



« Being Ready for REDD » Perspectives from DRC

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▪Matter of Definition:

- Is this Readiness to access Phase 3 – Performance-based payments?
- Is this Readiness to have access to the FCPF Carbon Fund payments?
- Is this the end of Phase 1

1. Implementation Framework



Implementation Framework

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- Implementation scale (national / subnational) is clarified and regulated, formally adopted, management bodies for this process operational, process to register / authorize activities and financing operational.
 - Benefit sharing system is designed and formally adopted
 - Financial management system is in place
 - National registry for activities and REDD+ financing sources is designed and operational
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▪ Current situation in DRC

- REDD Process management bodies work, capacities are being strengthened
- Authorization / registration process for REDD+ projects (within a national framework) to be finalized and adopted soon
- Registry of REDD+ initiatives and projects tested with pilot activities
- ToRs under discussion for analysis of the overall implementation framework
- Ongoing discussion (workshops, analytical papers) on benefit sharing arrangements
- Analysis for the implementation of a national REDD+ fund to be launched soon



Engagement and Ownership

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- National civil society ready to engage in Investment Phase
 - Multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder engagement
 - Ongoing sub-national REDD+ dynamics
 - Mechanism for information, communication and redress operational and sustainable
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▪ Current Situation in DRC

- Preparation of a “Readiness Plan for Civil Society”
- Strengthened engagement with private sector, especially under FIP Investment Plan preparation
- Ongoing capacity building activities (Second REDD University to take place)
- Information and capacity building campaign at territory level
- Active 30 Thematic Coordination Groups reflecting on strategic options, sub-national activities being launched

National REDD+ Strategy

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- Strategy based on analysis of drivers of deforestation and degradation, clearly prioritizing programs / projects to be implemented, identifying costs (implementation, transaction and opportunity), embedded in clear institutional framework
- Clear objectives in line with national capacities
- Land-term oriented, with medium-term business plan associated
- Governance reforms necessary for strategy implementation clearly identified and strategy formally adopted at high government level

▪ Current situation in DRC

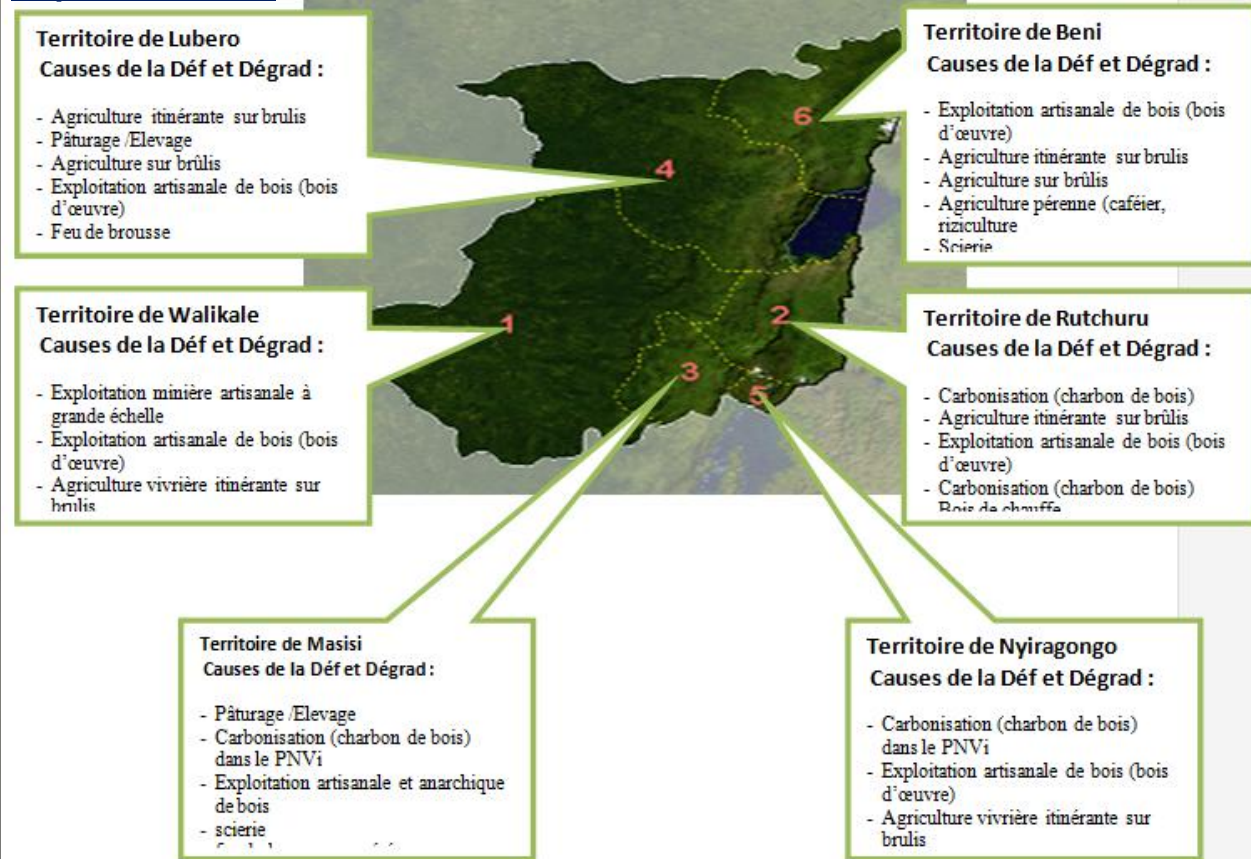
- Analysis of causes of deforestation: bibliographic review finalized, qualitative analysis conducted, quantitative analysis under preparation
- Thematic Coordination Groups: 30 REDD+ strategic options under in-depth analysis, 400 actors involved
- Decentralization of REDD process designed and seeking funding for full implementation

