Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

Delivery Partners
Recap

Working Group on Multiple Delivery Partners

First Meeting

Washington, DC

September 15-16, 2010

Challenges

- World Bank's challenges in delivering REDD services to all 37 REDD Country Participants under the current arrangement
- Circumstances under which progress may slow down or stall:
  - The Bank has no country program in the REDD Country Participant
  - The Bank finances no forest sector operations in the REDD Country Participant
  - The Bank has insufficient staff to support REDD Country Participant's Readiness efforts
  - The REDD Country Participant is not requesting the Bank's assistance for REDD+ Readiness
  - The dialogue between the REDD Country Participant and the Bank in areas relevant for REDD+ Readiness is not conducive for engagement in REDD+
- Things change over time, but FCPF implementation challenge is now
- No organization can provide REDD+ Readiness support by itself
  - REDD+ challenge requires intervention of all actors with experience and expertise in a coordinated fashion

PC Discussions and Resolutions (1)

- PC 4 (Washington, DC, October 2009)
  - The FMT presented the rationale for the arrangement for multiple delivery partners
  - Failed attempt to set up a working group to review options
- PC5 (Gabon, March 2010)
  - PC recognized "the need to include other entities alongside the World Bank as delivery partners"
  - Requested the FMT to review the relevant precedents
- PC6 (Guyana, June 2010)
  - FMT presented some analysis on the operational aspects of putting in place multiple delivery partners; and
  - Reviewed relevant precedents
    - Climate Investment Funds (CIFs)
    - Global Environment Facility (GEF)
    - UN-WB Partnership Framework for Crisis and Post-Crisis Situations
    - Adaptation Fund

PC Discussions and Resolutions (2)

- Resolution adopted at PC6
  - Reaffirmed the need to increase the number of delivery partners under the Readiness Fund
  - Recognized the basic operating principle for increasing delivery partners:
    - Each delivery partner follows its own policies and procedures in supervising the use of the funds transferred by the Trustee
  - Established a working group (WG) to elaborate the following issues:
    - Process and criteria for selecting delivery partners – WG to make a recommendation to PC7 which agencies could be eligible for delivery partners
    - Principles and conditions under which delivery partners would be considered to provide services to REDD Country Participants
    - Clarification of the activities and responsibilities of the delivery partners
    - Common approach for the provision of readiness support for REDD Countries

Who Would Be the Delivery Partners?

- Potential delivery partners other than the World Bank
  - MDBs (ADB, AfDB and IADB)
  - FAO
  - UNDP
  - UNEP
- Elements for consideration:
  - Following the established precedents (e.g., GEF and CIFs)
  - Expertise of the entities

Principles and Conditions for the Arrangement for Delivery of Services (1)

- World Bank and other delivery partners:
  - Should the World Bank remain as a primary delivery partner? Only in the cases where the World Bank is not in a position to deliver REDD services to a REDD Country Participant would an arrangement be made for the REDD Country Participant to receive REDD services from another delivery partner?

  Or

  - Should no special treatment be recognized (all delivery partners should be on an equal footing)?

- FMT recommended at PC 6 that those REDD Country Participants having signed formulation grant agreements with the World Bank should continue to work with the Bank to avoid duplication of efforts and transaction costs (unless previous work done by the Bank can be recycled by the other partner).

Principles and Conditions for the Arrangement for Delivery of Services (2)

- REDD Country Participants and delivery partners
  - What would be the modality of arranging for a REDD Country Participant to receive REDD services from a delivery partner?
    - Exclusively based on the choice of a REDD Country Participant and consent of a delivery partner?
    - What, if any, would be the role of PC in such an arrangement?

Responsibility and accountability of delivery partners

- What would be the responsibilities of a delivery partner?
  - Providing technical support to a REDD Country Participant
  - Conducting due diligence for Grant Agreement
  - Entering into a Grant Agreement with a REDD Country Participant
  - Supervising implementation of a grant agreement
- How should a delivery partner be held accountable to the PC?
  - In principle, a delivery partner is accountable to the PC for the funds transferred to the REDD Country Participant, and where applicable, the implementation of PC decisions

Minimum Standards

- Need to define minimum operational standards to be applied by all delivery partners, including:
  - Social and environmental standards
  - Procurement
  - Financial management

Summary of Working Group Tasks

- At PC7, Working Group should:
  - Make recommendations on which agencies could be eligible as delivery partners
  - Report to PC on its work to enable the PC to make a decision to operationalize the arrangement for multiple delivery partners after PC7

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