Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

Readiness Assessment Framework: Setting the stage for R-Package Reviews

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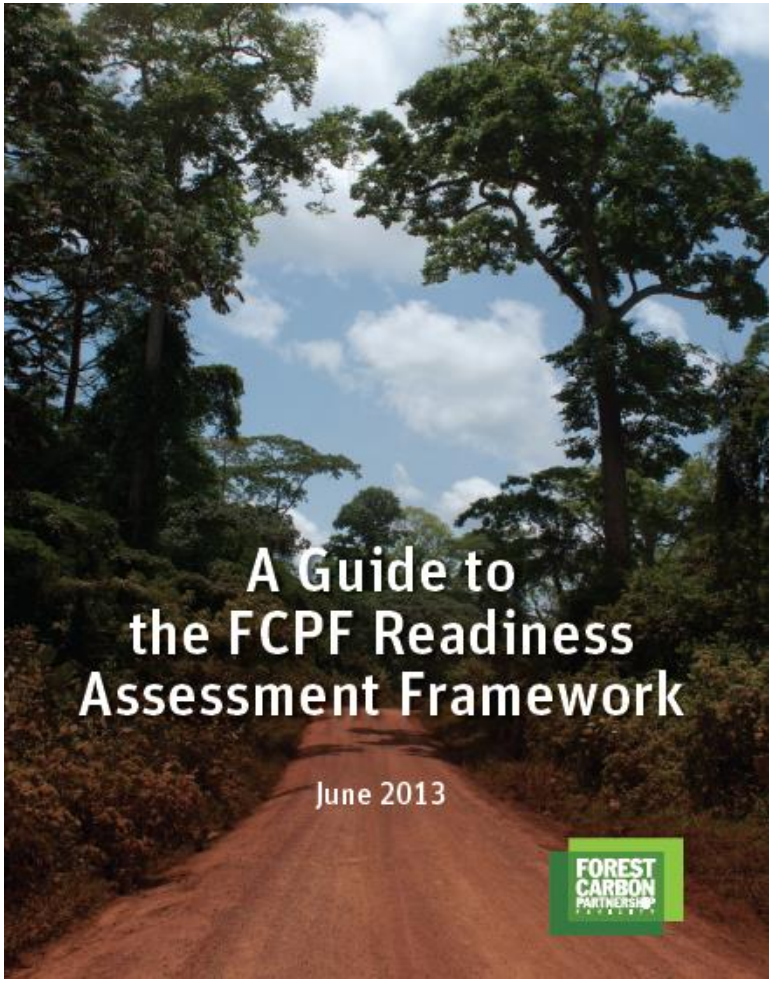
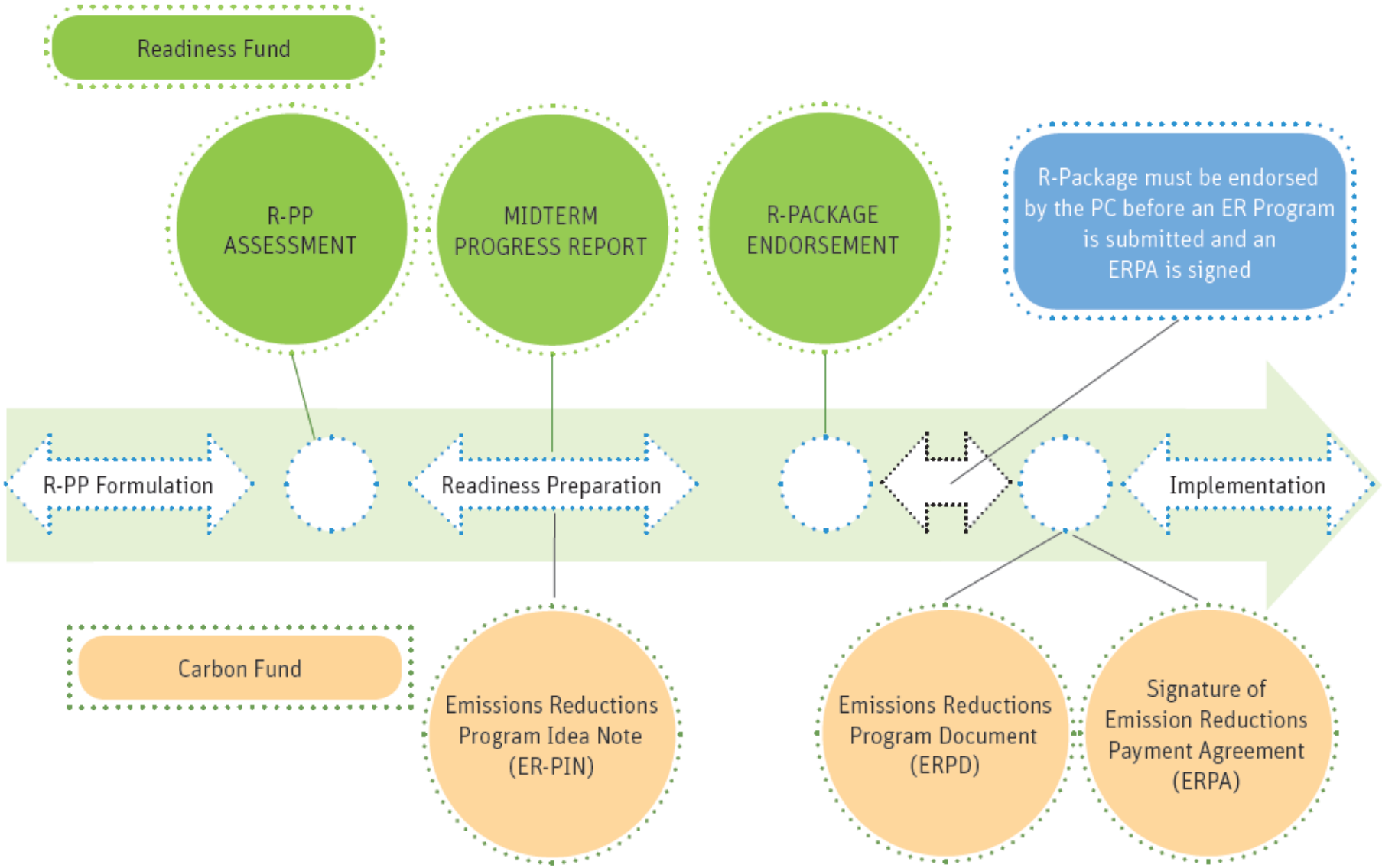
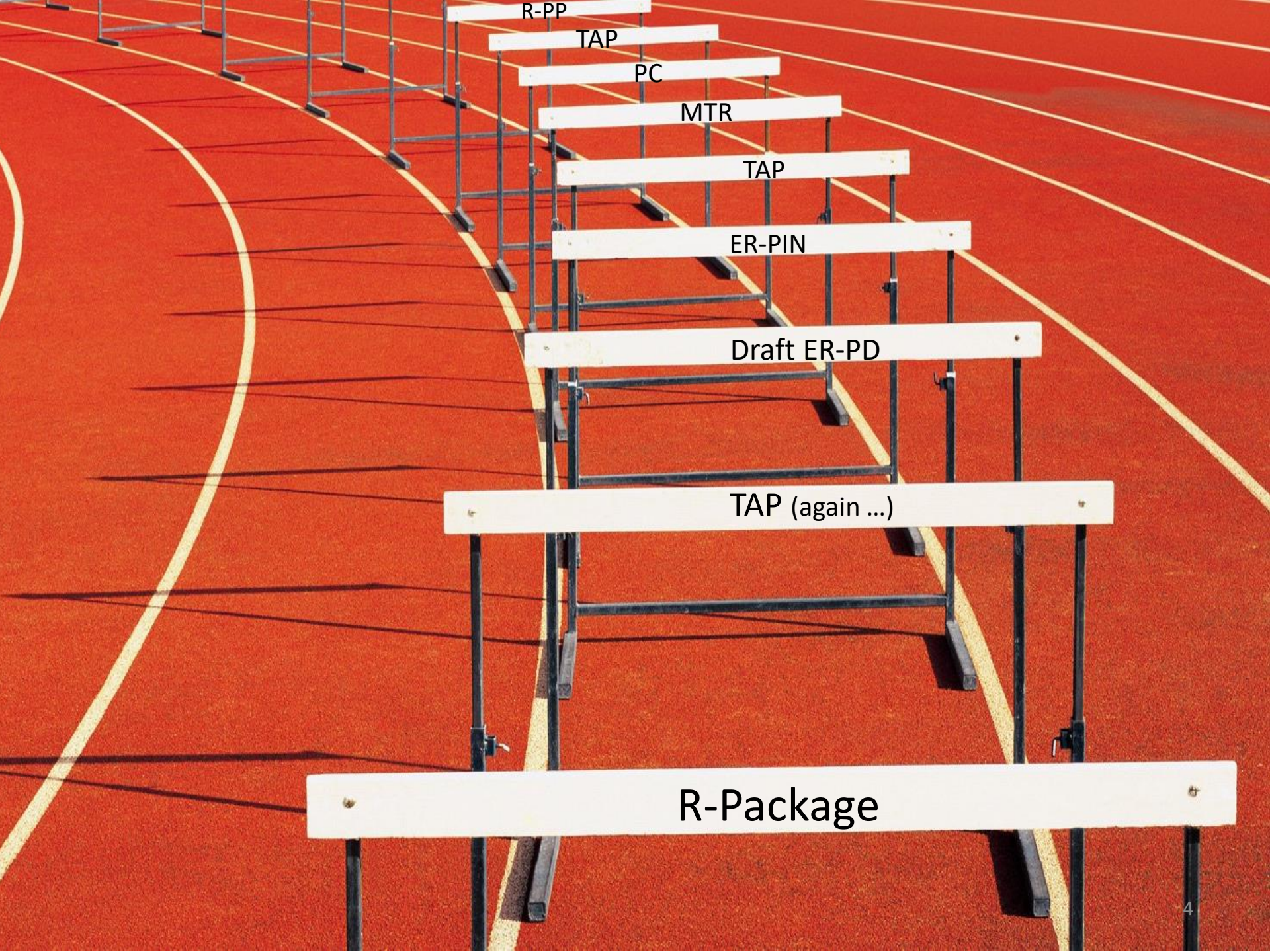
Session Objectives

