



# The links between the FIP and the REDD+ national process in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)



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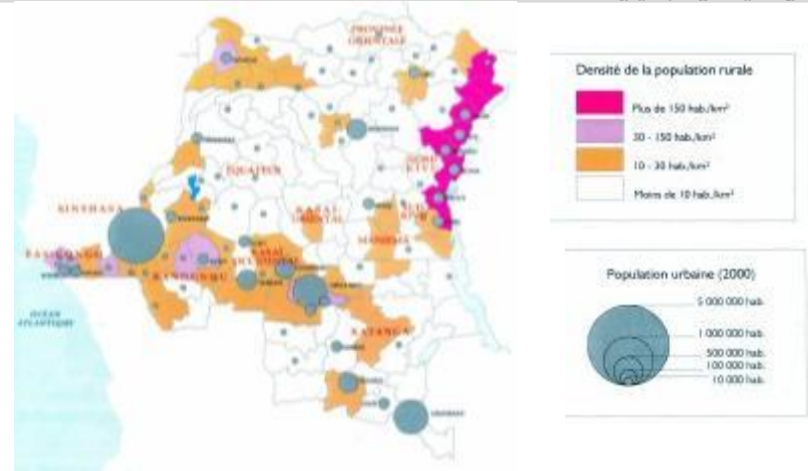


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# The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

## Context

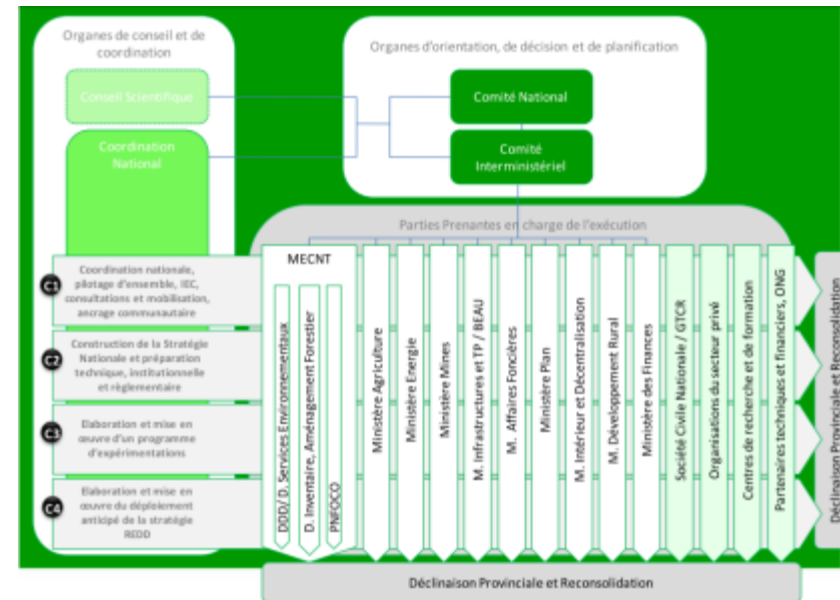
- 234 million ha
- 64 million people (2008), very unevenly distributed



- 155 million ha forests (67% of the national territory):
  - ≈ 10% of world tropical forests (2<sup>nd</sup> forested tropical country)
  - ≈ 50% of African forests
  - ≈ 60% of the Congo Basin forests

- A very favorable climatic, hydrographic & geological context, largely untapped

- **Launch of the process in 01/2009**, led by the MECNT in partnership with the FCPF & UN-REDD
- **Institutional framework for preparation officially set in 11/2009**
  - **National REDD Committee:** multi-stakeholder body for piloting & decision-making
  - **Inter-ministerial REDD Committee:** planning and inter-sectoral coordination
  - **National REDD Coordination:** management & coordination body
- **Approval of the R-PP in March 2010**
- **Development of the national REDD+ strategy (2013-2030) in a participatory way:**
  - **Studies**
  - **Consultations, incl. through 30 Thematic Coordination Groups**
  - **Experimentation (pilot-projects)**



