

FIP pilot countries meeting

Wednesday, 22 June, 2011

Cape Town, South Africa

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

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Guide to the program of the meeting

The second meeting of pilot countries participating in the Forest Investment Program (FIP) will take place on Wednesday, 22 June, 2011 at the Cape Town International Conference Center, Cape Town, South Africa.

The objective of this meeting is to provide input to countries in support of the preparation of their investment plans. The program of the meeting includes, among others, targeted discussions on the involvement of stakeholders, cooperation with partners and donors, synergy with national processes and results frameworks.

A poster exhibition has been organized to provide a space for pilot countries to share information relating to the implementation of the FIP with participants of the pilot country meetings and the Partnership Forum. All pilot countries will prepare posters that highlight their progress towards low-emissions and climate-resilient development through the CIF.

1 Opening

1.1 Registration will start at 8.30 a.m. and the meeting at 9 a.m. It will be moderated by the African Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank.

2 Introduction and updates

2.1 The first segment of the meeting will focus on updates in the implementation of the FIP. Pilot countries that have completed their investment plans will be invited to present them to the audience.

2.2 Pilot countries will be invited to deliver a five-minute oral update on progress towards developing their investment plans. After this introduction, participants will be invited to discuss the following questions:

- How have countries taken advantage of existing strategies and institutions to develop their investment plans?
- What have been the main early challenges faced with the implementation of the FIP? What long-term challenges could be addressed within the investment plans?

3 Update on the grant mechanism and involvement of indigenous peoples and local communities

3.1 A dedicated grant mechanism has been established under the FIP to provide grants to indigenous peoples and local communities in country or regional pilots to support their participation in the development of the FIP investment plans, programs and projects. As provided in the design document, the scope of activities eligible for support should include, inter alia:

- Securing and strengthening customary land tenure and resource rights and traditional forest management systems of indigenous peoples and local communities;

- The development of pilot project proposals by indigenous peoples and local communities and their implementation; and
- The involvement of indigenous peoples and local communities in monitoring and evaluation of forest activities, in conformity with relevant national laws and regulations.

3.2 The grant mechanism was designed by indigenous peoples and local communities through a series of regional meetings and one global gathering. The meetings took place as follows:

- Accra, Ghana (Africa), November 18 - 20, 2010
- Vientiane, Lao PDR (Asia): January 25-27, 2011
- Lima, Peru (LAC): February 2-4, 2011
- Sidney, Australia (Oceania): February 7-8, 2011
- Bangkok, Thailand (Global): 8-10 April 2011

3.3 This segment will start with a presentation by the Co-chairs of the global meeting, who will present the proposed design of the grant mechanism based on the four regional inputs from the above referred meetings.

3.4 Representatives from two pilot countries will be invited to share with the audience their approach to involving indigenous peoples and local communities in the development of investment plans, as well as their views on their role in implementing individual projects and programs.

3.5 After questions and answers, participants will be invited to discuss the following questions:

- How could resources from the grant mechanism be used for an effective engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities:
 - To inform the design and implementation of investment plans
 - In the formulation and implementation of projects and programs
 - Enhancing synergy with other related initiatives, including the FCPF readiness activities
- What approach could be followed in order to align the operationalization of the grant mechanism at the pilot country level with the process of developing investment plans

4 A strategic approach to formulating investment plans

4.1 Pilot countries are making progress in the preparation of their investment plans. In this segment, participants will be invited to discuss five strategic issues underlying these plans. The objectives of these discussions will be to brainstorm on how to exploit opportunities for other sources of funding; create synergy with national policies and forestry-related initiatives, including on readiness; give adequate consideration to gender; and benefit from the involvement of indigenous peoples and local communities, the civil society and the private sector.

Part I: Engaging other partners and funding sources

4.2 Forest conservation and sustainable management in general, and the REDD+ agenda in particular, have resulted in a number of initiatives throughout the world. Pilot countries participating on the FIP have already engaged other partners and funding sources in forestry activities relevant to this program. The objective of this part is to discuss how investment plans could engage other development partners with a view to facilitating the leveraging of additional financial resources for REDD+.

4.3 A presentation by a representative from a contributor country will provide an overview of the development partners that are engaged in activities relevant to sustainable forest management and forest conservation, and will provide his/her views on how investment plans could engage them.

4.4 Following questions and answers, participants will be invited to consider the following questions:

- Have countries identified the potential for scaling-up their forestry agenda by developing an investment plan which engages other partners?
- How can countries consider the activities of other development partners when identifying individual investments under their plan?

