



## Management Response

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**Overall Comments:** The Strategic review was undertaken from June to August 2013 with the view of assessing the extent to which the Programme outputs and outcomes had been achieved in getting Zambia ready for REDD+. In addition, the review was to provide a vision and a longer term engagement for UN-REDD programme in Zambia and also to assess the current implementation and partnerships arrangements to improve the delivery of the Programme. Furthermore, it was to provide the basis for a non-cost extension of the programme to facilitate the finalization of major outputs for the REDD+ Readiness phase. The review was undertaken in a consultative manner by independent consultants (One International and One National). The consultants presented the findings and recommendations to the National REDD+ Coordination Unit and the Draft Report was circulated to the UN-Agencies and the Ministry. Thereafter, the national REDD+ Coordination Unit prepared the management response which was presented to the National REDD+ Steering Committee for discussion and endorsement.

**Evaluation Recommendation/Issue 1:** Extend the UN-REDD Zambia Programme for 16 months to permit completion of the basic key tasks and ensure a credible outcome that would allow a possible follow-up phase (extension proposed from the current closing date of August 31, 2013 to December 31, 2014)

**Management Response:** The UN-REDD team welcomes the proposed extension for 16 months, which allows for the completion of various tasks and ensures a solid foundation and enabling conditions for REDD+ implementation in Zambia. Whilst a much detailed revised work plan and budget will be developed in September with the full participation of Government and UN partner agencies, a succinct action plan which gives a broad overview of keys tasks to be accomplished in the next 16 months is annexed to the request for extension letter. The action plan synthesizes the management response together with key ongoing activities.

Key Action (s)	Time Frame	Responsible Unit (s)	Tracking: Minutes of the Steering Committee meeting	
			Status	Comments
1. Present the findings and recommendations and follow up actions for endorsement by the Steering Committee	By 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2013	National REDD+ Coordinator		
2. The Ministry to formally request for the non-cost extension of the programme to the UN-REDD Programme Secretariat through the UN-Resident Coordinator	By 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2013	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Lands, natural resources and Environmental Protection		
3. The UN Resident Coordinator submits the request to the UN-REDD Secretariat	By 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2013	UN Resident Coordinator		
4. Hold a planning meeting to revise the work plan and develop an implementation plan to incorporate follow up actions to the recommendations	By 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2013	National REDD+ Coordinator		
5. Submit revised work plan to the Permanent Secretary and UN Resident Coordinator for approval and signature	By 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2013	National REDD+ Coordinator		
<p><b>Evaluation Recommendation/Issue 2:</b> Assist government to clarify and continue to strengthen the new institutional architecture for Climate Change, which comprises the REDD+ coordination within the Interim Climate Change Secretariat, and encourage involvement of relevant line ministries</p>				
<p><b>Management Response:</b> The Government has established the Inter Ministerial Interim Climate Change Secretariat (IICCS) whose mandate is to coordinate climate change initiatives and UN-REDD programme is one of such initiatives that will be directly be coordinated by the Secretariat. The National REDD+ Coordinator has been attached to the Secretariat.</p>				
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6. The National REDD+ Coordinator to operate from the Secretariat	The national REDD+ Coordinator is already a member of the IICCS and the Climate Change Technical Committee	IICCS National Coordinator	In progress	Comments Discussions by the Climate Change Technical Committee to clarify the roles and linkages of IICCS with line sector Ministries are ongoing.
7. IICCS to establish working group on Mitigation that would support the implementation of REDD+	30 <sup>th</sup> October 2013	IICCS National Coordinator	In Progress	Initial meeting to establish the Working Group was held on the 23 <sup>rd</sup> August 2013

**Evaluation Recommendation/Issue 3 Promote more systematic engagement of civil society, the private sector, and local communities**

**Management Response:** As part of efforts to promote a more systematic engagement of civil society, the private sector and local communities, a national scale Stakeholder Assessment and Engagement Plan (SAEP) has been concluded. The SAEP provides a good basis for further engagement with the stakeholders. In addition to this, a specific study on the role of the private sector in REDD+ in Zambia has just been concluded. The private sector study is intended to identify entry points and provide the business case for enhancing private sector engagement in REDD+. Most recently, an assessment of Institutional capacities and capacity needs for REDD+ is on-going, the outcomes of which will provide additional entry points for engaging with various institutions and stakeholders. In advancing the work on the SAEP and the private sector, the updated work plan will contain a detailed implementation plan on stakeholder engagement to concretely respond to this recommendation

Key Action (s)	Time Frame	Responsible Unit (s)	Tracking: implementation of the engagement plan.	Comments
8. Hold validation workshop for Private sector study	By November 2013	Technical Advisor (Strategy and Capacity development)		Report on private sector study available
9. Implementation of stakeholder engagement plan (e.g. engagement of civil society, local communities, provinces, youth,	Continuous	Technical Advisor (Strategy and Capacity development)		Stakeholder engagement processes with Provinces and Districts, civil society, youth, private sector, chiefs and development partners on-going. The revised work plan and budget will outline dedicated activities and budget lines to respond to this recommendation.

