMES:

1. Improved institutional & technical capacity at the national level
2. Framework for REDD+ expansion across Nigeria prepared
3. Institutional and technical capacity for REDD+ in Cross River State strengthened
4. REDD+ readiness demonstrated in Cross River State

# Programme profile

- 4 **outcomes**, 14 **outputs** and 80 core/indicative **activities**
- Key **readiness components** addressed both at Federal level and in Cross River State.
- **Federal** level: focus on key structures and a strategy for engaging new states.
- **Cross River State**: intense REDD+ readiness, with grassroots engagement, to provide models & best practices for rest of Nigeria.
- A harmonised federal-state structuring for REDD+.
- Budget: **US\$ 4 million**
- Timeline: **2012-2014 (2 ½ years)**
- The Programme is comprehensive, covering all REDD+ readiness components (co-financing to be mobilised as required)
- Process for expansion the piloting of REDD+ to other states initiated – a national decision taken recently (additional climate finance will be required)

## Synopsis of Nigeria REDD+ Readiness Programme

Goal: To enable Nigeria to contribute to climate change mitigation through improved forest conservation and enhancing sustainable community livelihoods.				
Objective: To build the REDD+ mechanism in Nigeria, using Cross River State as a demonstration model.				
Outcomes	Outputs	UN agency support	Implementation level	UN-REDD budget (US\$)
1. Improved institutional and technical capacity at the national level	1.1. The REDD+ Secretariat is effective at coordinating REDD+ readiness nationwide	UNDP	FEDERAL	725,000
	1.2. Stakeholder engagement and public awareness on REDD+ enhanced	UNDP, UNEP		
	1.3. Policy, legal and institutional arrangements for REDD+ established	UNDP		
	1.4. Nigeria's international engagement on REDD+ enhanced	UNDP		
2. Framework for REDD+ expansion across Nigeria prepared	2.1. National REDD+ challenges & potentials assessed	FAO	FEDERAL	485,000
	2.2. National MRV framework designed	FAO		
	2.3. A Preliminary National Strategy for expanding REDD+ across Nigeria's states built	UNDP		
3. Institutional and technical capacity for REDD+ in Cross River State strengthened	3.1. CRS REDD+ Unit fully functional and effective	UNDP	CRS	1,615,318
	3.2. CRS stakeholders, with emphasis on forest communities, trained & engaged on REDD+	UNDP		
	3.3. CRS REDD+ Strategy is constructed	UNDP		
	3.4. CRS forest monitoring system operational	FAO		
4. REDD+ readiness demonstrated in Cross River State	4.1. REDD+ experimental initiatives in the state well coordinated & supported	UNDP	CRS	913,000
	4.2. REDD+ investments enabled [REDD+ phase 2 triggered]	UNDP, UNEP		
	4.3. CRS established as a centre of excellence & learning on REDD+	UNDP, UNEP		
<i>Subtotal</i>				3,738,318
<i>Indirect support costs (7%)</i>				261,682
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>4,000,000</b>