Figure 1: Qualitative study on causes of deforestation (civil society)

Direct causes of DD:

1. Slash and burn agriculture
2. Small scale charcoal making, artisanal mining
3. Artisanal timber extraction
4. Industrial logging expansion
5. Infrastructures and commercial agriculture expansion
6. Boat (*pirogue*) making, ranching, house construction
7. Honey extraction, traditional fishing, volcanic eruption, desertification.

Map of Nord Kivu



Underlying causes of DD in DRC:

1. Population Growth
2. Poverty
3. Migration, war and unemployment
4. Administration weakness, weak governance, urbanization, business bankruptcy
5. Weak law enforcement

Figure 2: Finalization of the quantitative study on drivers of DD

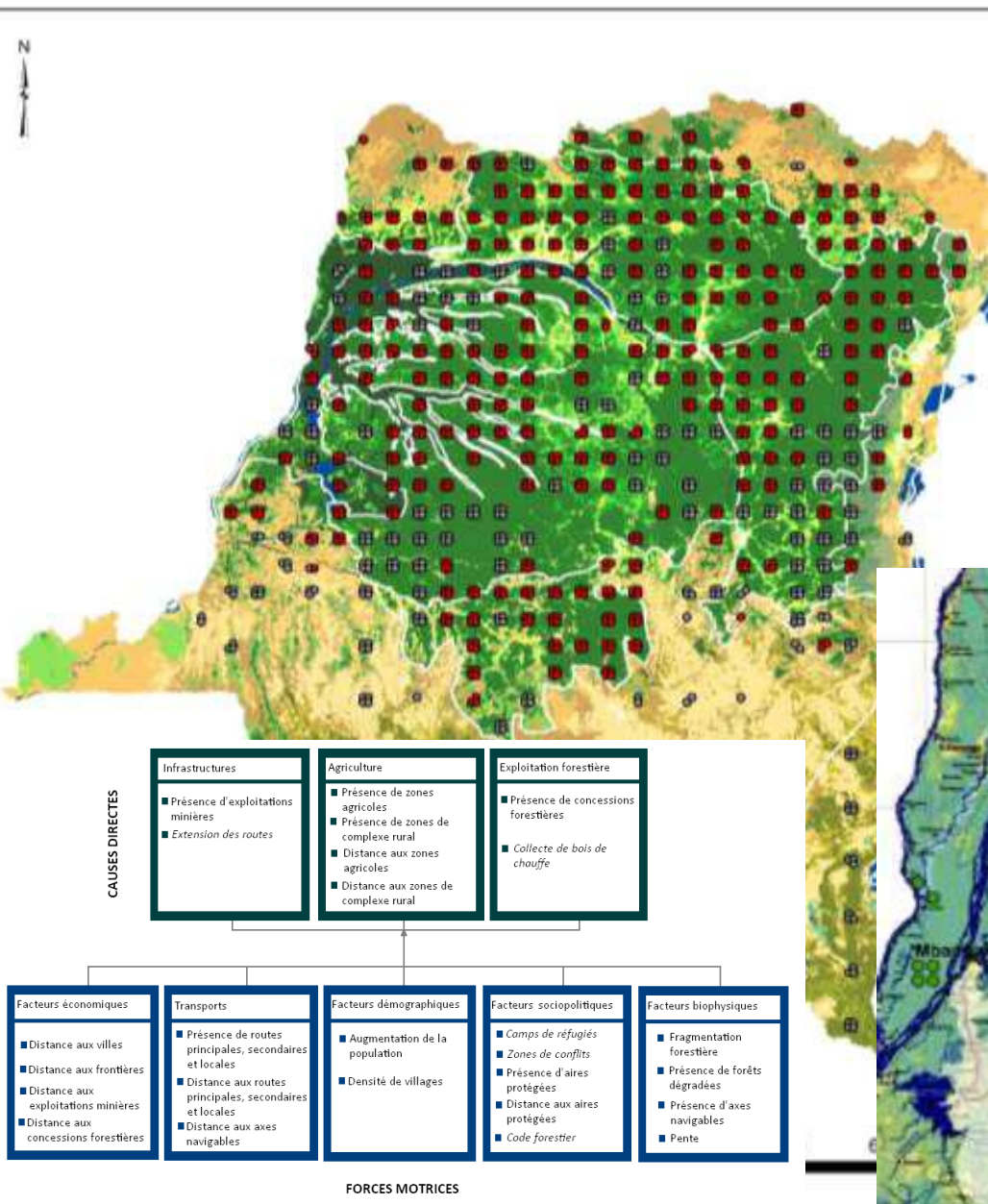


Tableau 11 - Occurrence des variables dans les modèles multivariés pour 2000 - 2005

	Occurrence
Forêts dégradées	5
Fragmentation	3
Complexe rural	3
Distance aux zones agricoles	3
Distance aux axes navigables	3
Distance aux aires protégées	3
Augmentation de la population	2
Routes	2
Distance aux zones de complexe rural	2
Routes secondaires	1
Densité de villages	1
Aires protégées	1
Distance aux villes	1
Distance aux frontières	1
Distance aux frontières du Soudan	1
Distance aux concessions forestières	1
Distance aux routes principales	1