Part II: Linking with other readiness initiatives

4.5 The REDD+ agenda has enhanced cooperation activities on readiness with a view to supporting the participation of countries in REDD+. The readiness phase of REDD+ focuses on institutional development, creation of capacity to measure and monitor, preparation of pilot activities, and others.

4.6 The objective of this part will be to discuss how countries could make the best out of their readiness activities in the design and implementation of the FIP. The CIF Admin Unit will make a presentation on collaboration between the FIP, FCPF and UN-REDD.

4.7 After the presentation, participants will be invited to discuss the following questions:

- What readiness activities are countries already engaged in? How have these activities complemented or contributed to an effective implementation of the FIP?
- How could pilot countries integrate the FIP into ongoing REDD+ activities, in particular those relating to readiness?

Part III: Achieving synergy with national processes

4.8 One of the objectives of the FIP is to initiate and facilitate steps towards transformational change in developing countries forest-related policies and practices. Hence, investment plans should be developed with the national policy context as a basis.

4.9 The objective of this discussion will be to share views on countries' approach to align investment plans with national policies and goals, and on how to incorporate transformational objectives within these plans. A representative from a pilot country will be invited to present an example of a national

policy context relevant to the FIP and will refer to the challenges that may arise when bringing the FIP to such context.

4.10 After the presentation, participants will be invited to discuss the following questions:

- What are the approaches being used by countries to develop investment plans that build upon established forestry-related policies? What sectors are being considered?
- What are countries' expectations with regards to the contribution of the FIP to policy formulation?

Part IV: Gender issues in forestry investments

4.11 Adequately addressing gender issues is essential for the success of the investment plan. SCF Trust Fund Committee and Sub-committee members have stressed the importance of addressing opportunities and challenges relating to gender within the FIP. As most pilot countries are in the process of preparing their investment plans, this session will provide a forum for countries and MDBs to discuss how best to integrate gender considerations within their investment plans.

4.12 The objective of this session will be to exchange views, and ask questions on, how to integrate practical gender-mainstreaming approaches and instruments in the development of FIP investment plans.

4.13 This segment will start with a presentation by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) to provide an overview of the linkages between gender and REDD+ and to share practical tools and materials on how to effectively consider gender and involve women in the design and implementation of forest-related programs and projects.

4.14 After the presentation, pilot countries will have an opportunity to share examples of specific activities they have planned, or implemented, to identify and address gender-based risks and opportunities in the design of their FIP investment plans. Pilot countries and MDBs will be invited to discuss the following questions:

- What are the main linkages between gender and REDD+ that need to be addressed when preparing the investment plans?
- How can gender be effectively mainstreamed and integrated within their FIP programs, processes, and indicators?

Part V: Engaging stakeholders

4.15 The criteria for FIP investment plans require inclusive processes and participation of all important stakeholders. More than a mere requirement, involvement of all relevant stakeholders in the development and implementation of investment plans is a means to ensure the long term sustainability of the investments: not only is the support from various stakeholders required for successful implementation, but so is their knowledge and capacity.

4.16 This part has the objective of discussing the concrete role of stakeholders in the process of developing investment plans and in implementing projects and programs. MDBs will deliver a presentation on the role of stakeholders in forestry-related investments and ways and means to secure their active engagement.

4.17 After the presentation, participants will be invited to consider the following questions:

- What opportunities are created when indigenous peoples and local communities are actively involved?
- What are countries' and MDBs' expectations with regards to involving the civil society in the development of investment plans, projects and programs? How should they be engaged in the implementation phase?
- What potential role is there for the private sector in the FIP? What approach could be followed to incorporate private sector initiatives within investment plans?

5 Reporting on results

5.1 The objective of this segment will be to consider the FIP results framework and initiate a dialogue on a common approach to implement it. In particular, this segment aims to seek feedback from pilot countries on the results framework with a view to generating a collective view on its implementation. This segment will start with a 15 minute presentation of the FIP Results Framework which will highlight its main features and challenges.

5.2 The discussion on the FIP results framework will be followed by a discussion on approaches for monitoring and evaluation (M&E) at the program level. Participants will be invited to share their experiences with national systems for M&E applicable to forestry.

6 Closing

In the closing segment, the moderators will provide a summary of the main points raised. Participants will be invited to provide additional comments to this summary and to elect a representative to report on the results of the meeting to the Partnership Forum and the FIP Sub-Committee.