- Describe key features of the Readiness Assessment Framework
- Explain the process of the R-Package review



Readiness Assessment: Milestones in FCPF Readiness and Carbon Fund processes

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TAP
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MTR
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ER-PIN
Draft ER-PD
TAP (again …)
R-Package

Readiness assessment serves multiple purposes

- Assess **progress** on readiness
- Demonstrate political **commitment**
- Receive **feedback** and **guidance**
- Display **transparency**
- Attract **funds** to scale up

The Readiness Assessment Framework is designed to measure *relative* progress

- Not an absolute standard for readiness
- Starting point and pace of progress varies by country
- Many aspects of readiness will remain ongoing

Countries report progress on same readiness components over time

R-PP → MTR → R- Package

1. Readiness Organization and Consultation

2. REDD+ Strategy Preparation

3. Reference Level

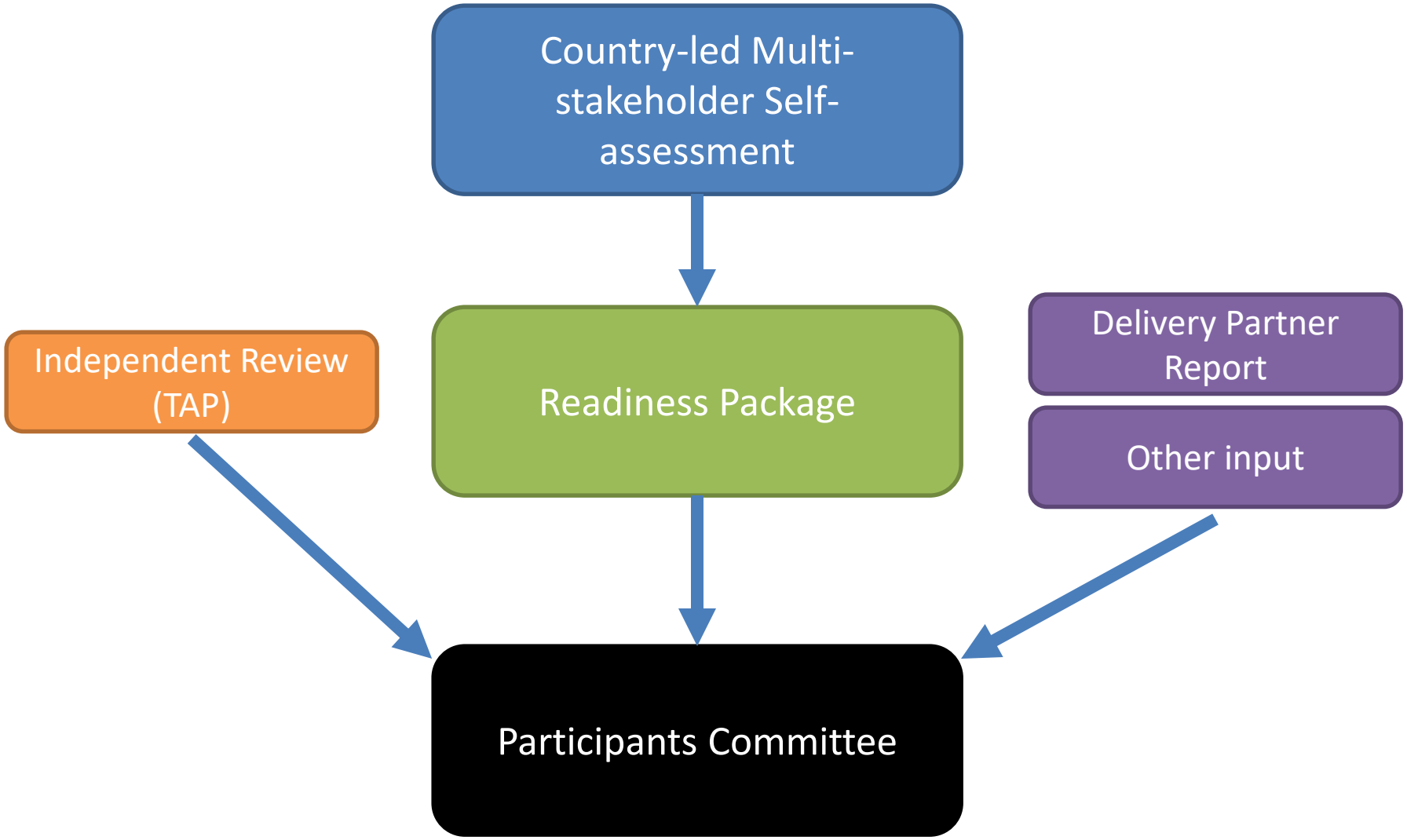
4. Monitoring Systems (Forests and Safeguards)