## Outcome 1. Improved institutional & technical capacity at the national level

Implementation level: **FEDERAL**

Outputs	core / indicative activities	Estimated UN-REDD budget (US\$)			
		FAO	UNDP	UNEP	Total
1.1. The REDD+ Secretariat is effective at coordinating REDD+ readiness nationwide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National REDD+ Secretariat equipped, trained and active (travel, meetings) in national climate change and development policies and planning.</li> <li>Personnel: CTA (international, 50%), National Programme Officer, Admin-Finance specialist.</li> <li>Meetings of the National Advisory Council on REDD+, the National REDD+ Technical Committee, and associated working groups organized.</li> <li>Support drafting &amp; validation of a Presidential Order endorsing REDD+ and giving legal backing to the REDD+ committees and structures.</li> <li>FED-CRS management meetings &amp; visits to CRS to ensure federal-state coordination.</li> </ul>		400,000		400,000
1.2. Stakeholder engagement and public awareness on REDD+ enhanced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Civil society forum on REDD+ created and functional.</li> <li>Meetings and events to catalyse stakeholder engagement on REDD+.</li> <li>Training needs assessment. (UNEP)</li> <li>Information products (e.g. website, reports, leaflets). (UNEP)</li> <li>Public awareness campaign on REDD+. (UNEP)</li> <li>Focused training for interested stakeholders on REDD+ components.</li> <li>Awareness raising and engagement with relevant government officials (across ministries) &amp; legislators.</li> <li>Private sector engagement – possible creation of a carbon investment platform.</li> <li>Media participation: Newspaper articles, CD/DVD, radio &amp; TV programmes.</li> </ul>		80,000	80,000	160,000
1.3 Policy, legal and institutional arrangements for REDD+ established	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessments of national forest policies, national economics (including NEEDS), trade, NBSAP and commitments, finance and land &amp; forest tenure laws as they relate to REDD+ (partly with FAO's inputs).</li> <li>Analysis of issues related to Carbon rights and forest Carbon tenure and implications for benefit distribution</li> <li>Identification of legal modifications needed to facilitate REDD+ and limit risks of reversals in the long-term</li> <li>Assessment of options to strengthen national carbon governance &amp; finance capacities.</li> </ul>		85,000		85,000
1.4. Nigeria's international engagement on REDD+ enhanced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training on international climate policy and negotiations, with an emphasis on REDD+ (with other related UNDP initiatives).</li> <li>Creation and support of a task force for UNFCCC and REDD+ negotiations</li> <li>Support for Nigeria to take regional leadership on REDD+ (cooperation with ECOWAS).</li> <li>Promotion of South-South cooperation for REDD+.</li> </ul>		80,000		80,000

## Outcome 2. Framework for REDD+ expansion across Nigeria prepared

Implementation level: **FEDERAL**

Outputs	core / indicative activities	Estimated UN-REDD budget (US\$)			
		FAO	UNDP	UNEP	Total
2.1. National REDD+ challenges & potential assessed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessment of deforestation drivers and challenges to forest governance, and potential responses at national level.</li> <li>Assessment of national circumstances for REDD+ including situations and roles of women and vulnerable groups (e.g. youth)</li> <li>Assessment of forest contribution to national sustainable development</li> <li>Assessment of intra-national displacement risks and measures.</li> <li>Preliminary design of the national REL framework</li> </ul>	95,000			95,000
2.2. National MRV framework designed  [In conjunction with Output 3.4]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capacities for developing a GHG inventory and reporting for international level</li> <li>Training on forest monitoring systems and GHG inventory – national forest monitoring system developed.</li> <li>Nationwide stratification of forests [in conjunction with CRS].</li> <li>Development of national MRV on-line platform [co-finance likely required].</li> <li>National software for GHG inventory [co-finance likely required].</li> <li>Technical support to the GHG inventory unit to develop the national report.</li> <li>International MRV advisor (50%).</li> </ul>	300,000			300,000
2.3. A Preliminary National Strategy for expanding REDD+ across Nigeria's states built	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessment of REDD+ potential across all Nigerian states.</li> <li>Exchange of knowledge &amp; lessons between states, capitalising on CRS REDD+ experiences build on exchange of land use plans as a means of knowledge and lessons</li> <li>Development of preliminary national strategy for REDD+ readiness expansion in other states.</li> <li>Support to investment planning for REDD+ and a national low-carbon economy.</li> <li>Fund raising and donor liaison efforts.</li> </ul>		90,000		90,000