# The national REDD+ process

## Main elements of the implementation framework

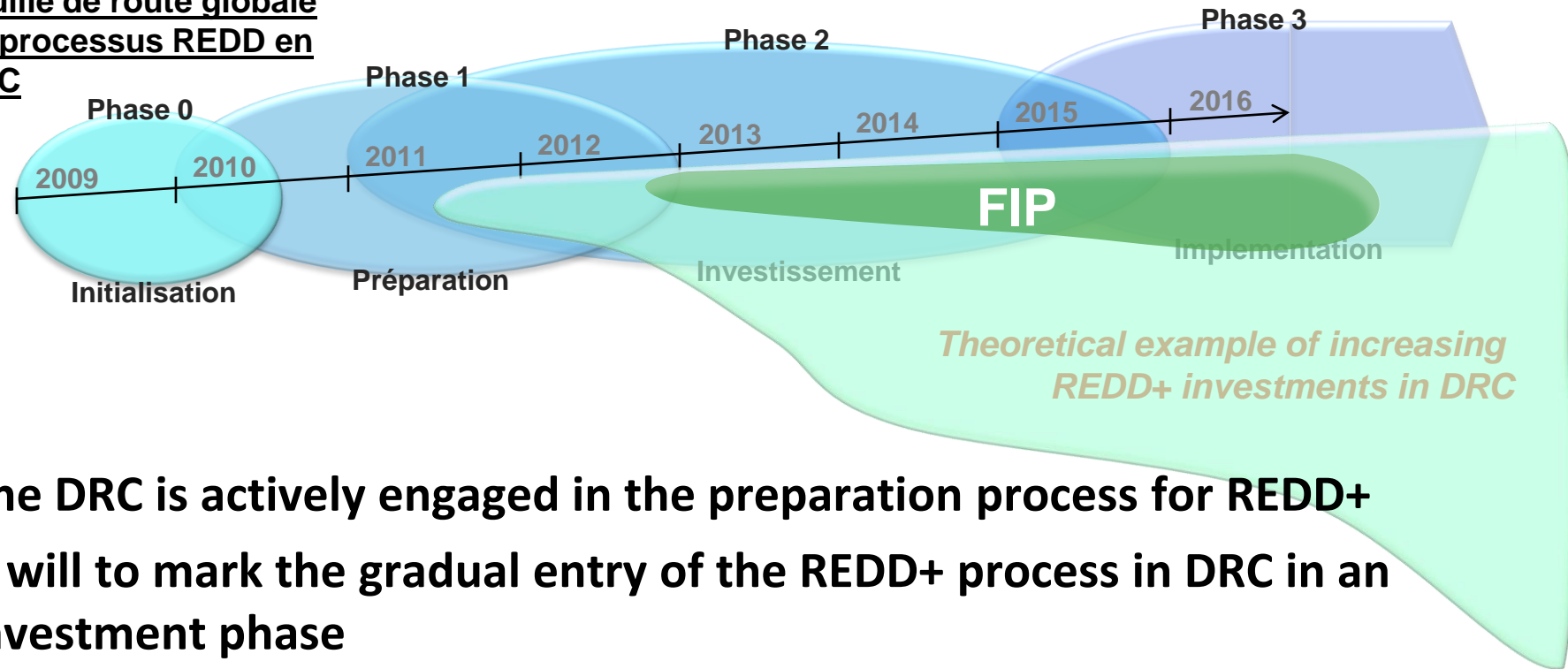


- **Definition of criteria** (incl. the development of social & environmental standards specific to the DRC)
- **Homologation procedure** for REDD+ projects (July)
- **National REDD+ registry** (November)
- **National REDD+ financial mechanism** (Study finalized in September)
- **Benefit sharing mechanism** (expert in September)
- **Risks & co-benefits MRV and management mechanism** (experimentation of standards in July-August, SESA in August)
- **Carbon MRV** (ongoing)
- **Reference level** (1<sup>st</sup> proposition in November)
- **Analysis and reform of the legal framework** (1<sup>st</sup> study finalized in November)

# The gradual entry of DRC REDD+ process in an investment phase



## Feuille de route globale du processus REDD en RDC



- The DRC is actively engaged in the preparation process for REDD+
- A will to mark the gradual entry of the REDD+ process in DRC in an investment phase
- Engaging the 1st sectoral transformation programs and supporting initiatives relevant to REDD+ and sustainable development
- Learning and experimenting on a large scale to engage the national deployment
- Focusing the FIP investments on engaging the investment phase rather than on the preparation (keep the momentum)



# The development of the FIP in DRC



## Fully integrated in the national preparation process for REDD+<sup>6</sup>

- **Preparation of the FIP part of a broader national preparation process for REDD+**
- **REDD+ Process in DRC highly participatory & inclusive**
- **Will of uniqueness of the process** (institutional structure, consultations, etc)
- **Numerous studies done, ongoing or about to start:**
  - **Study of the causes & factors of deforestation:** main phase completed (qualitative survey) and 2<sup>nd</sup> phase starting (quantitative)
  - **Study on benefit sharing:** process started with a workshop, definition of work plan ongoing and next step in September
  - **Study on the political economy of REDD+** in DRC completed
  - **Study on the risks of corruption in REDD+** (PwC) soon finalized
  - **Study on the implementation framework** starting soon
  - **Study on the National REDD+ Fund:** selection of the Consultant ongoing
- **The results of all these studies will be used in the preparation of the FIP programs and in their implementation**



An aerial photograph showing a village nestled in a valley. The foreground and middle ground are dominated by terraced agricultural fields, likely for coffee or similar crops, with rows of plants visible. The village itself is a cluster of small buildings with light-colored roofs, situated on a slight rise. The background is a dense, lush green forest covering the surrounding hills. The lighting suggests a bright, sunny day, casting shadows on the terraces.

**Thank you!**

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