



Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

FCPF and the Congo Basin

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Current Situation

- **FCPF Readiness process is led by the countries**
 - Strong emphasis on capacity building!
- **Cameroon, DRC, Gabon and Republic of Congo have been selected**
- **These four countries have immediate access to \$200,000 to prepare a Readiness Plan (R-Plan)**
 - R-Plan offers the possibility of coordination of initiatives in a country and possibly at the regional level
- **Upon approval of the R-Plans by the Participants Committee, countries will access additional funding (up to \$3.5 million) to implement R-Plans**
 - Republic of Congo: additional funding is contingent upon additional funding to the FCPF Readiness Fund



**Final
Country
Selection**

Other Congo Basin countries may participate in the FCPF Readiness Mechanism

- **New selection round in March 2009**
- **Deadline for R-PIN (re)submission: December 15, 2008**
- **5 more countries to be selected worldwide (25 + 5 = 30)**
- **Assume that one could be from the Congo Basin**



R-Plan: Major Components

Component	Outputs
1- Brief assessment of Land Use and Forest Policies and Governance in the forest area 2- Management of the Readiness Process	Brief summary of lessons learned from Land Use and Forest Policies and Governance in the forest area a. Description of the national REDD working group and its work plan b. A detailed Consultation and Outreach Plan for the Readiness Process
3- REDD Strategy Design	ToRs for the design of a national REDD Strategy(ies), including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of candidate activities for a REDD Strategy (<i>building on component 1</i>); • Evaluation of potential additional benefits of REDD, including biodiversity conservation and rural livelihood; • Assessment of trade-offs across candidate elements of your REDD strategy; • Risk assessment of REDD strategy.
4- REDD Implementation Framework 5- Assessment of social and environmental impacts of candidate REDD strategy activities	Framework ToRs for the design of a national REDD Implementation framework Summary of proposed impacts analysis methodology and ToRs for carrying out the analysis
6- Assessment of Investment and Capacity Building Requirements	ToRs for carrying out the analysis of investment and capacity building requirements for REDD
7- Development of a reference scenario of deforestation and degradation:	Summary of work plan to develop a reference scenario and ToR for analysis.
8- Design of a monitoring, reporting and verification system for REDD	Summary of the work plan to design and implement a MRV system and ToR for implementation of work plan.



Regional Approach

Possible FCPF support for a regional approach to REDD in the Congo Basin:

- Regional approach is important to preserve ecological integrity of the Basin
- Countries receiving grants could support implementation of regional-level activities:
 - Setting forward-looking reference scenarios
 - Establishing a network of permanent plots for carbon assessment
 - Understanding drivers and agents of deforestation at the regional level
 - Strategic Environmental Assessment at the regional level
- Paper on regional approach prepared for FCPF meeting in March 2009 (AFD leading)