# Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF)
# Carbon Fund

## Emission Reductions Program Idea Note (ER-PIN) Template

**ER Program Name and Country: _____**

**Date of Submission or Revision: _____**

**Guidelines:**

1. The FCPF Carbon Fund will deliver Emission Reductions (ERs) from activities that reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, conserve forests, promote the sustainable management of forests, and enhance forest carbon stocks in developing countries (REDD+) to the Carbon Fund Participants.

2. A REDD Country Participant interested in proposing an ER Program to the Carbon Fund should refer to the selection criteria included in the Carbon Fund Issues Note available on the FCPF website (www.forestcarbonpartnership.org) and to further guidance that may be communicated by the FCPF Facility Management Team (FMT) over time.

3. ER Programs shall be proposed from FCPF REDD Country Participants that have signed their Readiness Preparation Grant Agreement, using this ER Program Idea Note ('ER-PIN') template.

4. The completed ER-PIN should not exceed 40 pages in length (including maps, data tables, etc.). If additional information is required, the FCPF FMT will request it.

5. Please submit the completed ER-PIN to: 1) the World Bank Country Director for World Bank-funded operations in your country; and 2) the FCPF FMT (fcpfsecretariat@worldbank.org).

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### 1. Entity responsible for the management of the proposed ER Program

*Please provide the contact information for the institution and individual responsible for proposing and coordinating the proposed ER Program.*

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| **Name of managing entity** | |
| **Type and description of organization** | |
| **Main contact person** | |
| **Title** | |
| **Address** | |
| **Telephone** | |
| **Email** | |
| **Website** | |

### 2. National REDD+ Focal Point contact information

*Please provide the contact information for the institution and individual who serve as the national REDD+ Focal Point and endorses the proposed ER Program, or with whom discussions are underway*

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|---|---|
| **Name of entity** | |
| **Main contact person** | |
| **Title** | |
| **Address** | |
| **Telephone** | |
| **Email** | |
| **Website** | |

**2.1 Endorsement of the proposed ER Program by the national government**
*Please provide a description of the status of discussions on the role of the proposed ER Program in the national REDD+ process and the endorsement of the Program by the national government REDD+ focal point and/or other relevant government agencies.*

*[[Write your description here; add space as needed]]*

### 3. Partners and other entities involved in the proposed ER Program

*Please list existing partner agencies and organizations involved in the development of the proposed ER Program or that have executive functions in financing, implementing, coordinating and controlling activities that are part of the proposed ER Program. Add rows as necessary.*

| Name of partner | Contact name, telephone and email | Role in the proposed ER Program |
|---|---|---|
| *Name* | | |
| *Name* | | |
| *Name* | | |
| *Name* | | |
| *Name* | | |
| *Name* | | |

**List of acronyms used in the ER-PIN**
*Please include an explanation of any institutional or other acronyms used. Add rows as necessary.*

| Acronym | Meaning |
|---------|---------|
| ERPA | Emission Reductions Payment Agreement |
| FCPF | Forest Carbon Partnership Facility |
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## 4. ER Program Location and Lifetime

**4.1 Scale and location of the proposed ER Program**
*Please present a description and map of the proposed ER program location and surrounding areas, and its physiographic significance in relation to the country. Indicate location and boundaries of the proposed ER Program area, e.g., administrative jurisdiction(s).*

*[[Write your description here; add space as needed]]*

**4.2 Expected lifetime of the proposed ER Program**
*Please describe over how many months/years the proposed ER Program will be:*
   a) *prepared; and*
   b) *implemented (including expected start date of the proposed ER Program).*

*[[Write your description here; add space as needed]]*

## 5. Description of Activities Planned under the proposed ER Program

**5.1 Analysis of drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, and conservation or enhancement trends**
*Please present an analysis of the drivers and agents of deforestation, forest degradation, and/or policies and trends contributing to conservation and enhancement of carbon stocks affecting the proposed ER Program. Please distinguish between both the drivers and trends within the boundaries of the proposed ER Program, and any drivers or trends that occur outside the boundaries but are affecting land use and land cover within the proposed ER Program area.*

*[[Write your description here; add space as needed]]*

**5.2 Assessment of the major barriers to REDD+**
*Please describe the major barriers that are currently preventing the drivers from being addressed, and/or*

*preventing conservation and carbon stock enhancement from occurring.*

*[[Write your description here; add space as needed]]*

**5.3 Description and justification of planned and ongoing activities under the proposed ER Program**
*Please describe the proposed activities and policy interventions under the proposed ER Program, including those related to governance, and justify how these activities will address the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation and/or support carbon stock enhancement trends, to help overcome the barriers identified above (i.e., how will the ER Program contribute to reversing current less sustainable resource use and/or policy patterns?)*