## Outcome 3. Institutional & technical capacity for REDD+ in Cross River State strengthened

Implementation level: **CRS**

Outputs	core / indicative activities	Estimated UN-REDD budget (US\$)			
		FAO	UNDP	UNEP	Total
3.1 CRS REDD+ Unit fully functional and effective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CRS REDD+ Unit strengthened (e.g. office, vehicle, equipment, field travel, operational costs).</li> <li>Personnel: CTA (international, 50%, Calabar-based), stakeholder mobilisation specialist, Admin-Finance specialist, consultant support.</li> <li>Specialised training for CRS REDD+ Unit and CRSFC; attendance of workshops &amp; conferences.</li> <li>Meetings of CRS REDD+ committees &amp; associated working structures</li> </ul>		448,318		448,318
3.2. CRS stakeholders, with emphasis on forest communities, trained & engaged on REDD+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support to CRS Stakeholder Forum on REDD+.</li> <li>Training (broad-based &amp; specialised).</li> <li>Awareness raising for government officials, state legislators and local governments.</li> <li>Awareness raising, training &amp; organizational strengthening for communities</li> <li>Participatory governance assessment</li> </ul>		235,000		235,000
3.3. CRS REDD+ Strategy is constructed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>REDD+ Strategy building, including assessments such as: forest conservation and use, agriculture, energy, livelihoods, rural economy, biodiversity &amp; ecosystem services, development issues, SEEDS and LEEDS, traditional knowledge and cultural practices</li> <li>Legal review, including customary laws and by-laws associated with land use plans, and proposed legal/policy reforms to enable a REDD+ mechanism in CRS.</li> <li>Design of the REDD+ institutional/implementation framework</li> <li>Drafting of a State Law on REDD+.</li> <li>Analysis of land tenure dimensions and carbon rights' issues [in conjunction with Output 1.3].</li> <li>Free, prior &amp; informed consent (FPIC) for REDD+ and Recourse Mechanisms</li> <li>Assessment of benefit distribution options, including consideration for women and vulnerable groups, and design of an equitable and transparent mechanism based on input from relevant stakeholders</li> <li>Participatory &amp; cross-sector development/adoption of a REDD+ Strategy for CRS</li> </ul>		270,000		270,000
3.4. CRS forest monitoring system operational  [in conjunction with Output 2.2 and relevant Federal agencies]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GIS laboratory &amp; full equipment for forest monitoring [data to be shared with Federal Govn't]</li> <li>Satellite information management &amp; interpretation / Specialised trainings.</li> <li>Support to the nationwide stratification of forests [in conjunction with Federal agencies]</li> <li>Design of the forest inventory and cost analysis (at state-level)</li> <li>Community-based verification and monitoring of forest cover.</li> <li>National guidelines for community forest management in development</li> <li>Collect and harmonise existing forest data (to be shared with federal government).</li> <li>Establishment of Reference Levels (based on forest coverage &amp; socio-economic conditions).</li> <li>International MRV advisor (50%)</li> </ul>	662,000			662,000

