

A photograph of a dense, green forest. The top half shows the canopy of large trees with thick branches. The bottom half shows a person standing in a clearing, surrounded by smaller trees and rocks. The overall scene is a vibrant, natural landscape.

# **PROGRESS FOR UNREDD READINESS IN ZAMBIA**

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The background of the slide is a photograph of a lush green forest. In the upper portion, there are large, mature trees with dense foliage. In the lower portion, a person is standing in a clearing, surrounded by smaller trees and rocks. The overall scene is a natural, wooded environment.

# OUTLINE

– **SNAPSHOT OF REDD READINESS**

– **ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN**

– **CHALLENGES**

# SNAPSHOT OF READINESS

- Zambia is one of the selected pilot countries of the initial Quick Start phase of the Joint UN Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD) which is a collaborative initiative between FAO, UNDP and UNEP.

# SNAPSHOT OF READINESS

- UN system in Zambia is facilitating the process of support to the quick start actions by providing bridge funding for the initial start up activities.
- Work plan activities include:
  - Capacity Development Outputs:
  - Support to the Review of the forestry policy/legal framework.
  - Programme management

# SNAPSHOT OF READINESS

- Broad stakeholder engagement and political preparedness are critical to the success of REDD.
- Thus, various stakeholders in Zambia have shown willingness to participate fully in the UNREDD. These include Government, the Academia and Research Institutions, Civil Society and other NGOs.

# ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

- Awareness raising
  - for relevant govt institutions, civil society, and community based organisations and other NGOs (ongoing process).
- Consultations for institutional and implementation arrangements
  - with govt institutions and other stakeholders on of UNREDD programme .
  - The Ministry of Tourism, Environment and Natural Resources has set up the Climate Change Facilitation Unit which shall lead the process of developing a National Strategy on climate change activities in Zambia.
  - A Technical Team comprising of relevant govt institutions and some civil society organisations has been set up.

# ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

– Forestry Policy and Legal Framework Review has started.

- A National Consultant engaged to be assisted by an International Consultant .
- 9 consultants have been selected to lead Provincial stakeholders' consultations.
- This Policy and legal framework review should take into account the following:
  - REDD Agenda;
  - strengthen the participatory forest management,
  - climate change,
  - a clear definition of the protected area systems and environment mainstreaming.

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# ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

## – Establishing reliable carbon assessment methodologies

- The UN system through FAO has engaged an International Consultant to analyze the ILUA data on Carbon Assessment and develop an appropriate methodology for Carbon Assessment. (Reference to the Integrated Land Use and Assessment (ILUA) Report that has been prepared in Zambia).



# ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

- Facilitating visit of Global UN-REDD Team
  - HQs of FAO, UNEP and UNDP, visited Zambia to assist the country in preparing a National REDD programme and strategy.
  - Team held consultations with UN system in Zambia, Senior Government officials (Relevant Ministries) and Civil Society Organisations.

# ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

- Guiding roadmap for REDD developed
  - Management of readiness
  - Stakeholder Participation
  - REDD implementation framework
  - Identification of REDD Strategies
  - National MRV System
  - Reference scenario for Forest Emissions
- Contains useful information for NJP preparation

# CHALLENGES

## – General limitations in Human and Physical capacities

- as regards assessments of carbon, development of carbon projects, monitoring and evaluation of carbon increments as well as leakages, certification and reporting at national and local community levels.
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# CHALLENGES

- Capacity Development is required at National, District and local Levels in form of:
  - Training in forest inventories and assessments including the use of Remote Sensing, GIS, Satellite Image Analysis, Mapping and Database Development and Management.
  - Collection and Assessment of Social and Development Information.
  - Support for Physical Infrastructure Development including monitoring and management tools and carbon assessment.
  - Improving technology to ensure monitoring, verification and reporting on climate change.

# CHALLENGES

- Appropriate mechanisms for clear and transparent incentive sharing are limited. This is necessary so that the established financial management systems allow for flow of funds to beneficiaries and stakeholders.

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