

**FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY (FCPF)
SIXTEENTH PARTICIPANTS COMMITTEE MEETING
December 12-15, 2013
Geneva, Switzerland**

Resolution PC/16/2013/1

Selection of new REDD Country Participants into the FCPF

Whereas:

1. The Participants Committee (PC), through its Resolution PC/14/2013/2, specified the criteria and the process by which Qualified Eligible REDD Countries may be selected into the FCPF;
2. 11 Qualified Eligible REDD Countries submitted their Readiness Preparation Proposals (R-PPs) to the Facility Management Team (FMT), in accordance with Resolution PC/14/2013/2, and their R-PPs were reviewed by a Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) and a working group consisting of Participants Committee (PC) members established for this purpose; and
3. Through its Resolution PC/14/2013/2, the PC decided that two-thirds of the Estimated Reserve will be designated for support to existing REDD Country Participants and any other activities that may be approved as part of the annual budget approval process, and that one-third of the Estimated Reserve will be designated for support to Qualified Eligible REDD Countries that are selected into the FCPF. There are sufficient funds in the Estimated Reserve to select eight Qualified Eligible REDD Countries into the FCPF at this meeting, as set forth below.

The Participants Committee,

1. Based on the selection criteria as stipulated in Resolution PC/14/2013/2, decides to select the following eight Qualified Eligible REDD Countries into the FCPF:

Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Dominican Republic, Fiji, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Togo.
2. Pursuant to Section 6.2(b) of the FCPF Charter, the eight Qualified Eligible REDD Countries listed in paragraph 1 above will be invited to enter into a Participation Agreement with the Trustee of the Readiness Fund in order to become REDD Country Participants.
3. Decides to allocate grants of up to US\$3.8 million (Readiness Preparation Grant funding) to each of the eight Qualified Eligible REDD Countries listed in paragraph 1 above, in accordance with the country-specific Resolutions adopted at this meeting, and subject to signing of the Participation Agreement as specified in paragraph 2 above.
4. After entering into a Participation Agreement with the Trustee of the Readiness Fund in accordance with paragraph 2 above, recalls that, as specified in Resolution PC/14/2013/2, the eight Qualified Eligible REDD Countries listed in paragraph 1 above shall meet both of the following conditions to have guaranteed access to Readiness Preparation Grant funding: 1)

submit their Revised R-PP within nine months of being allocated Readiness Preparation Grant funding by the PC, in accordance with the country-specific Resolutions adopted at this meeting; and 2) sign their Readiness Preparation Grant Agreement within fourteen months of being allocated Readiness Preparation Grant funding by the PC.

5. In accordance with the process stipulated in Resolution PC/14/2013/2, encourages Belize, Sudan and Uruguay to resubmit their R-PPs for formal assessment and consideration for selection at PC17, taking into account issues identified in the R-PP assessments by the TAP and the PC working group, as well as those raised by the PC at this meeting, as summarized in the co-chairs summary.
6. Encourages financial contributors to pledge additional resources to the Readiness Fund to enable the potential selection of the three Qualified Eligible REDD Countries specified in paragraph 5 into the FCPF at PC17. Pursuant to Resolution PC/14/2013/2, in the event that not enough funding becomes available at or before PC17, decides that the three Qualified Eligible REDD Countries specified in paragraph 5 will not be selected into the FCPF, unless the PC decides otherwise.