

Work program for the REDD+ Partnership 2010

This work program follows closely the substantive Operational Measures included in Appendix II of the REDD+ Partnership document. Collectively, the components address the Operational Measures of Appendix II and the workshops, processes and platforms to stimulate discussion, a schedule for meetings and means to facilitate stakeholder involvement to implement them. The treatment of capacity-building and enabling institutions in developing countries is addressed in all the work program components.

Each component has its own objectives, approach, stakeholder involvement strategy, immediate actions, resources needed. While the focus of this work program is on activities in 2010, each work program component has a section on potential work program activities for the 2011-2012 periods, noting that the Partners are also developing additional work program activities for that timeframe.

The level of ambition in this work program is significant, particularly given the tight timeframes. As a result, it relies on a number of critical events happening and decisions made in the following weeks, including:

1. It is essential that the secretariat services provided by The Facility Management Team of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FMT) and the UN REDD Programme Team (PT) be secured, as agreed by the Partnership (paragraph 4, part 5 of the REDD+ Partnership document). The FMT/PT should, in particular, be tasked with providing professional services to facilitate Partners communication and circulation of documents as appropriate and the organization of meetings and other technical services.
2. Funding for tasks should be expeditiously secured, on the basis of budgets prepared by the FMT/PT and considered by Partners.
3. In addition to the assistance of the FMT/PT, it also relies on specific tasks to be undertaken by particular countries and other organizations (as provided for in the Partnership document).

Work program component 1. Database of REDD+ financing, actions and results

Operational measures

To establish a voluntary, publicly available REDD+ Database of REDD+ financing, actions and results, to improve the transparency and coordination of REDD+ actions and support.

Key deliverables in 2010

- A fully functioning database ready

Rationale

In order to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, transparency and coordination of REDD+ initiatives and financial instruments, the REDD+ Partnership decided to advance work in the development of a database of REDD+ financing, actions and results. This database will not only serve to provide greater transparency and accountability, but it is considered a central tool to assist in identifying and analyzing gaps and overlaps in financing, a second operational measure decided by the Partnership. The database shall be publicly available and efforts must ensure that it is available as soon as possible.

A related operational measure in the Partnership is the consideration of proposals to effectively mobilize, deploy and facilitate enabling institutions, where relevant, in developing countries to better channel finance and technology for REDD+ actions. To this end, it is suggested here that the database should cover the full scope of REDD+, including financing offered for, and actions directed towards, building capacity and facilitating enabling institutions in developing countries to better channel finance and technology for REDD+ actions.

Given the limited time available, and the desire to advance rapidly in both of the database and the analysis, it is proposed that advantage be taken of the fact that an initial database had been developed by the Partnership. This was part of an effort led by Australia, France and Papua New Guinea. This will assist in producing a preliminary analysis of REDD+ financing gaps and overlaps as well as recommendations on ways to address them to be considered by Ministers as appropriate at the Nagoya Ministerial meeting. The Cancun Ministerial meeting will also provide an opportunity to present the more developed version of the database.

The fully developed database will provide further insights that may be explored and addressed in 2011 once the database has been populated.

Approach

The FMT/PT will be jointly requested to expeditiously propose a conceptual note and a design for the database, in collaboration with Partners and other stakeholders, for deliberation at our next Partnership meeting, ensuring continuity with and building on the initial data collection effort launched by Australia, France and Papua New Guinea. Such design should seek to capture all significant REDD+ action and finance in a country, including country, NGO, private and other sources, and cover the full scope of REDD+. The conceptual note and design for the database shall be developed by the FMT/PT and proposed to Partners for approval on a no-objection basis. Once approved, the FMT/PT will be tasked with the development of database under the oversight of the co-chairs.

In view of the expanded membership of the REDD+ Partnership, Partners will be invited to submit information on REDD+ financing and actions based on the existing REDD+ Survey by the end of August. Partners who have already submitted their information may update their previous submission. The FMT/PT will also be encouraged to actively seek inputs and relevant information from Partners and other stakeholders to improve the database.

This work should be completed in time for the Technical Meeting in Tianjin (in early October) to enable a Technical Workshop to consider progress on the database.

Ministers in Nagoya are expected to review progress on the database.