Structure of the Assessment Framework

For each subcomponent (9), the assessment framework provides

- Assessment criteria (34)
  - Core readiness activities
- Diagnostic questions (58)
  - Focus on desired outcome
- Guidance notes

Readiness Assessment Process



REDD Country in the Driver's Seat: Inclusive, Participatory Self-Assessment

REDD Countries compile the R-Package and report results of the self-assessment

- Summary of readiness preparation process
  - Including how issues identified at mid-term were addressed
- Report on the multi-stakeholder self-assessment
- Assessment results for each subcomponent
  - Synthesis of the overall achievement
  - Analysis of strengths and weaknesses
  - Actions going forward
- References to key products
  - REDD+ Strategy
  - REL/RL, MRV technical report
  - Environmental and Social Management Framework
  - Feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism

Green	'significant progress'
Yellow	'progressing well, further development required'
Orange	'further development required'
Red	'not yet demonstrating progress'

- *Delivery Partner reviews quality of outputs as part of grant implementation supervision*
- *Supporting documents compiled on a website*

The Result of typical Multi-Stakeholder Readiness Self-Assessment

Not a good way to summarize progress!

PC receives input from independent experts

A Technical Advisory Panel (TAP)

- Performs a desk review
- Provides targeted feedback
- Highlights strengths and weaknesses
- Proposes actions going forward

The Readiness Assessment comes before final decisions on programs under the Carbon Fund

- Readiness progress is reviewed before the submission of a Carbon Fund emission reduction programs, but with more focus on implementation
  - Safeguards
  - Benefit sharing arrangements
  - Reference levels and forest monitoring
- The R-Package review informs the development and assessment of FCPF Carbon Fund Programs

Key Points

- R-Package endorsement is one of several Carbon Fund requirements
  - Endorsement is necessary, but not sufficient, for Carbon Fund
  - ER Programs are comprehensively assessed by the World Bank, TAP, Carbon Fund Participants
  - Methodological Framework stipulates technical, programmatic requirements
- Readiness assessment is structured, but flexible
  - Tailored to country-specific context
  - Consistent with UNFCCC decisions
- After endorsement
  - REDD countries continue to report regularly to the PC
  - Delivery Partner continues to supervise grant implementation

PC24 Action: Resolution sought on Readiness Package Endorsement

- Review, discuss and recognize countries' progress
  - **Madagascar, Liberia, Nicaragua, Ethiopia, Indonesia**
  - Consider input from TAP, World Bank grant reporting and other input
- Provide feedback
  - Strengths and weaknesses
- Encourage actions going forward
- The resolution recognizes the readiness progress achieved
  - This constitutes 'endorsement' as per FCPF Charter
- After the plenary, a facilitated contact group
  - Reviews a draft resolution and collates key feedback from plenary