

Guyana

Participation in the World Bank's Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

Readiness Preparation Proposal



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Background

- Guyana is a country with over 75% of its land mass covered with intact forest.
- It has demonstrated over the years, a low deforestation rate, of less than 1%
- Significant efforts towards sustainable forest management and utilization have contributed toward this.
- Overall sustainable utilization practices by indigenous peoples over the years, have also contributed to this favourable circumstance.



Strategic Focus of Readiness Preparation



- Activities to target a forest carbon financing mechanism have to be appropriate and relevant to Guyana's context.
- Efforts are geared towards sustainable forest management, conservation and enhancement of forest carbon stocks (Bali Action Plan 1 (b) (iii)).
- Identification of focal areas for addressing issues of deforestation and forest degradation in Guyana.
- Establishment of link to existing natural resource utilization, capacities, and resources.

Background



- Submission of Guyana's Readiness Plan Idea Note (RPIN) – March 2008
- Approval of RPIN – June, 2008
- Submission of Readiness Plan – February, 2009, Revised in April 2009, Revised in May 2009, Revised in June 2009, Revised in August 2009, Revised in September 2009.
- 2 Additional Revisions Planned for October 2009 and December 2009.
- These reviews completed, would have taken into consideration, comments from the TAP, Forest Peoples' Programme as well as others, including those of the World Bank.



Background

- Readiness Plan renamed Readiness Preparation Proposal
- This total amount requested from the FCPF is US\$3.6M over a period of 36 months
- Preparatory activities need to be conducted and include due diligence by the World Bank
- The RPP is one aspect of the LCDS



Structure of the RPP



- The RPP is a document that outlines a design of Guyana's planned approach to create a readiness framework to target a forest carbon financing scheme.
- Guyana's Readiness Preparation Proposal is being executed under the LCDS process and is a part of the overarching framework of the LCDS.
- It has 9 main components:
 - **Component 1-** Land Use, Forest Policy & Governance Quick Assessment
 - **Component 2-** Management of Readiness
 - **Component 3-** Design of the REDD Strategy
 - **Component 4-** REDD Implementation Framework
 - **Component 5-** Assessment of social and environmental impacts, and potential additional benefits, of REDD strategy activities
 - **Component 6-** Assessment of investment and capacity building requirements
 - **Component 7-** Development of a Reference Scenario
 - **Component 8-** Design & Implement Monitoring, Reporting & Verification System for REDD
 - **Component 9-** Design a System of Management, Implementation, and Evaluation of Readiness Preparation Activities

Approval of Guyana's RPP

- In June 2009, Guyana's RPP was approved at the Participants' Committee Meeting
 - Along with Guyana, approvals were granted to Panama & Indonesia
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- Approval meant that Guyana was eligible to receive a seed grant of \$200,000 USD to carry out preliminary readiness preparation activities, such as, national consultations

Key Components



- Assess the Social and Environmental Impacts, and Potential Additional Benefits, Of Candidate REDD Strategy Activities
- Consultation, Outreach and Sensitization.



Key Technical Components

Component 3 - Design of the REDD Strategy

- Examines the following key areas:
- Technical Strengthening – Methodology and Measurements Initiative
- Demonstration Initiatives
- Identification of Potential REDD Strategies
- Trade off Analysis
- Risk Assessment





Key Technical Components



Component 6 - Assessment of investment and capacity building requirements

- Examines the following key areas:
- Investment Assessment
- Development of capacity Building Programme
- Executing of training and capacity building sessions





Key Technical Components

- **Component 7 - Development of a Reference Scenario**
- Examines the following key areas:
- Assessment of Historical Emissions and Future Projected Emissions
- Analysis of deforestation and degradations data
- Development of project data and methods
- Outline of reference scenarios
- Projections based on reference scenarios



Key Technical Components



- **Component 8 - Design & Implement Monitoring, Reporting & Verification System for REDD**

- Examines the following key areas:
- Design of a Monitoring and Reporting System
- Field Based Data System
- Remote Sensing and GIS System
- Peer review and assessment
- Verification system developed



Conducting Due Diligence

- Three visits have been made so far by the World Bank:
 - March 2009 – Moraikobai, Region 5
 - July 2009 – Riversview, Region 7, St. Cuthberts, Region 4
 - October 2009 – Kamarang (and included representatives of Waramadong, Chinoweing, Kaikan, Arau, Kako, Jawalla, Warawatta, Paruima); Fairview and Nappi, Region 9 (and included representative of Moco Moco, Parishara, Haiwa, St. Ignatius)
- The main intention was to gain a balanced view of both the opportunities of and risks to the process, and to obtain a better understanding of how the execution process may best accentuate the positives, and eliminate or reduce and mitigate negatives

Due Diligence Mission



- The October 2009 Mission saw the participation of a multi stakeholder committee. During the October mission, members of the Ministry of Amerindian Affairs, GFC, REDD Secretariat, World Bank Washington and Guyana Offices, Amerindian NGOs (NADF, GOIP, TAAMOG & APA), the NTC, civil society, and IIED, and donors (UK & US), WWF, CI, and Iwokrama, were invited to participate
- The World Bank Washington Team comprised of a range of specialists: land tenure specialist, indigenous rights specialist, social development specialist, communications specialist

World Bank Visit in July, 2009

St. Cuthbert



Land Tenure Specialist, Mr. Malcolm Childress seeking inputs from residents in St. Cuthbert's Mission: July 2009



Preparatory Phase



- The World Bank Mission report is being finalized.
- The RPP has been placed on the GFC's website
- The GFC has completed additional requirements necessary to receive the seed financing of US\$200,000 of which part will be used by the NTC to conduct consultations.
- The GFC is awaiting the disbursement of this financing. The following activities are planned under this preliminary phase:
 - Conduct Consultation and Sensitization sessions with communities, indigenous groups and other stakeholders across Administrative Regions of Guyana.
 - Commence initial work on developing a methodology and model for forest carbon stock assessment in Guyana
 - Assess information requirements to conduct a baseline assessment of historical carbon emissions from deforestation and degradation in Guyana



Next Steps

- Comments invited from Indigenous NGOs in mid September to be submitted by mid October.
- As soon as comments are received, RPP will be revised taking these into consideration.
- The Revised RPP will then again be made available to all stakeholders with an explicit invitation for comments. This is expected to occur in mid November.
- The RPP will be revised, taking into consideration, comments received. This is foreseen to be completed by December 2009.



Next Steps

- Initial Work on the MRVS.
- Commencement of preparatory activities as outlined to be done with US\$200,000.
- Issuance of agreement by the World Bank, for US\$3.4M
- Continuous interaction with stakeholders.



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