



UNITED NATIONS COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMME ON REDD+ IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

RECORD OF THE PROJECT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE MEETING - FOR THE ZAMBIA UN-REDD PROGRAM

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Mulungushi International Conference Center

1 INTRODUCTION

The process of stakeholder consultation on the development of the National Joint (NJP) Programme document was concluded on the 11th August 2010, when a final appraisal meeting was held at Mulungushi International Conference Centre. The purpose of the final appraisal meeting was to review the responses to the comments made during the Stakeholders Validation Meeting held on the 26th February 2010, before the document with a budget of US\$4.49 million was approved during the sitting of the UN-REDD Policy Board meeting which was held from 16th to 18th March 2010, in Nairobi, Kenya.

1.1 *Objective of the Meeting*

To present the revised National Joint Program (NJP) document and responses to stakeholder comments for final appraisal in order to facilitate the finalization of the elaboration phase of the program.

1.2 *Programme of the Meeting*

- i. Introductions
- ii. Objective of the workshop
- iii. UNDP remarks
- iv. Remarks from the Ministry of Tourism, Environment and Natural Resources
- v. Presentation of Stakeholder Responses to the draft NJP
- vi. Stakeholder comments on revised NJP document
- vii. Closing remarks – Government Representative

1.3 Opening Remarks

1.3.1 UNDP Remarks

The opening remarks were made by the representative of UNDP, Ms. Winnie Musonda who thanked participants for attending the workshop and for their comments during the validation meeting, which assisted in improving the REDD+ NJP document. She urged the Stakeholders for a consensus to move forward and recommend for the UN Resident Coordinator to approve the NJP to facilitate the signing of the document by the Zambian Government, FAO, UNDP and UNEP. In addition, the stakeholders were requested to consider and agree to the launching of the program after the NJP document was signed.

1.3.2 Zambian Government (MTENR) Remarks

The Director of Forestry, Mrs Anna Masinja, thanked UNDP and stakeholders for their role in the NJP preparation process. She said the active roles played by each stakeholder exhibited the seriousness that stakeholders attach to the role of REDD+ in climate change mitigation. The Government was ready to sign the NJP document and proceed to implementation once stakeholders recommend to the approval of the NJP document.

2 SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED

2.1 Comments on the document

The stakeholders recognised that most of the concerns from the validation meeting were generally addressed. Therefore, in principle the document was ready for signing. However, the following issues were raised

- i. The stakeholders recognised that harmonization of policies was critical for the implementation of REDD+ if the objective of reducing deforestation was to be achieved. Implementation of policies was inadequate for example, as evidenced by illegal logging. It was explained that the REDD strategy that will be developed will assist in addressing issues of deforestation. In addition, the review of the Forestry Policy of 1998 and amendments to the Forests Act No. 7 of 1999 will enable the Forestry Department to involve private sector and communities in the management of the resource and augment Government efforts.
- ii. Data storage and sharing needed to be improved and should include civil society (P.7 of Response Sheet).

- iii. The stakeholders noted that the UN REDD Policy Board had requested further detail and wondered whether this was to ensure that the NJP has been carefully thought through to which the drafting team responded positively.
- iv. Reference to the Copenhagen Accord should not be made in the NJP to disadvantage Zambia, since discussions are still going on.
- v. There was need to review the management structure (diagram) to be inline with the description in the text.
- vi. The readiness process should obtain as much information as possible from stakeholders to ensure adequate detail go into the strategies.
- vii. The stakeholders wondered why COMACO was the only organisation being mentioned as being in a better position to integrate REDD+ principles in CBNRM projects, since this programme will be implemented as a process. It was therefore agreed by stakeholders that the text in the second paragraph be deleted as it disadvantages other organizations that are implementing field level activities.
- viii. The stakeholders wondered why the UN-REDD Programme does not provide for a budget to have pilot projects as they were important in developing the strategy. They urged cooperating partners to support demonstration projects. It was explained that the Environment and Natural Resources Management and Mainstreaming Programme (ENRMMP) within the Ministry of Tourism, Environment and Natural Resources was an immediate start point as it offered such opportunities under the pilot Environmental Fund once call for proposals were made and stakeholders should take an advantage to submit proposals.
- ix. It was noted that the current explanation of deforestation in the NJP does not mention the establishment of plantations or expansion of land for bio-fuels (for example, *Jatropha* plantations) as a potential driver of deforestation, there was need therefore to link bio-fuels to deforestation.
- x. The stakeholders recognised and recommended that the traditional and/or community leadership structures should be included in capacity building activities.
- xi. The document should take into account the demarcation of blocks for the purpose of petroleum exploration. The blocks cover protected forest areas. This has potential consequences on the implementation of REDD+.

- xii. The stakeholders indicated that other alternative energy sources should be included in the NJP.
- xiii. The phrase “to conserve” in comment 1.2, first paragraph in the response sheet should be changed to “to contribute to the conservation of forests.”
- xiv. The stakeholders wondered whether the current land tenure regime was a threat to or an opportunity for REDD+.
- xv. It was noted that the National Joint Programme should indicate that REDD+ process will financially support initiatives that are relevant to it.
- xvi. The stakeholders were uncomfortable with the insertion of text which referred to the draft Land policy, which said “*Introduce measures to encourage leasing of land by foreign investors and residents in line with the Citizenship Economic Empowerment Act.*” As a result they said that this should be deleted from the NJP.
- xvii. The stakeholders felt that the statement “*Fire contributes to forest degradation*” should be added in the NJP

2. 2 RECOMMENDATIONS OF STAKEHOLDER FOR THE REDD+ READINESS PROCESS AND BEYOND

- i. There was need to tap into money raised from Carbon Tax
- ii. The Civil society will closely monitor the implementation process of REDD+ readiness phase
- iii. Transparency in government will contribute effectively to the process
- iv. Effective methodologies and local organizations should be employed in data collection
- v. Local communities need to be sensitised regarding REDD+

- vi. Baseline data on bio-fuels in Zambia is available and should be used in the implementation of the REDD+ process
- vii. Poverty should be addressed by REDD+, otherwise the whole process will not produce meaningful results
- viii. There should be emphasis on feedback mechanisms for beneficiaries.
- ix. There was need to ensure that gap analysis be a primary consideration so that various initiatives and efforts are recognised.
- x. Implementation of readiness process and REDD+ should create synergies by using local capacity
- xi. Local NGOs in the environment and natural resources management were not doing much in terms of advocacy
- xii. Degazetting forest reserves, growing of bio-fuel crops and illegal application of laws for timber exploitation and trade will be opposed by civil society
- xiii. REDD+ process is very important for Zambia. Harmonization of policies and legislation will only work when there are effective implementers of the various strategies that have been and will be developed. The stakeholders recognised that the country had developed a number of strategies that were not implemented.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

The stakeholders recommended that the NJP document be approved subject to amendments related to the issues raised in 2.1 above

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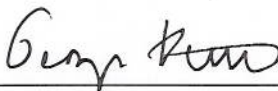
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