

#### Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

# Draft Action Plan on FCPF Evaluation: Capacity Building Program

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#### **IPs and CSOs Capacity Building Program**

R4. (RF&CF): Change the Delivery Partner of the IP and CSO Capacity Building Program and overhaul the Program. The PC should transfer the management of the Capacity Building Program to a Delivery Partner & formulate an M&E Framework and Learning Strategy for the Program.

- PC23 in Ghana called for an additional allocation of \$5million for the CBP for IPs/CSOs from July 2017 onward.
- A global IPs and CSOs workshop focused on the Carbon Fund recommended to scale up the program by \$10million.
- The IP and CSO capacity building program grants are largely already committed and the program is now under implementation. Making changes to transfer the existing program to another arrangement would not be helpful at this stage, and would lead to new delays and increased transaction costs.

#### **Proposed actions**

- The FMT wishes to maintain the current system as it is functional now, and all intermediaries are implementing activities except for one (Asia CSOs). However, if additional funding is approved, the FMT will build on lessons learned taking into account recent program experiences and operational changes within the WB to ensure the success of the capacity building program.
- The FMT will request from the PC additional finance for the IP and CSO capacity building program. The funding mainly will be processed as additional funding using the World Bank Small Recipient Executed Trust Funds.
- If additional funding is approved by the PC, a small proportion of the funding will be allocated to development of an M&E and Learning Framework for the Program and program management.

## Access to Additional Funding by Recipient organizations

- To access additional funding, the FMT will require regional intermediary organizations to demonstrate significant progress, mainly:
  - Reach at least 50% disbursement of the current funding to the sub-grantees;
  - Maintained focus on the program's overall objectives and quality deliverables;
  - Treat sub-grantees in an equitable manner;
  - Deliver satisfactory reports based on World Bank processes and standards, such as, satisfactory Implementation Status and Results Reports (ISR), Interim Financial Reports (IFRs), etc.

### Next steps – Subject to approval of funding

- The FCPF will assess the progress made by regional intermediary organizations and develop a roadmap for allocating additional funds subject to completion of the WB due diligence.
- The FCPF will explore, if needed, a modality of executing the additional funding. The aim would be to enhance capacity building progress especially in regions where delays have been experienced or where a targetted approach would be helpful for specific programs.
- FMT will report to PC24 on progress made in implementing these proposals as well as the progress made by the regional intermediaries.

#### **Summary**

- The objective of the CBP are finally being realized albeit with initial delays.
- A focus on the results-based phase of REDD+, the program has a good opportunity to engage and refocus its attention to the design of ER-Programs in a timely manner.
- Lessons learnt so far are instrumental in ensuring successful execution of the additional funding if approved by the PC.

Funding decisions will be part of the budget discussion.

We welcome feedback on the proposed actions for the CBP.



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