Working Group 1

National Support – What is needed?

Criteria for successfully integrating REDD+ into Green Economy at the national level

Willingness and capacity to make the changes needed

- Support for the shift to the green economy at the highest level (Head of State)
- Leadership <u>AND</u> followership
- Capacity to achieve the change needed
- Create a willingness for change (knowledge and capacity)
- Make the case for the Green Economy
- Commitment from different government offices at all levels (understanding of how it links to their mandate – at all levels)
- Awareness raising and education on the concept of the Green Economy
- Effective communication (benefits and trade-offs have to be clear)

Cross-sectoral approach

- Institute integrated land use planning rather than sectoral planning (also for budget allocation)
- Optimal integration of institutions
- REDD+ must not been seen as a forestry project, but as an integrated land use initiative
- Integrating target setting for REDD+ and GE (Carbon emissions, job creation, poverty reduction. How do they inter-relate? How can they reinforce each other or how do they affect each other)
- Investment and policy options: How do we use REDD+ to link with broader policy options
- Mainstreaming of the Green Economy

Adequate financing

- Investment to kick-start the process
- Financing for developing a national REDD strategy
- Identify areas of potential co-financing (in addition to REDD+)/integrate different funding sources

Technology transfer and technical assistance

- Technical assistance to prepare/finalise national development strategy and financing for its implementation
- Technology and knowledge transfer to move towards a green economy/more resource efficient technologies
- International support to strengthening capacity at provincial/local levels

Cooperation

- Cooperation between the REDD countries, building on lessons learned (e.g. as done under UN-REDD and FCPF)
- Pooling resources under a MPTF at national level
- Enhance south-south cooperation

Economic and distributional analyses of costs and impacts

- Studies on the costs and economic impacts of REDD+
- Consider the trade-offs and evaluate the longer term economic impacts of REDD+
- Better understanding of the risks
- Start with an emission reduction target. Then look at this from a green economy perspective to evaluate different options for achieving this target. Then compare them in terms of how they also deliver on other targets.

Other specific suggestions

- Identify what levers are going to be the most effective (institutional, financial and technical)
- Mapping out alternative livelihood opportunities - including in other sectors
- Quantification in the national accounts
- Need to put in place safeguards
- Trust-building and stakeholder consultations
- Coordination between national and sub-national institutions
- Prepare provincial strategies and action plans / support changes taking place at the local level
- Establish pilot projects that e.g. link REDD+ with other activities/PES