



# Overview of Nigeria's REDD+ Readiness Programme and recent R-PP Submission

## Workshop on Safeguards and Multiple Benefits from REDD+

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## The road towards REDD readiness in Nigeria

- UNREDD Programme aimed at providing support to developing countries to conserve their natural forests for climate change mitigation;
- Between 2009 2011, Nigeria prepared and validated a National REDD+ Proposal which was approved by the UNREDD with an allocation of \$4M for 2 & half years, with Cross River State as Pilot and Taraba as next Pilot;
- The Nigeria UNREDD Programme Steering Committee (PSC) has been inaugurated; launching full implementation of the programme;
- National Advisory Council is to be inaugurated in December 2013;





## The road towards REDD readiness in Nigeria (contd.)

- Nigeria was appointed Co-chair of the 47 member UNREDD Policy Board for 2013;
- Nigeria Piloted: Participatory Governance Assessment for REDD+; & Social and Environmental Principles and Criteria;
- Planned to pilot the Community Based REDD+ Initiatives; and Building the Business Case for REDD+ Initiative
- Nigeria has submitted a reviewed version of the Draft REDD Readiness Proposal to the World Bank FCPF, towards expanding the programme to additional states;
- Nigeria will formally present and defend the submission at the next FCPF Participants Committee meeting in Geneva, December 2013;





## UNFCCC - Cancun 2010

**REDD+**

**Reducing Emissions from  
= Deforestation and  
forest Degradation**

**+**

**Conservation of forest carbon stocks  
Sustainable management of forests  
Enhancement of forest carbon stocks**



# The REDD+ Safeguards

- The “**Plus**” – side represents **multiple benefits of REDD+**;
- REDD+ has potentials to deliver multiple benefits (social & environmental benefits);
- However, there are also potential **risks** associated with implementation of REDD+;
- Safeguards have therefore been developed to ensure that REDD+ activities do not lead to negative impacts on multiple benefits;
- Safeguards recognize the **risks** & **opportunities** of REDD+;



## **Safeguards in Nigeria's REDD+ process**

- **A workshop in August 2011 reviewed Nigeria's National Programme Document & the UNREDD Programme's Social & Environmental Principles & Criteria;**
- **Outcomes: Revealed that Nigeria's draft UNREDD-NPD already included many elements that would help to enhance multiple benefits and reduce risks of REDD+ activities;**
- **Identified several potential benefits of REDD+ actions, such as improved conservation of biodiversity & supplies of NTFPs; enhanced food security; empowerment of women & youth; employment; etc;**
- **Identified risks of some kinds of REDD+ actions, such as loss of revenue or employment; disruption of traditional customs; and conflict over ownership rights (for land & carbon)**

## REDD+ Safeguards under the UNFCCC

- Safeguards are a set of principles, rules and procedures put in place to achieve social and environmental goals.
- In Cancun (2010), parties to the UNFCCC agreed on seven broad safeguard principles for the implementation of REDD+ addressing transparency, participation of stakeholders, protection of biodiversity and ecosystem services, as well as respect for rights of indigenous and local communities;
- In Durban (2011), an agreement was reached that parties undertaking REDD+ activities “should provide a summary of information on how the [Cancun] safeguards are being addressed and respected.”



## The REDD+ Safeguards under the UNFCCC (Contd.)

- In Warsaw (2013), Draft decision - /CP19, para 4: Parties agreed that developing countries seeking to obtain and receive results-based payments in accordance with decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 64, should provide *the most recent summary of information on how all of the safeguards* referred to in decision 1/CP.16, appendix I, paragraph 2, have been addressed and respected before they can receive results-based payments;







## **Safeguards in Nigeria's National Programme Document**

- **Output 4.3 has 3 Core/Indicative activities:**
- **Design of social & environmental safeguards, including design of information system;**
- **Field-level testing and monitoring of social & environmental safeguards.;**
- **Assessment of ecosystem-based multiple benefits in CRS and in the national context, and identification of proposed indicators/actions as well as participatory collection of information on the achievement of ecosystem-based benefits;**



## **Concluding Questions**

- **What are the key ecosystem multiple benefits from REDD+ at national and local levels?**
- **What are the major risks & opportunities from REDD+ at national and local levels?**
- **What are the potential roles of local communities in the context of safeguards & multiple benefits?**
- **Is there linkage between alternative livelihood options & safeguards?**

*Thank you for  
your attention!*