## Outcome 4. REDD+ readiness demonstrated in Cross River State

Implementation level: **CRS**

Outputs	core / indicative activities	Estimated UN-REDD budget (US\$)			
		FAO	UNDP	UNEP	Total
4.1. REDD+ experimental initiatives in the state well coordinated & supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Criteria &amp; guidelines for the development of REDD+ pilot projects</li> <li>Technical support to REDD+ experimental initiatives and their stakeholders.</li> <li>Creation &amp; administration of a fund to support community initiatives for REDD+ (aim: to foster and experiment alternatives to deforestation, local forest management &amp; community empowerment) – <i>estimated budget: US\$ 150,000.</i></li> <li>Establish a REDD+ registry and approval process (for enhanced coordination of pilot projects)</li> </ul>		255,000		255,000
4.2. REDD+ investments enabled [REDD+ Phase II triggered]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analytical support for forest transformation and a transition to a low-carbon economy with sustainable livelihoods {UNEP}</li> <li>Preparation of investment plans and enabling programmes for REDD+ (transition to a low-carbon and climate-resilient development path in CRS) {UNDP/UNEP}.</li> <li>Financial resource mobilization, donor visits &amp; dialogue (aiming at catalysing global climate funds, donor support and philanthropic funding). {UNDP/UNEP}</li> <li>Design of a financing mechanism for REDD+. {UNDP}</li> </ul>		100,000	158,000	258,000
4.3. CRS established as a centre of excellence & learning on REDD+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishment of a training &amp; knowledge management centre (open for practical training on REDD+ readiness planning for other states and abroad).</li> <li>Knowledge management and dissemination of best practices of REDD+ readiness.</li> <li>REDD+ database developed [in conjunction with Output 2.2 and with FAO's inputs].</li> <li>Organising a major international REDD+ event.</li> <li>Design of social &amp; environmental safeguards, including design of information system [in conjunction with Output 3.3] {UNDP/UNEP}</li> <li>Field-level testing and monitoring of social &amp; environmental safeguards. {UNDP}</li> <li>Assessment of ecosystem-based multiple benefits in CRS and in the national context, and identification of proposed indicators/actions [to feed into outputs 2.3 &amp; 3.3] &amp; participatory collection of information on the achievement of ecosystem-based benefits {UNEP} [co-finance will be required for nation-scale work on ecosystem-based multiple benefits]</li> <li>Web-platform developed to allow transparency of data and results, and dissemination [in conjunction with Outputs 2.2 &amp; 3.4]. {UNEP, with FAO technical lead}</li> <li>Information, public awareness &amp; training materials. {UNEP}</li> </ul>		200,000	200,000	400,000

## Synthesis of budget allocations *per outcome and per UN-REDD agency (US\$)*

UN-REDD agency	Outcome 1	Outcome 2	Outcome 3	Outcome 4	Programme cost	Indirect support cost (7%)	Total
<b>FAO</b>	-	395,000	662,000	-	1,057,000	73,990	<b>1,130,990</b>
<b>UNDP</b>	645,000	90,000	953,318	555,000	2,243,318	157,032	<b>2,400,350</b>
<b>UNEP</b>	80,000	-	-	358,000	438,000	30,660	<b>468,660</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	725,000	485,000	1,615,318	913,000	3,738,318	261,682	<b>4,000,000</b>



## Conformity with international REDD+ readiness components

REDD+ readiness components (internationally agreed)	Nigeria REDD+ readiness programme	
	FEDERAL	CRS
<b>(1a) Management of readiness</b>	Output 1.1 Output 1.3 Output 1.4 Output 2.1 Output 2.3	Output 3.1 Output 4.3
<b>(1b) Stakeholder consultation and participation</b>	Output 1.2 Output 1.4	Output 3.2 Output 4.3
<b>(2) REDD+ Strategy &amp; REDD+ Implementation Framework</b>	Output 1.3 Output 2.1 Output 2.3	Output 3.3 Output 4.1 Output 4.2 Output 4.3
<b>(3) Reference Scenario (RLs/REs)</b>	Output 2.1	Output 3.4
<b>(4) REDD+ monitoring system</b>	Output 2.2	Output 3.4
<b>(5) Schedule &amp; budget</b>	Output 1.1 Sections 4 & 5	Output 3.1 Sections 4 & 5
<b>(6) Monitoring and evaluation framework</b>	Output 1.1 Section 7	Output 3.1 Section 7