private sector meetings and other organizations)				
<b>Evaluation Recommendation/ Issue 4</b> Explore the feasibility of supporting project identification and preparation work for REDD+ and REDD+-related projects, such as with seed money from a catalytic fund managed by the Interim Climate Change Secretariat				
<b>Management Response:</b> Study on past, on-going and potential forest management initiatives of relevance to REDD+ has been conducted. This study will provide a good basis for the identification of pilot projects and resource mobilization for project implementation. To complement these efforts, recommendations from other on-going studies will be reviewed, synthesized and integrated into the development of a full concept note for project identification and preparation.				
<b>Key Action (s)</b>	<b>Time Frame</b>	<b>Responsible Unit (s)</b>	<b>Tracking: Endorsement of the study, draft concept notes for the pilot projects and resources mobilized for the implementation of pilots.</b>	
			<b>Status</b>	<b>Comments</b>
10. Validation workshop for the study on forest management initiatives	By 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2013	Technical Advisor (Strategy and Capacity Development)	Draft report available	
11. Drafting of the concept notes for the pilots to serve as basis for full proposal development and resource mobilization	By Mid-November	Technical Advisor (Strategy and Capacity Development)		Role of the Technical Advisor will be to support and facilitate resource mobilization. However, the Government will be responsible for resource mobilisation which will include domestic or internal resources
12. Resource mobilization	By 31 <sup>st</sup> December	Permanent Secretary, MLNREP		
<b>Evaluation Recommendation /Issue 5:</b> Seek funding and carry out a study on charcoal and conventional and alternative energy that will make recommendations for policy reforms and investments, that will estimate how much emissions-reductions such reforms and investments would entail, given that charcoal production remains one of the main drivers of deforestation (USD 200,000)				
<b>Management Response:</b> Charcoal study to be undertaken to build on previous studies on charcoal industry				
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			<b>Status</b>	<b>Comments</b>
13. Draft a concept note to review available information on	By end of September	Technical Adviser (Measuring, Reporting and Verification)	To commence once extension is approved	The study would update on the information available so far on the charcoal industry

charcoal production in Zambia, and to identify gaps for designing a REDD+ intervention					
14. Implement the study under Output 13, and identify funding required to address information gaps in further studies	By end of November	Technical Adviser (Measuring, Reporting and Verification)	As above		
15. Organize charcoal indaba	By Mid - December	National REDD+ Coordinator	As above		

**Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 6** Seek funding and carry out a study on agriculture that will make recommendations for policy reforms and investments, and estimate how much emissions-reductions such reforms and investments would entail, given that forest land conversion for agricultural production is one of the main drivers of deforestation (USD 200,000)

<b>Management Response:</b> Emissions from Land cover change (which includes agriculture) are being estimated. In addition, the work on National Appropriate Mitigation Action (NAMA) of which Agriculture and Energy the sectors for which NAMAs will be developed would provide information on cost benefit analysis of reducing emissions from these sectors. In addition, climate SMART agriculture investment plan has been developed to promote sustainable agriculture (low emission agriculture). Further, the Integrated finance framework for sustainable land management has been completed which will provide additional information. Thus, the agriculture study will be undertaken to build on the on-going activities.					
Key Action (s)	Time Frame	Responsible Unit (s)	Tracking: concept note and commissioning of the study Status	Comments	
14. Concept note on the agriculture study taking into account on going initiatives that are linked to the study	By end of September	Technical Advisor (Strategy and Capacity Development)	In process	The study should focus on the gaps and consolidation of previous and on-going studies.	
15. Review the budgets for the Low Emission Development and Adaptation project in Agriculture to provide resources for the study	By end of September	Environment Adviser	As above		
16. Recruitment of the consultant	By 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Technical Advisor (Strategy and	As above		

		Capacity Development) and Project Manager, Low Emission Project		
<p><b>Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 7</b> Government should show more leadership to improve legislation on land tenure, tree tenure, and benefit sharing; UN-REDD should continue to pro-actively support progress, given the importance for REDD+ and landscape management in general</p>				
<p><b>Management Response:</b> Noted (i) The revised Forestry Policy has been submitted to the Minister to facilitate approval by the cabinet and the forest legislation is under review (ii) The agriculture policy is being revised to include climate change issue (iii) The climate change policy has been developed and is currently being finalized (iv) Land audit exercise has commenced (v) benefit sharing study is being conducted. With all these on-going initiatives the National REDD+ strategy will benefit and provide for a more equitable and inclusive management of natural resources(vi) Retreat for the senior management of the Ministry was held to discuss linkages among various programmes within the Ministry and support for other programmes.</p>				
17. Submission of the Forestry policy to cabinet	National REDD+ Coordinator to liaise with PID on the date	Permanent Secretary Ministry of Lands, natural resources and Environmental Protection	In progress	Planning and Information Department is drafting a cabinet memorandum for submitting the draft policy to the cabinet for approval
18. Finalization of the climate change policy	National REDD+ Coordinator to liaise with the Director of Environment and Natural Resources	As above	In progress	Validation workshop on the final draft of climate change policy has been held
19. Review the Agriculture policy to determine if REDD strategies have been incorporated	30 <sup>th</sup> August	Technical Advisor (Strategy and Capacity Development)		
20. Liaise with Ministry of Agriculture to organize stakeholders meeting for endorsement of the strategies for inclusion in the policy	By 5 <sup>th</sup> September	National REDD+ Coordinator	In progress	

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