



The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)

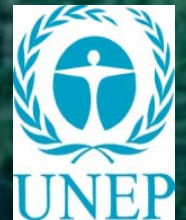


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REDD Process

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Progress in the preparation of the R-PP



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General Background

- **DRC's land size:** 245.000.000 ha
- **Forest size:** 135.000.000 ha (85.000.000 ha of humid forest: 50% of Africa's)
- **Carbon stock estimation:** 20 to 37 billions tons
- **Great potential and numerous opportunities for REDD pilot activities**
- **DRC is one the 9 pilot countries chosen by UN REDD and FCPF to implement a national REDD strategy**
- **Numerous partners support the initiative, including:** development agencies, NGOs, civil society and COMIFAC



REDD Mission in DRC

- **Launched in:** January 2009
- **Composed of 23 professionals from 9 international organisations, including:** FAO, UNDP, UNEP, World Bank, Government of Norway, WHRC, Rainforest Foundation, ONFI
- **The objective of the mission:** to help put in place an R-PP for REDD (Readiness Plan Proposal) in DRC
- **The team works closely, in a participatory manner with all stakeholders**
- **The R-PP is funded by:** UN REDD (4,3 millions USD) and the FCPF (World Bank:3,6 millions USD)



R-PP Activities

- **At the political level**
 - to put in place the legal framework, including: the National REDD Committee, the Interministerial REDD Committee and the National REDD Coordination;
 - to revise forestry laws and regulations to include REDD;
 - to develop capacity building;
 - to put in place a coordinated system of communication among stakeholders;
 - to put in place a system for sharing the benefits of the forestry sector.

- **At the technical level**
 - to put in place a scenario for reference level;
 - to put in place a MRV system (Monitoring, Reporting, Verification);
 - to put in place a scientific body for REDD.



**Provisional
Workplan
(July 2009-
March 2010)**

- **Component 1: Development and Coordination (to design a coordination and communication mechanism between partners and promote national interests)**
 - REDD management system and evaluation
 - UNFCCC negotiations support
 - Total budget : USD 610,000
- **Component 2: Capacity building (building capacity at different levels)**
 - Communication et consultation plan
 - Information dissemination
 - Capacity building funding needs
 - Total budget : USD 185,000



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- **Component 3 : Technical studies**
 - Current states of forest governance and policy, and diagnosis of the causes of deforestation and degradation
 - REDD strategy design
 - Reference scenario design
 - MRV system design
 - Terms of reference for the design of the REDD implementation framework
 - Total budget : USD 885,000



National REDD Coordination

- **A National REDD Coordination has been put in place by the Government to steer the REDD process as well as the implementation of UN-REDD and FCPF programs.**
 - Including a National REDD Coordinator and an International Technical Assistant
- **Vacancies:**
 - Permanent Technical Coordinator UN-REDD
 - Education Information and Communication Specialist
 - Financial and Administrative Manager
 - Accountant
- **Civil Society has set up a REDD Working Group, aiming to be:**
 - A key counterpart for the National Coordination;
 - An entity which oversees and controls all consultation and public participation aspects;
 - A platform for analysis, dialogue and communication on REDD.



National REDD Coordination Challenges

- **Harmonize two initiatives with their own specif logics:**
 - FCPF: detailed plan formally agreed upon by all stakeholders before implementation;
 - UN-REDD: quick start without a prior approved plan.

