

Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF)

Virtual Review and Decision for Readiness Packages

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This FMT note proposes an option for reviewing and endorsing Readiness Packages virtually, following the decision by the Participants Committee at PC29 to reduce the frequency of the meeting of the Participants Committee from twice a year to once a year.

Background

At the twenty-ninth meeting of the PC in October 2020, the PC reviewed the FMT Note “Revisions to the frequency and modality of meetings of the FCPF Participants Assembly, Participants Committee and Carbon Fund Meeting” ([FMT Note 2020-2](#)) and agreed that the Participants Assembly and PC meetings will be held once a year back-to-back and that some PC functions may be carried out virtually when necessary. The next fact-to-face PC meeting will be held in the fall 2021. Recently, Guyana has submitted a Readiness Package to the FMT, and sought PC endorsement of the R-Package through a virtual review before the fall 2021 PC meeting.

Virtual Decision-Making Process

The [Rules of Procedure for Meetings of the Participants Committee](#) allows virtual decision-making (see Section IV. Action without Meeting). In the past, “Action without Meeting” has been used for various decision-making processes including R-PP approval, allocation of readiness grants, Mid-Term progress reports (MTRs), and amendments to the Charter and the M&E framework. However, R-Packages were never reviewed and endorsed virtually. At PC17 when an option for virtual review for R-Packages was discussed, the PC agreed to proceed with in-person meeting reviews for the first few R-Packages and to move to the use of virtual review later, if the need arises.

FMT Proposal

The FMT proposes to continue using in-person meeting review/decision for R-Packages if the REDD Country can wait for the face-to-face PC meeting, and to use virtual review/decision for R-Packages only if the REDD Country requests for it.

For virtual review/decision, please note the following:

- Prior to circulating the R-Package, the Delivery Partner, through reviewing the R-Package and TAP report, identifies issues that the REDD Country is encouraged to take into account when implementing its work program (that are usually recorded in the Co-Chairs’ Summary of the PC meeting). The Delivery Partner shares the list of issues with the FMT. The FMT reviews and agrees

with the REDD Country on the list of issues, which will be included in an Annex of the draft Resolution.

- There will not be a facilitated contact group to discuss feedback and prepare draft resolutions. Resolutions will be drafted by the World Bank Legal team, and include issues drafted by the Delivery Partner in its Annex.
- The REDD Country prepares a PowerPoint presentation that summarizes the R-Package so the Participants and Observers have an option to review the summarized version of the R-Package.
- R-Package, the PowerPoint, TAP Report and the draft Resolution with the proposed list of issues in an Annex will be circulated to the PC Members and the Observers for review and endorsement on a no-objection basis.
- Any Member may object to the proposed action during the no-objection period of 21 calendar days.
- If any questions/comments are received, the FMT will consult with the REDD Country and relevant Delivery Partner and provide clarification, copying all PC Members and the Observers. Key comments/feedback received during the no-objection period will be considered and, if necessary and appropriate, reflected in the Annex.
- FMT may extend the question/comment period for up to 7 additional calendar days in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.
- If no objection is received, the R-Package is endorsed, together with the Annex of issues, and the final Resolution will be circulated and posted on the FCPF website.
- If an objection is received, the proposed action is included as an item in the agenda for the next PC meeting.
- During virtual review/decision, the PC can call for action to be deferred to a PC meeting without providing an objection.