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Forest Investment Program (FIP) Summary of the First Design Meeting

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Potsdam Mandate

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- To establish a FIP by the end of 2008 within the SCF framework
- FIP to mobilize significantly increased funds to
 - reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, and to
 - promote sustainable forest management and
 - protect carbon reservoirs
- FIP to be developed based on a broad and transparent <u>consultation process</u> taking into account <u>country-led priority strategies</u> and build on <u>complementarities between existing</u> <u>forest initiatives</u>



Underlying Causes of Deforestation Underlying Causes of Deforestation

Socio-economic drivers
 Extra-sectoral policies
 Investment in unsustainable logging
 Weak capacities and inefficient financial resources

Poor governance and corruption

- Undervaluing forests
- Unclear land tenure and rights
- ➢ No access to capital



Climate Change Mitigation Potential of Different Forest Measures

Deforestation rate\relative forest cover	Low forest cover countries	High forest cover countries
Countries with high deforestation rate	REDD: high/medium potential IFM: low/no potential (Restoration: high potential) A/R: high potential	REDD: high potential IFM: high potential A/R: high potential
Countries with low deforestation rate	REDD: low/no potential IFM: low/no potential (Restoration: medium potential) A/R: high potential	REDD: medium potential IFM: high potential (Restoration: low potential) A/R: low/medium potential
Countries with zero deforestation/ increasing forest area	REDD: no potential IFM: low potential (Restoration: low/medium potential) A/R: medium potential	REDD: no potential IFM: high potential (Restoration: low/no potential) A/R: low potential



Investment Gap with FCPF and UNREDD

Readiness (FCPF Readiness Fund, UNREDD)	Investment Needs	Payments for Emission Reductions (FCPF, Voluntary Markets, Post-Kyoto Mechanism, non-market incentives)
 Emissions reference scenario Forest carbon inventory Stakeholder consultations Identification of the drivers of deforestation/ degradation Elements of a national strategy to reduce emissions from deforestation and degradation Development of monitoring and verification system Capacity building 	Closing the Gap through FIP?	 Performance-based payments (against measured reductions in emissions from deforestation or degradation)



Feedback sought on Seven Key Questions

- 1. What are the objectives and scope of the FIP?
- 2. What type of investments should be financed through the FIP?
- 3. Should the FIP be designed as a pilot program or should it be more broadly available?
- 4. How can the FIP be aligned with country priorities?
- 5. What elements should be included in the FIP design to ensure harnessing synergies with other initiatives and funding mechanisms, particularly leveraging FIP financing from other sources?
- 6. What instruments should be used in FIP financing?
- 7. How can the FIP Sub-Committee be inclusive of interested stakeholders?



Key Outcomes

- Agreement that principle objective is to pilot new approaches and scale-up
- FIP should lead to REDD and promote improved SFM to lead to emissions reductions and protection of carbon reservoirs
- Should work with both public and private sectors
- Should
 Be inclusive
 - Address drivers of deforestation
 - Take a multi-secotral approach
 - Maintain flexibility to promote learning
- Recognize that REDD can promote cobenefits, including adaptation
- Indigenous communities needs should be addressed in design and implementation
- Should build upon complementarities, such as GEF, FCPF, UNREDD and UNFF and follow country-led priorities
 - Should be a pilot program (number of pilot countries determined by available resources)



Key Issues Going Forward

SDN Forests

Criteria and process for selecting pilot countries

- Proposal to cover different situations:
 - demonstrate how to curb deforestion over medium term (REDD)
 - demonstrate how to lay foundations for sustainable management of forests in "big prize states"
 - demonstrate incentives to maintain carbon stocks and avoid deforestation processes to take off
 - Systematic halt and reverse degradation
- Build on FCPF and UN-REDD
- Multi-stakeholder working group being created to plan next design meeting