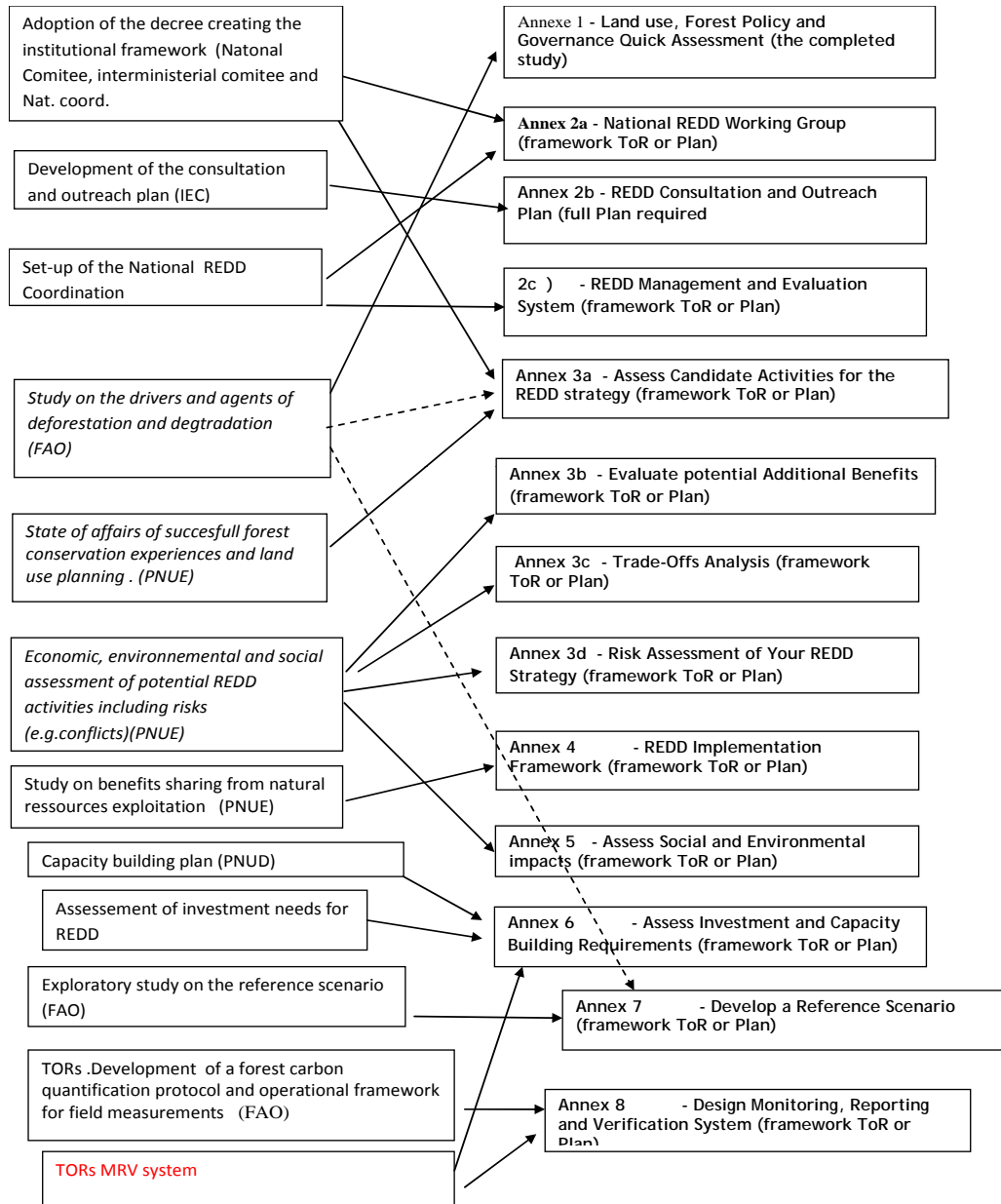
- **Coordinate an initiative including 4 agencies with different management styles:**
 - World Bank
 - UNDP
 - UNEP
 - FAO



Need for Harmonisation!

UN-REDD

FCPF





**State of
progress
R-PP:
Exploring DD
causes**

- **Quick assessment of land uses, policy and forestry governance:**
 - An ongoing survey of the causes and factors of deforestation and degradation.
 - Survey carried out by the Ministry of Environment (Department of Forest Inventory and Planning - DIAF) and the Catholic University of Louvain with the logistical and financial support of FAO.



**State of
progress
R-PP:
Consultation
and
Communication**

- **National Working Group on REDD**
 - The draft Decree is being approved.
- **Consultation and Communication Plan on REDD**
 - The plan design will start in September and end in November 2009.
 - Several Workshops accross the country: **Kinshasa** 19-20 and 21 -22 August, **Kisangani, Bukavu, Lumbumbashi, Mbandaka, and Matadi** in September (with the support of UNDP)



**State of
progress
R-PP: REDD
Strategy**

- **Strategy and implementation framework design**
 - Terms of Reference are being approved;
 - Difficult partnership with UNEP, given unshared vision with the agency.
 - DRC requests a partner to support the country in the long political process to develop its national REDD program;
 - UNEP considers its role to be a business partner, instead of being an adviser delivering technical support.



**State of
progress
R-PP: MRV
and
Reference
Scenario**

- **Elaborating and designing a reference scenario and a MRV system**
 - Several partners are currently working on the design and the management of a Geographic Information Systems in DRC:
 - Department of Forest Inventory and Planning (DIAF);
 - Central African Forest Observatory based in Kinshasa (OFAC-FORAF);
 - Central African Satellite Forest Observatory hosted by the University of Kinshasa and funded by USAID-CARPE;
 - DRC Forest Atlas is being designed (WRI).
 - On site carbon measurement:
 - Relevant work done by WCS et WWF (National Parks Salonga and Ituri)
 - Talks underway about a partnership with the University of Kinsangani.
 - *The challenge is to build upon the work done so far, in order to bring all partners in the process of designing a national development plan!!!!!!!*



Critical Point

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**Insufficient funding for setting up the
ToRs for the implementation of MRV
in DRC.**



Thank You!

Thank you for kind attention!

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