New Developments in Forest Financing

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Projects under the Facilitative Process

• Facilitating financing for sustainable forest management (SFM) in Africa & Least Developed Countries (LDCs)
• Understanding the impacts of REDD+ funding on forest financing
• Climate Change financing for forests
Facilitating Forest Financing in Africa and Least Developed Countries (LDCs)

Objective:
- To facilitate expert & inter-governmental deliberations on opportunities to increase financing for SFM in Africa & LDCs

Financing:
- Government of Germany: USD 8000,000
- Government of UK:
- UN/RPTC: USD 150,000 (est)
Facilitating Forest Financing in Africa & LDCs

Rational:

- Africa & LDCs are constrained in financial resources for sustainable forest management (SFM)
- Target countries represent opportunities for SFM
- Their absorptive capacities are limited to carry out SFM due to insufficient technical expertise & low political commitment
## Selected countries

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Activities, Outputs and Milestones

- Thematic background papers (2012)
- Two sub-regional workshops (Dec 2012, Jan 2013)
- Workshop reports as input to AHEG
- AHEG session drafts GA and ECOSOC resolution (Sept – Dec 2012)
- UNFF-10 reviews and adopts resolution on forest financing
- ECOSOC adopts forest financing resolution (June 2013)
- UNGA 67th Session adopts forest financing resolution (Nov 2013)
Assessing the impact of REDD+ on Forest Financing

Objective:
• To facilitate a greater understanding of the extent to which REDD+ is contributing to SFM

Financing:
• Government of Norway: USD 146,000
• Government of UK: TBD
• UN/RPTC: USD50,000
Assessing the impact of REDD+ on Forest Financing

Rational:

- High donor & recipient country support of funding for SFM in the context of climate change;
- REDD+ has also helped mobilize significant financing for forests, but the extent to its contribution to the Global Objectives on Forests is not measurable.
- REDD+ may represent opportunities to raise funding for SFM, but could also have unintended consequences of being incremental in real times if current short-term financing is re-termed REDD+ financing.
Activities, Outputs & Milestones

• Background Paper (2012)
• REDD+ Impact workshop (TBD 2012)
• Workshop Report/Publication as input to AHEG (May 2012)
• AHEG session drafts GA and ECOSOC resolution (Sept – Dec 2012)
• UNFF-10 reviews and adopts resolution on forest financing
• ECOSOC adopts forest financing resolution (June 2013)
• UNGA 67th Session adopts forest financing resolution (Nov 2013)
Climate Change financing for forests

Objective:
- Assist developing countries to harness funding from new & emerging sources for forest financing, including REDD+
  - by addressing gaps in forest financing.

Financing:
- DESE DA: USD600,000
Climate Change financing for forests

Rational:

- With emergence REDD+ has received strong support among donor & recipient countries.
- New funding new mechanisms recognize the link between link between SFM & climate change
- The project looks beyond new funding mechanism to the potential influx of finance within the broader frameworks of SFM
- UNFF9 resolution: implications of new & emerging forest-related financing initiatives relating to 3 Rio Conventions on broader forest financing.
Activites, outputs & milestones

• Gather data on impact of new & emerging funding mechanisms on forests financing, building on current census of all known funding
• 2 information & training workshops on the geographical distribution of new sources of financing & on the thematic distribution of new sources of financing
• communication strategy
• Providing on-demand advisory services to countries on developing strategies & reducing gaps identified in forest-financing through REDD+
Thank you for your attention!

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