# Institutional arrangements

## (core structures)

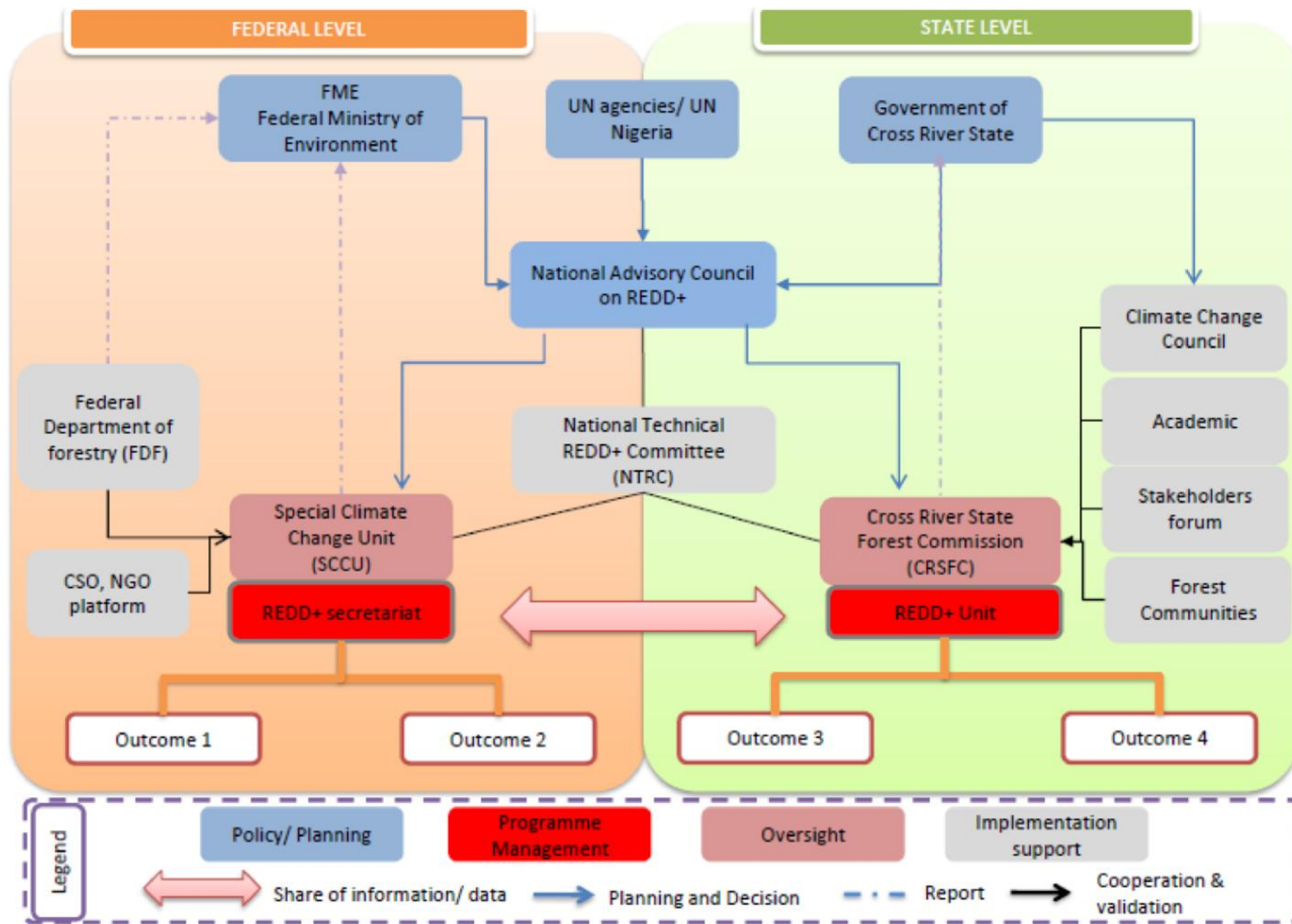
### Federal

- National Advisory Council on REDD+
- National Technical Committee on REDD+
- Federal Ministry for Environment
- Special Climate Change Unit (SCCU)
- Federal Department of Forestry
- REDD+ Secretariat
- Federal stakeholders REDD+ platform

### Cross River State (CRS)

- CRS Climate Change Council (chaired by Governor)
- CRS Forestry Commission
- CRS REDD+ Unit
- CRS REDD+ Technical Committee
- CRS Stakeholders Forum on REDD+

