

# **REDD+ Partnership Work Program Components and Timeline (2011-2012)**

**Note: 2010 Work Program will be integrated with this document**

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The foundation of this work program is the core objective of the REDD+ Partnership, namely to contribute to the global battle against climate change by serving as an interim platform for the Partners to scale up REDD+ actions and finance, and to that end to take immediate action, including improving the effectiveness, efficiency, transparency and coordination of REDD+ initiatives and financial instruments, to facilitate among other things knowledge transfer, capacity enhancement, mitigation actions and technology development and transfer.

This work program is based on the inputs from Partners and stakeholders drawing from the REDD+ Partnership document adopted in Oslo on 27 May 2010. This document maintains continuity between the progress made in fulfilling the work program for 2010 and the vision of the Partners that will guide the Partnership's actions through 2012.

This work program should be considered as a living framework document that guides the future work of the Partnership, which – in the light of the dynamic relevant policy processes – requires further development and periodic review, taking into account all Partners' needs and views and inputs from Stakeholders. The work program should guide further prioritization in the future. In this context, and as agreed in the REDD+ Partnership document, work of the Partnership should not prejudice but support and contribute to the UNFCCC process.

**The implementation of the components of the 2010 work program** is in progress and will continue into 2011, and beyond. Four out of the five components listed below are in the process of becoming the informational and analytical foundation of the Partnership's ongoing work and the fifth component is folded into the work program 2011-2012:

- database of REDD+ financing, actions, and results
- analysis of financing gaps and overlaps
- discussion of effectiveness of multilateral REDD+ initiatives

- share lessons on our REDD+ initiatives, share best practices & promote and facilitate cooperation among Partners
- institutional arrangements

The foundation laid by the on-going development of the products of the 2010 work program enables the Partnership to significantly advance its role facilitating an effective synergy between the financing and actions of REDD+.

The work program for 2011-12 is divided into the following five components:

- facilitating readiness activities
- facilitating demonstration activities
- facilitating results based actions
- facilitating the scaling up of finance and actions
- promoting transparency

## **Work Program Component 1. Facilitating Readiness Activities**

Partners should identify lessons and actions to promote the assessment of country needs, when requested by countries, with regard to REDD+ readiness and to effectively mobilize, deploy and facilitate enabling institutions in developing countries, in order to better channel finance and technology for REDD+ actions while recognizing national circumstances and respecting national sovereignty.

Partners intend to focus on sharing experiences and lessons learned on: strengthening institutional arrangements and governance structures; developing national strategies; enhancing capacities; technology development and knowledge transfer and cooperation with research communities.

Partners should promote and facilitate cooperation among Partners including south-south cooperation and regional REDD+ networks as well as among REDD+ initiatives and leverage technology development and enhance knowledge transfer.

The role of local institutions in the development of REDD+ readiness activities is paramount to REDD+.

Ensuring the full and effective participation of civil society, indigenous peoples and local communities is also important.

### **Potential Partnership Actions in 2011-2012**

- Commission an independent report by the end of 2010 to assess the current capacities and capabilities of developing country institutions involved with REDD+ activities in developing countries that voluntarily request to participate in the report, including case-studies, options, and recommendations, directed specifically to these participating developing countries. This exercise will not seek to determine universal criteria. (from comp 5/2010)
- Organize a technical workshop on sharing best practices and experiences, including discussion on:
  - how drivers of deforestation and forest degradation are being or will be addressed
  - how safeguards are integrated in REDD+, also drawing expertise from existing initiatives and in-country activities and other processes
  - how local communities and indigenous peoples can benefit from REDD+ activities to meet their needs, including access and benefit sharing, respecting national circumstances.

## **Key deliverables**

To enable action:

- Key findings on enabling institutional arrangements in developing countries.
- Options are identified on how the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation will be addressed.
- Key findings on how to integrate safeguards and the effective engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities in the REDD+ efforts at the national level.

## **Medium to long term goals**

- Readiness to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation fully encompass conservation of forests, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks (REDD+) is advanced.
- Effectively mobilize, deploy and facilitate enabling institutions in the development of REDD+ Readiness activities as appropriate.
- The role of indigenous peoples and local communities and equitable sharing of benefits in the development of REDD+ readiness activities is enhanced.
- Safeguards are well acknowledged and addressed.

## **Work Program Component 2. Facilitating Demonstration Activities**

It is essential that Partners facilitate the effective development and implementation of demonstration activities, including tackling of drivers of deforestation and forest degradation at local, national, and international levels.

Steps to implementation stage may include testing and putting into practice national strategies, institutional arrangements, monitoring systems, as well as environmental, governance and social safeguards. Enhancing the multiple-functions of forests, co-benefits they provide and traditional knowledge is also critical.

Private sector participation, e.g. via public/private partnerships in implementing REDD+ demonstration initiatives is essential.

### **Potential Partnership Actions in 2011-2012**

- Convene a technical workshop to share experiences and lessons learned regarding the design and implementation of demonstration activities, inviting a wide range of participants including civil society, indigenous peoples and the private sector.
- Develop a report to present, consolidate, analyze and promote the main aspects and enabling environment of demonstration activities.
- Convene a technical workshop to discuss the findings of the report and invite the private sector for dialogue with Partners and other stakeholders, including international and national investors and business representatives

### **Key deliverables**

To enable action:

- Main aspects of an enabling environment for demonstration activities are consolidated, analyzed and discussed and implemented.
- Key findings are documented and shared, including on engaging the private sector in REDD+ efforts.