An opportunity to present progress in a side event in Cancun will be sought as well as to present the database at the Ministerial Meeting.

Potential actions for 2011-2012

Further work past 2010 could include:

- Promotion of the database with potential respondents, which, depending on the final format of the survey, may include the private sector, NGOs, foundations and multilateral institutions.

Stakeholder involvement strategy

Stakeholders will be invited to send submissions on the database.

In addition, further input will be sought into the proposed design at Bonn that will be reviewed in the Technical Meeting in Tianjin.

Immediate action Items

At Bonn meeting:

Partners decide to

- invite all members to update or submit their Survey information under the existing format to the FMT/PT before August 31st
- distribute conceptual note and design for the database from the FMT/PT for comments(15 days)
- agree on a design for the database and task the FMT/PT to proceed immediately with database development
- invite the co-chairs to oversee this activity

Resources needed

- Time allocated in agendas for Tianjin and Nagoya Meetings
- Effort and resources for Database development

Work program component 2. Analysis of financing gaps and overlaps

Operational measures

To initiate efforts to identify and analyze gaps and overlaps in financing and take steps to address them.

Key deliverables in 2010

- A preliminary identification and analysis of REDD+ financing gaps and overlaps
- An initial set of recommendations on ways to address REDD+ financing gaps and overlaps considered by Ministers
- A process to regularly provide independent review of gaps and overlaps in financing

Rationale

A related operational measure in the Partnership is the consideration of proposals to effectively mobilize, deploy and facilitate enabling institutions, where relevant, in developing countries to better channel finance and technology for REDD+ actions. To this end, it is suggested here that the analysis of financing gaps and overlaps should cover the full scope of REDD+, including financing offered for, and actions directed towards, building capacity and facilitating enabling institutions in developing countries to better channel finance and technology for REDD+ actions.

Given the limited time available, and the desire to advance rapidly with the analysis, it is proposed that advantage be taken of the fact that an initial database had been developed by the Partnership. This was part of an effort led by Australia, France and Papua New Guinea. This will assist in producing a preliminary analysis of REDD+ financing gaps and overlaps as well as recommendations on ways to address them to be considered by Ministers at the Nagoya Ministerial meeting.

Approach

The FMT/PT, under the oversight of the co-chairs, will be tasked with proposing potential approaches to identify and analyze gaps and overlaps in financing using information from the existing database structure as well as from other available information. This proposal shall be submitted to Partners for approval on a no-objection basis. Once approved by all Partners, the analysis should be carried out by an independent consultant under the oversight of the co-chairs, potentially using the updated and expanded Survey information which will be available by the end of August.

This work should start in time for the Technical Meeting in Tianjin, (in early October) to enable a Technical Workshop to consider the preliminary analysis of gaps and overlaps in financing. The meeting could then produce a report from the analysis of gaps and overlaps and draft recommendations on ways to address them to be endorsed by Ministers as appropriate at the Nagoya Meeting (late October).

An opportunity to present progress in a side event in Cancun will be sought as well as to present the database at a Ministerial Meeting.

Potential actions for 2011-2012

Further work past 2010 could include:

- Further analysis of financing gaps and overlaps using an independent consultant

Stakeholder involvement strategy

Stakeholders will be invited to send submissions on gaps and overlaps in financing.

The co-chairs will invite key stakeholders to provide their comments to the FMT/PT for compilation before the Technical Meeting in Tianjin,

Immediate action Items

At Bonn meeting:

- Request the FMT/PT to develop a concept note on approaches to identify and analyze gaps and overlaps in financing from the existing database structure as well as from other available information for consideration by Partners
- Request views from Partners and Stakeholders on how to identify and analyze gaps and overlaps in financing (by August 20th)

Resources needed

- Time allocated in agendas for Tianjin and Nagoya Meetings
- Consultant and expert time for a concept note and one report prepared

• **Work program component 3. Discussion on Effectiveness of multilateral REDD+ Initiatives**

Operational measures

Facilitate discussion on the effectiveness of REDD+ initiatives and formulate concrete recommendations for targeted improvements to multilateral initiatives.