# INSTITUTIONAL AND IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS



# Stakeholder engagement

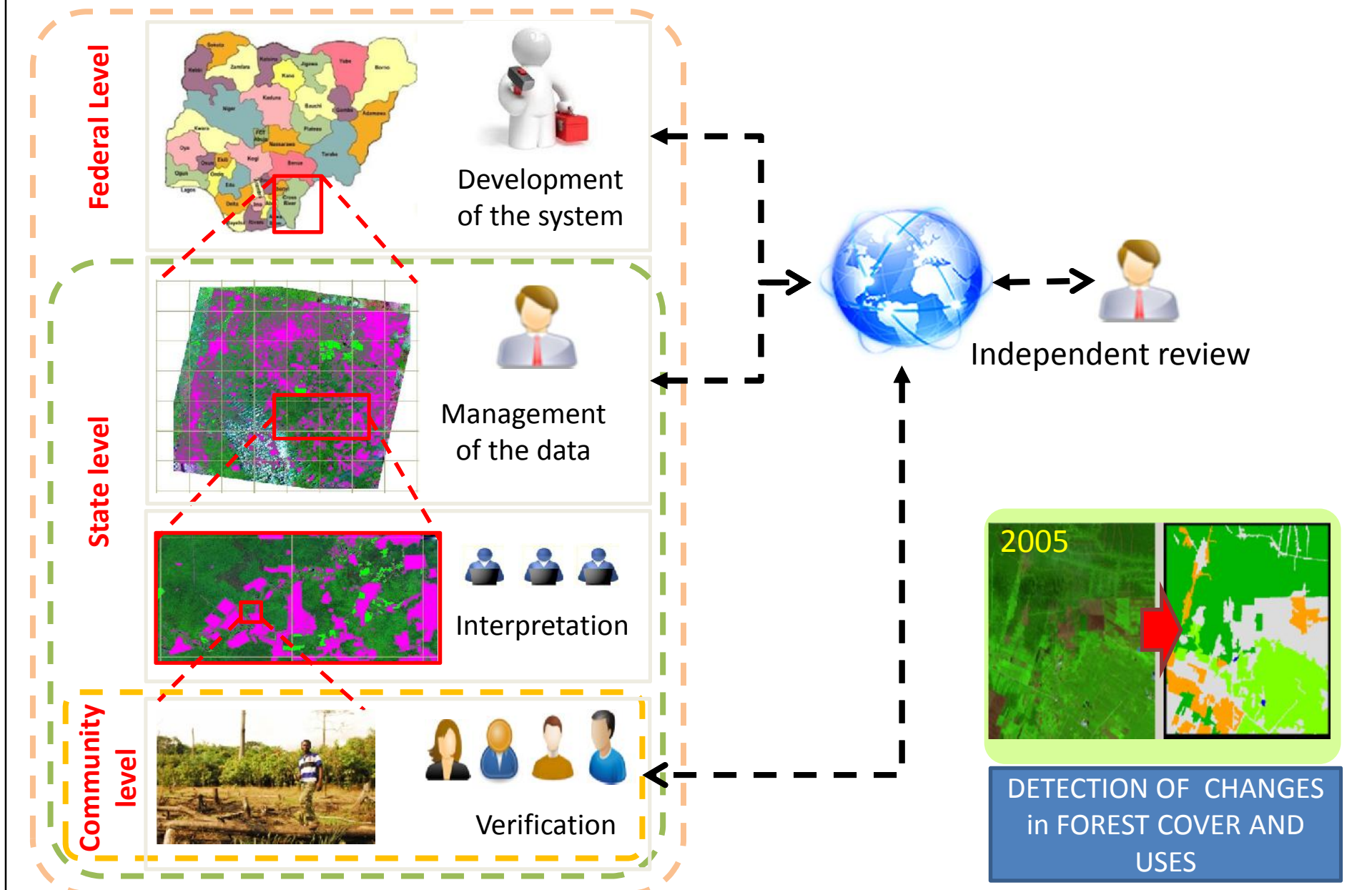
- > 20 years of community forest management in CRS.
- Community interest and expectations on REDD+ (*e.g.* community carbon assessments).
- Community participation in REDD+ readiness planning.
- High stakeholder turn out at REDD+ events.
- 3 outputs entirely devoted to community & stakeholder engagements (outputs 1.2, 3.2 and 4.1).
- Stakeholder platforms for REDD+ created at all levels.
- Private sector interest in REDD+ expressed.
- Regional stakeholder engagements initiated (ECOWAS).