### **Medium to long term goals**

- Design and implementation of national REDD+ strategies.
- Drivers of deforestation and forest degradation properly recognized and tackled; and multiple-functions of forests and co-benefits enhanced.
- Increased involvement of all relevant stakeholder, including private sector, in demonstration activities.

- Enabling environment, including REDD+ strategy, institutional arrangements and monitoring systems.

## **Work Program Component 3. Facilitating Results-based Actions**

It is important that Partners facilitate the effective implementation of result-based actions. Such actions would need to build on and scale up from demonstration activities to result-based actions by scaling up activities, and payment for environmental services, and address the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation.

Among the key means to increase understanding and action is to facilitate cooperation among partners, including South-South cooperation and creating enabling environments to attract private financial resources to the process.

Partners should promote result-based actions that are measurable, reportable and verifiable, and present, consolidate and analyze the main aspects of result-based actions.

### **Potential Partnership Actions in 2011-2012**

- Convene a technical workshop to present and analyze practices of results-based schemes, including financial arrangements.
- Discuss how to make the transition from readiness activities to results-based actions.
- With respect to the above actions, facilitate cooperation, inter alia, South-South cooperation, including through workshops.

### **Key deliverables**

To enable action:

- Key findings on result-based schemes and the transition from readiness based grants to results based actions.
- Key findings are documented and shared on carbon markets, payments for environmental services and other result-based systems.
- Enhanced cooperation among key players including central and regional governments, private sector, indigenous peoples, local communities and NGOs.

### **Medium to long term goals**

- Result-based activities are being established and implemented based on the demonstration activities and incentives are being provided with verified emission reduction.

## **Work Program Component 4. Facilitating the Scaling Up of Finance and Actions**

It is important that Partners share lessons and best practices on how to improve the transparency and coordination and effectiveness of multilateral and bilateral institutions, funding sources and financial mechanisms as well as to further engage the public and private sectors with the aim of understanding how to effectively scale up actions and finance.

Public finance has been pledged for the fast-start period but there is a need to increase efficiency and transparency of disbursements.

Partners should enhance mobilization and promote the effective deployment of finance to address the gaps and overlaps in finance and actions.

### **Actions in 2011-2012**

- Share experiences and lessons from REDD+ development and implementation, including workshops focusing on specific issues such as the cost-effectiveness of REDD+ policies and measures, and national frameworks for fund disbursement and delivery.
- Further synthesize and analyze existing information on finance and action needs building on the gap analysis study and other sources.
- Identify options for finance and actions and the sources and mechanisms for delivering them.
- Promote the transparency and accountability of existing financial mechanisms and flows.

### **Key deliverables**

To enable action:

- Findings from the results of the gap analysis are made available to further understand the needs on gaps and overlaps in REDD+ financing, and the outcome of the analysis is utilized to improve the existing REDD+ financing and actions.
- Key findings on the role of different finance sources and mechanisms, the current barriers that inhibit private sector investment, the role and geographical distribution of existing finance sources and mechanisms to address the needs on scaling up finance and actions.
- Key findings on innovative financing mechanisms (including public-private mechanisms).



## Medium to long term goals

- Scale up finance and REDD+ actions.
- Increased understanding of the cost-effectiveness of REDD+ policies and measures in different country circumstances.
- Increased understanding of the status of REDD+ at the national level, in terms of finance and action needs, gaps and overlaps.
- Institutional arrangements are in place, which ensure, *inter alia*, transparency, accountability and equitable benefit sharing.
- Enhanced coordination and effectiveness, transparency and accountability of multilateral and bilateral institutions in-country, including with national funds.
- Enhanced delivery of funds.
- Fair and equitable geographic distribution of REDD+ financing.

## **Work Program Component 5. Promoting Transparency**

Promoting transparency is the purpose guiding all activities of the Partnership including on issues of both substance and process.

Partners intend to further develop the voluntary database and REDD+ Partnership website as tools of enhancing information sharing and communication.

Partners should provide platforms for the sharing of information and for fostering dialogue among Partners as well as civil society, indigenous peoples, local communities and private sector and enhance the use of the database to address the outcome of the analysis of financing gaps and overlaps. Partners should present the platforms and database to wider range of participants in order to encourage their utilization and improve communication to promote main findings and follow up on database information.

### **Potential Partnership Actions in 2011-2012**

- Maintain the database and website with up-to-date information and provide a communication space for Partners and stakeholders.
  - Improve data quality and quantity in the database. Partners and stakeholders to update information in database relating to REDD+ financing, actions and results.
  - Encourage utilization of, as well as data input to, the database and web platform by key players.
- Promote and support information exchange to facilitate full and effective participation of Partners and stakeholders without internet access, such as through non- web-based platforms.

### **Key deliverables**

To enable action:

- Database and website are updated and used
- Data comparability and quantity in the database are improved.
- Information on REDD+ finance and actions more is easily accessible to key players.

### **Medium to long term goals**

- The database and web platform of the Partnership are used as a trusted source of independent information and analysis.
- Full and effective participation of Partners and stakeholders without internet access is supported.