Key deliverables in 2010

- An independent report on the effectiveness of multilateral REDD+ initiatives
- A substantive discussion by Partners and relevant stakeholders on effectiveness of multilateral REDD+ initiatives and recommendations for targeted improvements to multilateral initiatives
- Prepare a report on targeted improvements to be endorsed by Ministers at Nagoya

Rationale

While the existing multilateral REDD+ initiatives can play an important role in assisting the significant scaling up of REDD+ action and finance committed under the REDD+ Partnership, their effectiveness of individual initiatives as well as that of the existing REDD+ institutional infrastructure must be considered and wherever possible enhanced to meet this challenge. Consideration of this issue must start immediately to make the greatest positive contribution to meet Partner's goals.

Recently, existing initiatives themselves have considered internally how to enhance their effectiveness, including better coordination among them. In particular, the UNREDD programme, the FCPF and the Forest Investment Program have initiated a dialogue and will hold a joint meeting in November. This joint meeting represents a valuable opportunity to deliver a first set of recommendations to be endorsed by Ministers in Nagoya.

The meeting in Nagoya offers the opportunity for Ministers to issue strong message on targeted improvements and hence, this work program is basically crafted to develop relevant input into the Nagoya Meeting that the co-chairs can then transmit to the multilateral REDD+ initiatives. Inputs into the discussion must draw on relevant existing analysis and proposals by Partners, multilateral initiatives themselves and other stakeholders.

A related operational measure in the Partnership is the consideration of proposals to effectively mobilize, deploy and facilitate enabling institutions, where relevant, in

developing countries to better channel finance and technology for REDD+ actions. To advance work in this area, the consideration of effectiveness of multilateral REDD+ initiatives could include recommendations on how existing multilateral initiatives can better support capacity-building and facilitate enabling institutions in developing countries.

Approach

The overall intent of this component is to develop a set of recommendations that can be conveyed to the relevant multilateral initiatives, possibly at the upcoming joint meeting of FCPF & UNREDD & FIP, after consideration at the Ministerial Meeting in Nagoya.

The inputs for the Ministerial discussion shall be prepared on the basis of a Technical Workshop to be convened prior to the Nagoya meeting, potentially at the margins of the Climate Talks in Tianjin (early October), although this could also take place in a different setting.

As a basis for discussion for participants to the Technical Workshop, the FMT/PT under the oversight of the co-chairs shall be tasked with proposing a ToR, to be approved by all Partners, for an independent synthesis report on existing analysis of the effectiveness of multilateral REDD+ initiatives and actions taken to improve them to be contracted to an independent consultant. The ToR shall be submitted to Partners for approval on a no-objection basis.

In preparing the independent synthesis report, relevant information, including the outcome of a dedicated survey undertaken earlier by the Partnership, responses to the REDD+ Survey and inputs shall be considered.

Potential actions for 2011-2012

Further work past 2010 could include:

- Follow up on impact of recommendations provided to multilateral initiatives
- Additional analysis and further recommendations

Stakeholder involvement

Stakeholders will be invited to send submissions on the enhancement of the effectiveness of multilateral REDD+ initiatives.

Stakeholders shall also be invited to provide inputs on the effectiveness of multilateral REDD+ initiatives to the synthesis report and to the deliberations of the Technical Workshop, where they will also be participating as observers.

The commissioned consultant shall be tasked to actively seek these inputs.

Immediate action items

At Bonn meeting:

Partners decide to

- task the FMT/PT to draft terms of reference for a synthesis report under the oversight of the co-chairs to be approved by all Partners
- task the FMT/PT to contract out an independent synthesis report on existing analysis on the effectiveness of REDD+ initiatives and actions taken to improve them based on approved ToR
- invite stakeholders and partners to provide inputs and views as inputs for the preparation of the synthesis report
- agree to convene a technical workshop on the effectiveness of REDD+ initiatives to discuss on the basis of the synthesis report and agree to develop a report for the ways of improvements in the effectiveness of initiatives to be endorsed at a Ministerial meeting

Resources needed

- Time for consideration of ToRs
- One Technical Workshop
- One Synthesis paper

Work program component 4. Share lessons on our REDD+ initiatives, share best practices & promote and facilitate cooperation among Partners

Operational measures

Share lessons on our REDD+ initiatives and share best practices regarding significant REDD+ actions and financing, practical experiences regarding safeguards, multi-stakeholders consultations and benefit sharing mechanisms.