*[[Write your description here; add space as needed]]*

**5.4 Activities to address risks of reversal (non-permanence) of greenhouse gas benefits**
*Please describe major risks of reversals (non-permanence) of greenhouse gas benefits (from e.g., fire, agriculture expansion into forest, changes in commodity prices, etc.). Also describe any activities or design features in the proposed ER Program that are incorporated to minimize and/or mitigate such risks or reversals, and how these activities are consistent with the design features of the (emerging) national REDD+ strategy to address risks of reversal.*

*[[Write your description here; add space as needed]]*

**5.5 Description of the potential risks of both domestic and international displacement of emissions (leakage)**
*Please describe the potential risks of both domestic and international displacement of emissions from the proposed ER Program activities. Then also describe how the proposed ER Program activities will minimize the risk of <u>domestic</u> displacement, consistent with the (emerging) national REDD+ strategy. For sub-national programs, pay special attention to identifying domestic risks of displacement of emissions , and proposed ER Program activities to mitigate these risks, which otherwise would contribute to fewer net emission reductions generated by the proposed ER Program.*

*[[Write your description here; add space as needed]]*

## 6. Governance

**6.1 Institutional arrangements**
*Please describe the governance arrangements anticipated or in place to manage the proposed ER Program (committee, task force), and the institutional arrangements among ER Program partners (i.e., who participates in this ER Program, and how?)*

*[[Write your description here; add space as needed]]*

**6.2 REDD+ Implementation Framework for the proposed ER Program**
*Please describe the land use and land tenure context of the proposed ER Program, and if and how rights to land and forest carbon mitigation benefits from REDD+ are codified in traditional practices, regulations, and/or law.*

*[[Write your description here; add space as needed]]*

**6.3 Consistency with national REDD+ strategy**

*Please describe:*
  a) *How is the proposed ER Program consistent with the (emerging) national REDD+ strategy (including policies, national management framework and legislation)?*
  b) *How does the proposed ER Program contribute to the development and/or implementation of the national REDD+ strategy?*

*[[Write your description here; add space as needed]]*

**6.4 National registry**

*Please include a short description of the relationship of the proposed ER Program to national REDD+ activity management arrangements, and if the proposed ER Program will be part of any system to track REDD+ or other emissions reduction activities (e.g., a REDD+ registry).*

*[[Write your description here; add space as needed]]*

## 7. Preliminary assessment of the proposed ER Program in the context of the national SESA (Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment) and the ESMF (Environmental and Social Management Framework)[1]

**7.1 Progress on SESA/ESMF**

*Please describe the country's progress in the implementation of SESA and the development of the ESMF, and their contribution or relationship to the proposed ER Program.*

*[[Write your description here; add space as needed]]*

**7.2 Incorporation of SESA outputs and/or outcomes into the proposed ER Program**

*Based on the progress outlined in 7.1, please describe how the proposed ER Program is expected to make use of the outputs and/or outcomes of the SESA process. Provide an analysis of the ways in which activities planned under the proposed ER Program will rely on the measures and procedures included or to be included in the ESMF. Are there likely to be any gaps or issues regarding the compliance of proposed ER Program activities with applicable safeguard standards?*

*[[Write your description here; add space as needed]]*

## 8. Stakeholder Information Sharing, Consultation, and Participation

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[1] Assessment of environmental and social risks and of potential impacts associated with national REDD+ strategy options and corresponding activities should follow a work plan to comply with the material elements of the Common Approach, which are based on the World Bank's safeguard policies. The SESA is the assessment process to be used in FCPF REDD+ countries during R-PP implementation and REDD+ readiness preparation. The ESMF is an output of SESA that provides a framework to examine the issues and impacts associated with projects, activities, and/or policies/regulations that may occur in the future in connection with the implementation of the national REDD+ strategy but that are not known at the present time.

**8.1 Stakeholder engagement to date on the proposed ER Program**
*Please describe how key stakeholder groups have been involved in designing the proposed ER Program, and summarize issues raised by stakeholders and potential next steps to address them.*

*[[Write your description here; add space as needed]]*

**8.2 Planned outreach and consultation process**
*Please describe how key stakeholder groups will be involved in further design and implementation of the proposed ER Program.*

*[[Write your description here; add space as needed]]*

**8.3 Dispute resolution mechanisms**
*Please describe the mechanism(s) that are or will be put in place to resolve any disputes regarding the proposed ER Program.*

*[[Write your description here; add space as needed]]*

## 9. Additional Social and Environmental Benefits

**9.1 Expected social and environmental benefits**
*Please describe the environmental and social benefits, other than emission reductions, that the proposed ER Program is planning to achieve, and how they will be monitored. If applicable, distinguish between benefits expected from activities designed to address REDD+, and additional benefits expected from activities specifically designed to enhance certain benefits (e.g., species protection to enhance biodiversity or specific activities to improve livelihoods).*