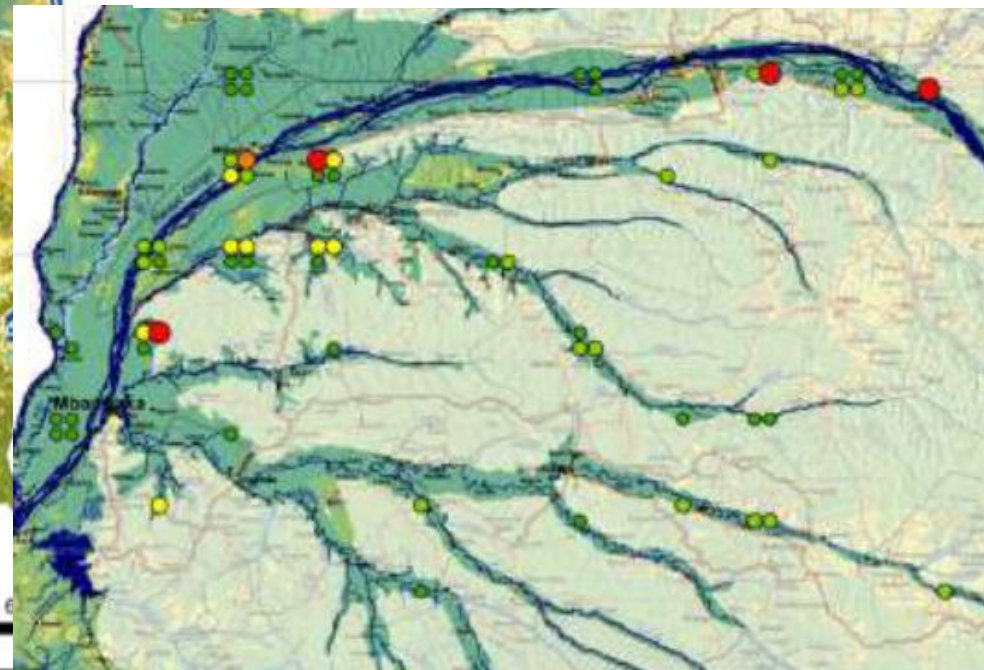