# Technical Dimensions

- Drivers of deforestation (outputs 2.1 and 3.3)
- National MRV framework (output 2.2)
- Forest monitoring in Cross River State (output 3.4)
- Legal and institutional assessment and reforms (outputs 1.3 and 3.3)
- Preliminary National strategy for REDD+ (output 2.3)
- CRS REDD+ strategy (output 3.3)
- Coordination of experimental initiatives (output 4.1)

# Proposed monitoring system for forest cover and forest cover changes

*Aiming at a REDD+ results-based mechanism (phase 2)*



# Social & Environmental dimensions

- Social & environmental safeguards (outputs 3.3 and 4.3)
- Carbon Rights and Land Tenure (outputs 1.3 and 3.3)
- Multiple ecosystem benefits (output 4.3)
- FPIC and Recourse Mechanisms (output 3.3)
- Participatory Governance Assessments (output 3.3)
- Community initiatives for REDD+: *Technical advice, coordination and creation of a fund* (output 4.1)
- Knowledge management & dissemination of best practices: CRS as a centre of excellence on REDD+ (outputs 2.3 and 4.3)

# Governance of REDD+

- Governance is a crucial dimension for REDD+ in Nigeria.
- In REDD+, Nigerian stakeholders wish to avoid the negative experiences with the oil sector and set up a precedent for good governance in the environment sector.
- A Participatory Governance Assessment has started, and Nigeria is to pioneer this approach.
- Stakeholder engagement, dialogue and openness have been key principles since onset of REDD+.





## REQUEST FOR SUBMISSION OF FINAL DRAFT OF NIGERIA REDD+ READINESS PROGRAMME TO THE UN-REDD POLICY BOARD

We acknowledge the intense analysis, drafting and consultation work undertaken in the past few months to prepare a draft Nigeria REDD+ Readiness Programme, in order to submit on time, by the end of February 2011, for the sixth UN-REDD Policy Board. We appreciate the quick-start approach of the UN-REDD Programme, which has allowed Nigeria to advance on a REDD+ proposal in a flexible manner and in a short period of time, so to better respond to progress in the international climate change negotiations.

We confirm that broad-based stakeholder consultations and validation of the draft document were held recently, both in Cross River State and in the Federal Capital, resulting in a Statement of Cross River State Stakeholders and in a Communiqué of the National Validation Workshop. These communications confirm there is stakeholder support for the submission of the Nigeria REDD+ Readiness Programme, while providing valuable insights for moving forward.

We hence request that, in line with UN-REDD Programme guidelines, a Final Draft is submitted to the UN-REDD Policy Board as soon as it is available.

*Signed in Abuja on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2011*

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Governor of Cross River State



## Up coming activities (October-December 2011)

- Debriefing of Policy Board's decision to Nigeria government, stakeholders and media.
- REDD+ University likely in November 2011 (will serve as “early inception” of the programme – ***you are all invited***)
- PGA to continue advancing
- Durban Summit: Nigeria & GCF side event, plus Nigeria slot at Forest Day 5.
- UN training on project implementation and management planned to prepare the REDD+ teams at federal and CRS levels

## Nigeria's message to UN-REDD PB members

- Nigeria has finalised the formulation of its *REDD+ readiness programme*, in accordance with recommendations of PB-6, with due stakeholder consultations, and addressing all comments received (including PB members, ITR panel).
- Nigeria is **ready and eager to start implementing** its *REDD+ Readiness Programme*, and would like to announce it in Durban.
- Therefore **Nigeria requests the 7<sup>th</sup> UN-REDD Policy Board to support and approve its *REDD+ readiness programme*.**



-- THANKS --

