

REDD Readiness Progress Fact Sheet

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1. R-PP Preparation and FCPF Readiness grant

- R-PP assessed by FCPF PC at PC5 (March 2010), and Readiness Preparation Grant funding authorized by PC.
- Mexico was asked by PC to revise and resubmit R-PP, revisions are currently in progress.
- WB due diligence ongoing (ensure key issues are identified, process being developed to address those issues, fiduciary arrangements to be finalized, preparation of R-PP Assessment Note).
- TTL and Environmental specialist have continuous contact with the REDD country focal point.
- A diverse Bank team participated in multiple videoconferences and meetings with CONAFOR staff in DF and Guadalajara have led to the near complete RPP. Written comments were dispatched to client on two occasions re the RPP.
- Government of Mexico did not request \$200,000 Formulation grant; instead, total grant amount will be USD 3.6 million.

2. National REDD Readiness Management Arrangements

- REDD+ Working Group (GT- REDD+) has been formed under the Inter-institutional Commission for Climate Change (CICC, in Spanish) and has met regularly to develop the National REDD+ Strategy – multi-sectorial government institutions; designs strategy.
- A multi-stakeholder technical advisory committee (Comite Técnico Consultivo or CTC-REDD+), including civil society, has been created and appointed as advisory body for the GT REDD.
- CONAFOR has set a REDD+ team of five specialists to promote demonstration activities.

3. Stakeholder Consultations and Communication

- Institutions exist to undertake a consultation strategy in forest sector inclusive of relevant stakeholders and comprehensive in its issues.
- Discussions underway on addressing the challenge of conducting adequate consultations for a large Indigenous peoples population (5 million) spread over a large geographical area and identify appropriate representation of ejidos.

4. REDD Strategy Preparation

- Vision: To promote REDD+ in the wider context of sustainable rural development, seeking to create policy synergies with non-forest policies and to strengthen governance at the subnational and local levels.
- At least five REDD+ pilots are planned to test governance at sub-national levels and to advance methods on MRV at a multi-scale level.

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5. Implementation Framework

- National accountability and sub-national implementation framework are subject of REDD+ pilot testing.
- Under ILO 169.
- Discussions will be held to identify appropriate traditional decision-making mechanisms.
- Commitment to enact laws in relation to carbon rights.
- Dialogue with local communities regarding payments, eligibility, etc.
- Land tenure issues with Indigenous Peoples mostly resolved (65% of land owned by communities).
- Challenge: Minimizing conflict between collective Indigenous peoples land tenure and private ownership within the same ejidos.

6. SESA

- Stakeholder mapping has been conducted.
- Draft framework for SESA included in the R-PP.
- The 2nd Latin American and Caribbean FCPF Workshop in Argentina (October 18-20, 2010) will contribute to Mexico's understanding of the SESA.

7. Development of a Reference Scenario

- Data available:
- Mexico has generated a spatially-explicit model of deforestation risk over time, and will improve this model based on analysis of drivers.
- The Reference levels will be determined through a combination of historical data as well as adjusting for national circumstances, for which explicit and transparent criteria will be developed.

8. MRV

- Vision: To develop a multi-scale and multifunction forest monitoring system that takes full advantage of the existing national forest inventory along with state and community inventories to monitor carbon stocks with low uncertainty..
- Five thousand plots are re-measured every year, equivalent to 20% of total permanent plots.
- Mexico is a demonstration country for GEO Forest Carbon Tracking.
- Complementary activities will include developing early detection system for land use change (using coarse and mid-resolution imagery).
- A multi-scale measuring scheme is in process of development, connecting information at project and sub-national and national levels for a single accountability data set.

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9. Other

- The R-PP is being finalized in the context of intense REDD+ activity, within the Technical Advisory Committee for REDD+ (CTC-REDD+) and in the context of REDD+ Working Group (GT- REDD+) within the CICC (Climate Change Inter-institutional Committee). These two groups are developing a National Strategy for REDD+, and REDD+ VISION of that strategy will be presented at COP 16.
- These national processes, which build upon the experience gained through the development of the RPP, stress the need to ensure flexibility as more experience and analysis updates and refines Mexico's vision and priorities.