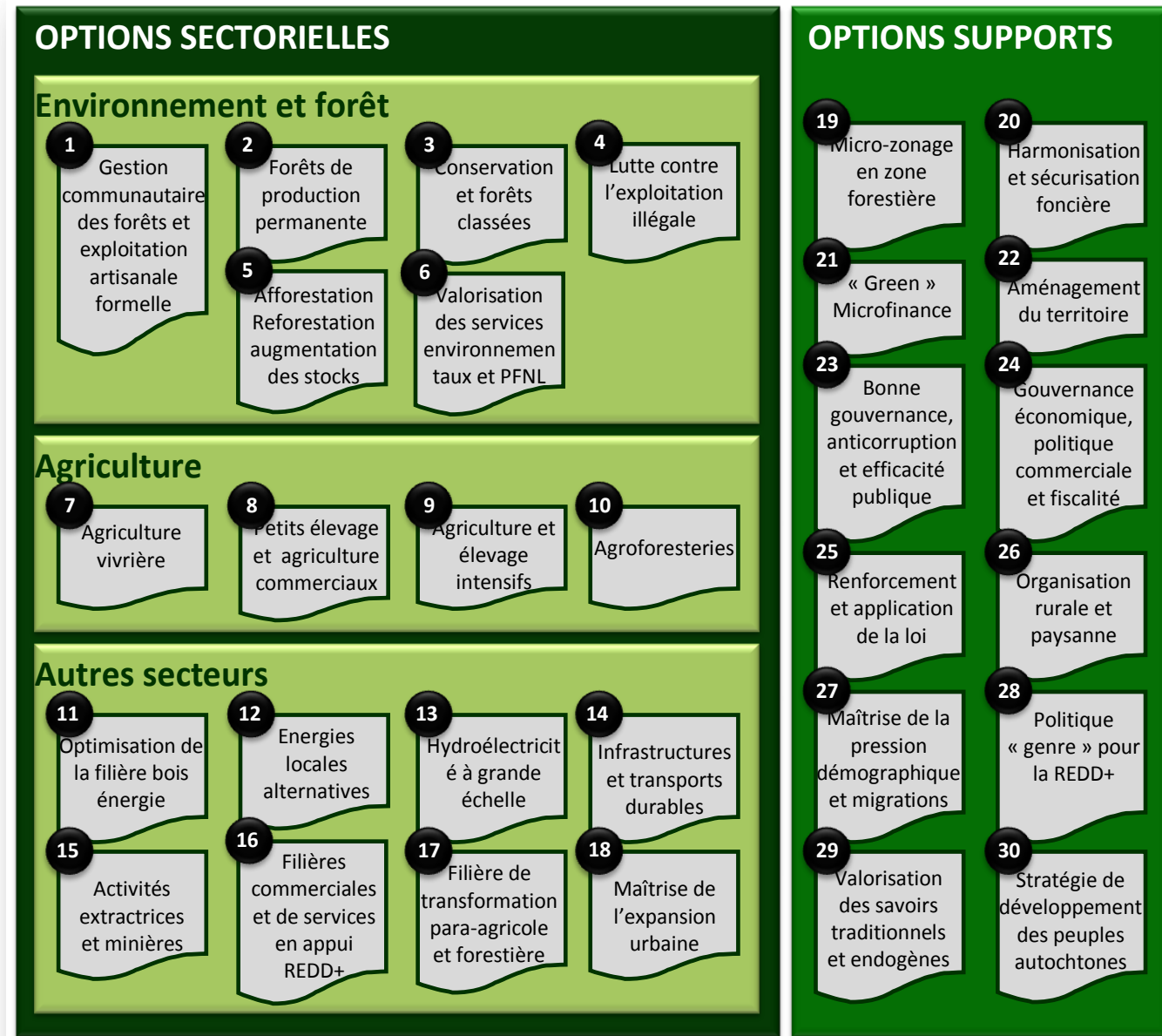