Promote and facilitate cooperation among Partners including South-South partnerships and regional REDD+ networks as well as among multilateral and bilateral REDD+ initiatives.

Key deliverables in 2010

- Initiate process to share lessons among Partners in key identified areas
- Prepare enhanced communication platform
- Report on promoting and facilitating cooperation among Partners and conclusion of the workshop to be presented to the Ministers

Rationale

There is a significant wealth of experience in the REDD+ Partners. Sharing lessons as well as enhancing cooperation can play a significant role in enabling the scaling up of REDD+ finance and action.

In addition to conventional approaches, such as workshops, publications and technical exchanges, scaling up of REDD+ action requires deeper and more substantive cooperation strategies, including the creating and strengthening partnerships and creation of effective regional networks. All of these actions involve longer term projects and cannot be expected to be completed by 2010.

Efforts in 2010 will concentrate on initiating discussions among Partners on instruments and actions to enhance cooperation. This discussion is expected to lead to some decisions made by Ministers to foster activity in this area. In addition, some initial sharing of lessons must take place at the Partnership level as a basic first step into collective action.

A related operational measure in the Partnership is the consideration of proposals to effectively mobilize, deploy and facilitate enabling institutions, where relevant, in

developing countries to better channel finance and technology for REDD+ actions. To advance work in this area, it is suggested that Partners could share best practices regarding practical experiences with the development of enabling institutions in developing countries to better channel finance and technology for REDD+ actions.

Approach

The FMT/PT under the oversight of the co-chairs will be tasked with preparing TORs on workshop and the paper on facilitating cooperation among Partners. The proposals shall be submitted to Partners for approval on a no-objection basis.

In order to inform the discussion at the ministerial level, a paper will be commissioned from the FMT/PT. The paper will be discussed at a dedicated Workshop in advance of the Ministerial Meeting in Nagoya. The workshop will take into account the workshop of biodiversity benefits of REDD+ to be held in Nairobi in September.

In addition, the workshop will be used to initiate sharing of lessons and experiences in the key areas identified in the REDD+ Partnership document including:

- significant REDD+ actions and financing
- practical experiences regarding safeguards
- multi- stakeholder consultations
- benefit sharing mechanisms

The results of the workshop shall be discussed by the Partners and stakeholders and presented at the Ministerial Meeting in Nagoya with the view to consider possible future work.

Potential actions for 2011-2012

Further work past 2010 could include:

- sharing of lessons
- full implementation of communication platforms and creation of communities of practice
- targeted actions to promote regional REDD+ networks
- further integration of this efforts with those of existing multilateral initiatives as well as identifying synergies with efforts by stakeholders, including indigenous peoples, local communities, civil society and the private sector

Stakeholder involvement

Stakeholders will be invited to send submissions on enhancement of cooperation on REDD+.

Stakeholders will be invited to comment on the draft report on cooperation and will also be invited to participate in the workshop.

Immediate action items

At Bonn:

Partners decide to

- instruct the FMT/PT to, in developing the platform for communication among the Partnership countries, consider ways in which sharing of lessons, cooperation and regional networks could be promoted in collaboration with relevant organizing institutions
- agree to convene a workshop at the margins of the Nagoya Meeting
- instruct the FMT/PT to prepare a concept note for the Workshop in collaboration with relevant organizing institutions (by August 20th)
- commission a paper on Facilitating Cooperation on REDD+. Drawing on existing platforms and initiatives, including those by multilaterals and CSOs
- task the FMT/PT to prepare the Terms of Reference for the paper on facilitating cooperation

Resources needed

- Time for consideration of ToRs
- One Technical Workshop
- One synthesis report

Work Program Element 5: Institutional Arrangements

The Partners should consider proposals to effectively mobilize, deploy and facilitate enabling institutions, where relevant, in developing countries to better channel finance and technology for REDD+ actions while recognizing national circumstances and respecting national sovereignty.

The Partners may formulate concrete recommendations by early 2011 for multilateral institutions to support enabling local institutions in developing countries, where relevant.