*[[Write your description here; add space as needed]]*

## 10. Benefit Sharing

**10.1 Description of envisioned benefit-sharing arrangement for the proposed ER Program.**
*Please describe the benefit-sharing arrangements that are envisioned to be used for this proposed ER Program, and explain how these arrangements would support the activities identified in section 5.3 to address the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation.*

*[[Write your description here; add space as needed]]*

**10.2 Progress on benefit-sharing arrangements**
*Describe the progress made thus far in the discussion and preparation of the benefit-sharing arrangements, and who has been participating in this process.*

*[[Write your description here; add space as needed]]*

## 11. Reference Level and Expected Emission Reductions

**11.1 Approach for establishing the Reference Emission Level (REL) and/or Forest Reference Level (FRL)**
*Please briefly describe how the REL/FRL for the proposed ER Program has been or will be established. For sub-national programs, describe how the approach for establishing the REL is consistent with the (emerging) national REL/FRL, or with the national approach establishing the REL/FRL.*

*[[Write your description here; add space as needed]]*

**11.2 Estimate of expected reference emission level/forest reference level**
*Please provide an estimate of the REL/FRL for the proposed ER Program area. Even a very preliminary estimate would be helpful.*

*[[Write your description here; add space as needed]]*

**11.3 Emission Reduction Goal**
*Please provide an estimate of the expected impact of the proposed ER Program on the reference emission level/forest reference level (in percentage terms).*

*[[Write your description here; add space as needed]]*

**11.4 Expected ERs.**
*What is the estimated volume of ERs, as expressed in tonnes of $CO_2e$, that would be generated by the ERP:*
- *a) up to December 31, 2020 (currently the end date of the FCPF program*
- *b) for a period of 10 years; and*
- *c) the lifetime of the proposed ER Program, if it is proposed to continue longer than 10 years.*

*[[Write your description here; add space as needed]]*

**11.5 Volume proposed for the FCPF Carbon Fund**
*Please explain the portion of the expected ERs that would be offered to the Carbon Fund, and if other carbon finance providers or buyers have been identified to date.*

*[[Write your description here; add space as needed]]*

## 12. Forest Monitoring System

**12.1 Description of approach and capacity for measurement and reporting on ERs**
*Please describe the proposed approach for monitoring and reporting the emission reductions attributable to the proposed ER Program, including the capacity of the proposed ER Program entities to implement this approach.*

*[[Write your description here; add space as needed]]*

**12.2 For sub-national ER Programs, describe how the proposed ER Program monitoring system is consistent with the (emerging) national REDD+ monitoring system.**

*[[Write your description here; add space as needed]]*

**12.3 Describe how the proposed ER Program monitoring system is consistent with UNFCCC guidance available to date.**

*[[Write your description here; add space as needed]]*

**12.4 Describe any potential role if communities in the design or implementation of the proposed ER Program monitoring system.**

*[[Write your description here; add space as needed]]*

**12.5 Describe if and how the proposed ER Program monitoring system would include information on multiple benefits like biodiversity conservation or enhanced rural livelihoods, governance indicators, etc.**

*[[Write your description here; add space as needed]]*

## 13. Summary of Progress on REDD+ Readiness

**13.1 Brief summary of major achievements of readiness activities in country thus far**
*Please briefly provide any additional updates on REDD+ readiness activities not described above, using the component categories of the R-PP as a guide. If public information is available on this progress, please refer to this information and provide a link.*

*[[Write your description here; add space as needed]]*

**13.2 Current status of the Readiness Package and estimated date of submission to the FCPF PC (including the REL/FRL, REDD+ Strategy, national REDD+ monitoring system and ESMF).**

*[[Write your description here; add space as needed]]*

**13.3 Next steps to finalize the proposed ER Program implementation design (REL/FRL, ER Program monitoring system, financing, governance, etc.). Provide a rough timeline for these steps.**

*[[Write your description here; add space as needed]]*

**14. Financing plan (in US$ million)**
*Please describe the financial arrangement of the proposed ER program: Potential sources of funding (near-term start-up cost and long-term financing); whether the proposed ER program builds on existing delivery programs and financing timeframe, etc.*

*[[Write your description here; add space as needed]]*

| Uses of funds: Expected ER Program costs | U1. Preparation costs | |
|---|---|---|
| | U2. Implementation costs (please specify) | |
| | U3. Other costs (please explain) | |
| | U4. Total Program costs = U1 +U 2 +U 3 | |
| Sources of funds: Funding to be sought or already identified. Specify if funds have already been identified. | S1. Investments (please name sources) | |
| | S2. Grants (please name sources) | |
| | S3. Loans (please name sources) | |
| | S4. Not identified = U4 - S1 - S2 - S3 | |