Figure 3: 30 REDD+ options under consideration in a participatory and technically robust manner





Reference Scenarios

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- Reference Scenario established, technical robust based on historical data adjusted to national circumstance, in line with UNFCCC guidance (if available)
 - Monitoring and updating system implemented, able to incorporate emerging guidance from UNFCCC
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▪ Current Situation in DRC

- Preliminary work to allow DRC to present a first reference scenario at COP 17, especially based on the national consensus-based report on drivers of DD
 - Objective: testing, national capacity strengthening, contribution to international discussions, guidance to strategy development
- Goal for end of 2012: reference scenario in line with needs of Phase 2 (Investment)
 - a) Historical data
 - b) Methods and data for future development needs
 - c) Method for updating reference scenario



Carbon MRV

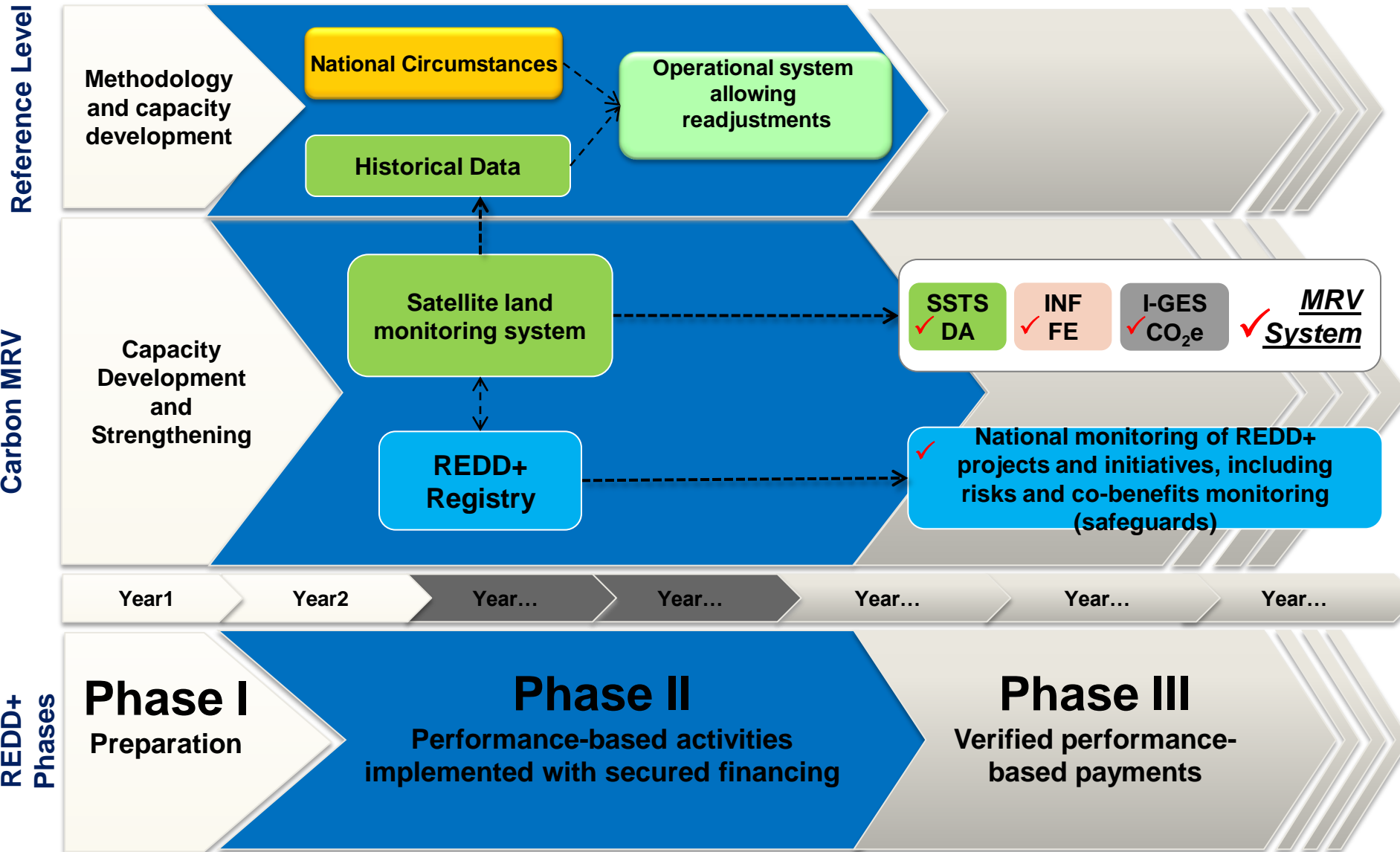
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- Carbon MRV system in place, according to UNFCCC guidance , in phase 3, based on:
 - Forest surface change (satellite image system)
 - Carbon stock change (emission factors from the national forest inventory)
 - GHG inventory for REDD+ activities
 - Inventaire GES en place pour les activités REDD+
 - Process for integrating national and subnational MRV systems operational
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▪ Current situation in DRC

- National Plan for MRV System implementation operational, coordinated with all stakeholders and integrated into national and subnational levels
 - Capacity (human and institutional) strengthened for Phases 2 and 3
 - Renforcement des capacités (humaines et matérielles) pour les phases 2 et 3