The Partners should 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.

Proposals for enabling local institution in the countries should be submitted voluntarily by early 2011 and considered in a workshop to be held by early 2011 to exchange information, share lessons and best practice.

Further development of the details of this element will be made at the Technical Meeting in Tianjin.

Work Plan Components and Timeline for the REDD+ Partnership – Phase II (2011-2012)

The purpose of Phase II is to ensure that Partnership is equipped – in the medium-term – to meet its stated objective 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.” (Oslo Climate and Forest Conference, 27 May 2010)

Both short term and longer term actions are needed to enable the realization of the Partnership’s core objective while not prejudging the UNFCCC process. Such work plans must be informed by and compatible with the ongoing UNFCCC process.

To that end, Appendix II of the REDD+ Partnership Agreement provides for operational measures, which could in the future be expanded by the Partners as appropriate.

With the understanding that scaling up REDD+ actions and finance are central to the Partnership’s objectives, Phase II serves as a roadmap for the creation of future operational measures.

A set of indicative elements for possible areas of the work plan for phase II is hereby provided together with a timeline for discussion among Partners and adoption of a decision at the ministerial level, if appropriate. Partners and stakeholders will be invited to submit additional input for planned discussions on phase II.

Indicative elements of a work plan for Phase II (issues to be discussed for possible inclusion in the work plan 2011-2012):

Work Plan Element 1: Demonstration Activities

- Leveraging approved guidance for demonstration activities and other REDD+ activities (decision 2/CP.13, Appendix II and list SBSTA decisions), the Partners should seek to define interim guidance, including demonstration activities, in order to improve effectiveness, efficiency, transparency and coordination.
- The Partners should establish a web-platform to exchange views and experiences with the objective of identifying criteria for the effective implementation of REDD+ activities.
- A workshop should be held (date) to exchange information, share lessons and develop best practice.
- The Partners should formulate concrete recommendations by (date) to multilateral and bilateral institutions facilitating the implementation of REDD+ actions, including demonstration activities.

Work Program Element 2: Results Based Payments

- Noting the initiatives, including efforts by the World Bank FCPF Carbon Fund and others to pilot a small-scale 'results based' incentive system, the Partners should seek to develop interim guidance and methodologies for the implementation and scaling up of results-based incentives to support REDD+ actions.
- A workshop should be held (date) to exchange information, share lessons and develop best practice, including a presentation from the World Bank Carbon Fund team, related to results-based incentive systems to support REDD+ actions.
- The Partners should formulate concrete recommendations by (date) to multilateral and bilateral institutions to facilitate the implementation and scaling up of results-based incentives systems to support REDD+ actions.

Work Program Element 3: Scaling up of Finance and Actions

- A workshop should be held (date) to exchange information and share lessons on scaling up of financing. The workshop will consider a variety of inputs on the issue of scaling up financing for REDD+ actions, including information from the Advisory Group on Finance of the Secretary General.
- Following the workshop, a Working Group should be established to consider options and for scaling-up financing for REDD+ actions.
- The Partners may consider formulating concrete recommendations by (date) for multilateral initiatives, taking into account the views presented by the private sector, on means to mobilize the resources necessary to scaling up financing to support REDD+ actions.

Additional possible areas of the work plan for discussion (to be further developed)

as raised by the Partners, including but not limited to, *inter alia*: implementing readiness

Proposed timeline	
Event	Issues
Technical Meeting (Climate Change talks, 2-6 August, Bonn)	Agreement on timeline and indicative set of elements based on the REDD+ Partnership document Collecting of views from Partners and stakeholders
2-3 Technical Meetings (During Tianjin Climate Talks, 3-9 October), as required	Discussion on Co-chairs first draft of 2010-2012 work plan Develop and finalize a full plan for each element with deadlines Collect views from stakeholders
Technical Meeting (Nagoya, 25 October)	Advanced version of the 2011-2012 work plan for adoption at the technical level
Ministerial meeting (Nagoya, 26 October) or (Cancun, 29 November - 9 December)	Endorsement of the 2011-2012 work plan, if appropriate

activities, addressing the outcome of the gap analysis and ensuring compatibility with the UNFCCC process.