 - Interim system for investment phase (expected presentation at COP 17)
 - Basic data on forest cover (activity data)
 - Conservative data on carbon stocks and possible stock changes (emission factors)
- Data on location, extension and results from REDD+ sub-national activities. Sub-national activities delivering positive results.

Figure 4: Need by phase for reference level and carbon MRV





MRV for Risks and Co-Benefits

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- Operational management system to monitor risks (safeguards) and co-benefits
 - Levels: national and subnational
 - Fields: social, governance, environment, economy
 - Labelled systems of data production and control system implemented and integrated into the national registry
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▪ Current situation in DRC

- Political Economy Study (World Bank) and Governance and Anti-Corruption Study (NORAD/ UNDP) to be finalized
- National social and environmental standards for REDD+ under preparation
- SESA to be launched and generate results by COP 17
- Ongoing data collection (study on causes of deforestation, household survey...)
- Testing the system for monitoring risks and co-benefits through pilot projects
- Cooperation with MOABI (WWF) for public data verification

7. Integrating Monitoring/ Evaluation System

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Integrated Monitoring / Evaluation System

- Operational and integrated mechanism to monitor and evaluate the implementation of the National REDD+ Strategy
- Coherent aggregation of all components (MRV, carbon, risks and multiple benefits, reference scenario, national registry)

▪ Current Situation in RDC

- Systematic work of integration and progressive harmonization as work is carried out

