

# Nigeria **REDD+** Readiness Process

## ► Mid-Term Progress Report & Request for Additional Fund

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# Outline

- I. Over view of Nigeria Forest Estate/Progress of the REDD+ Readiness process in Nigeria.
- II. Progress achieved in the implementation of REDD+ activities financed by the FCPE.
- III. Funds committed and disbursed.
- IV. Activities to be carried out with additional funding.

# Overview of REDD+ in Nigeria

- ▶ Nigeria's forests have dwindled rapidly over the past, and currently extend over only 9.6 million ha.
- ▶ Nigeria's deforestation rate is put at between 3.7%-4.0% per annum, which is one of the highest in Africa and in the world.
- ▶ Building on support from the UN-REDD Programme and FCPF, Nigeria's NDC relies on significant progress in REDD+ to address the problem of deforestation and forest degradation.
- ▶ Based on the need to react promptly to these issues, Nigeria initiated efforts to join the FCPF Programme





## High rate of deforestation

- ▶ In 1978-1995, the forest/woodland cover declined from 23 to 15 million ha - *agricultural land increased by roughly the same amount;*
- ▶ Nigeria's deforestation rate has increased from 2.7 % for 1990-2000 to 4.0 % for 2005-2010;
- ▶ *Desertification rate is 0.6 km per annum if there is no forestry intervention;*
- ▶ *Responsible drivers include: Agricultural Expansion, Wood based Energy Demand, Unsustainable Timber Harvesting and Oil and Solid Mineral Exploration.*

1978 Vegetation Map



1995 Vegetation Map

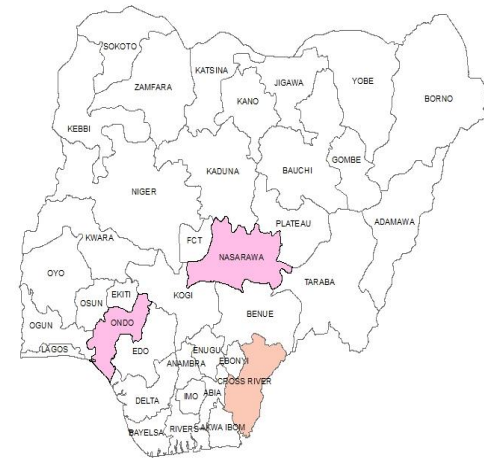


# Land conversion: from forest to farmland



# Nigeria: a two-track approach to REDD+ readiness

- Nigeria REDD+ Readiness Programme adopted a two – track approach (Federal and State levels):
  - **Federal Level:** Capacity-building & development of strategic framework for REDD+ [*national level*]; and
  - **Cross River State:** REDD+ readiness activities served as a demonstration model for the country [*sub-national level*]
- Nigeria started REDD+ with a pilot state (CRS ) with UNREDD support.
- It then scaled up to the national level with FCPF support in 2 additional states



# Funding of REDD+ Readiness Process by Development Partners: 2009 - 2018

Funding Partners		Funds provided	Start date	End date	Brief description of activities
Federal/State Govts		400,000	2012	On-going	Contributions are in kind (Staffing, office space, operational vehicles and utilities)
UNREDD	Readiness funding Grant	3,800,000	2012	December, 2016	Funds supported readiness activities including Cross River State Strategy, FREL, National Forest Monitoring System, and Safeguards as well as institutional and technical capacity buildings.
	CBR+	800,000	2014	December, 2017	Community-based REDD+ (CBR+) activities including livelihood options and community empowerment in pilot sites.
GCFF		131,000	2014	2016	Funds supported capacity strengthening and preliminary sampling design for carbon accounting in Cross River State.
FCPF		3,800,000	2015	February, 2018	Support REDD+ readiness in Nigeria by expanding activities to 2 new States (Ondo and Nasarawa).
Total		8,931,000			

# Funds pledged, committed and disbursed (USD)

Feb.2015 - Sept. 2017

R-PP Component	FCPF Pledged (Feb 2015 – Feb-2018)	Funds Committed (Feb.2015- Sept. 2017)	Funds Disbursed (Feb. 2015 – Sept. 2017)
Component 1. Organise and Consult	884,000	611,040	589,127.86
Component 2. Prepare REDD Strategy (incl. SESA)	1,200,000	745,881.67	74,588.16
Component 3. Reference Emission Level / Reference Level	900,000	1,122,898	714,880
Component 4. Enhance Stakeholder Engagement, Communication, Consultation and Feedback for REDD+ Readiness Process	650,000	282,584	141,292
Contingencies	166,000		
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,800,000</b>	<b>2,762,403.67</b>	<b>1,519,888.46</b>
<b>Percentage vs total pledged</b>		<b>72.69% (committed)</b>	<b>40.0% (disbursed)</b>

# Readiness Organization ,Consultation and Community Engagements.



# Carbon inventory with community participation and capacity building



# Initial Challenges

- ▶ Election and change in Government with associated policies changes (TSA and the like)
- ▶ Compliance with new fiduciary processes
- ▶ Procurement delays
- ▶ Initial limited capacity of the Mgt team

# Re-tracking progress

- ▶ Stabilization/understanding of government fiduciary processes-FCPF account opened with CBN and seamless operation now ongoing.
- ▶ Enhanced national /States Mgt capacities
- ▶ Improvement in procurement processes by strengthening the REDD secretariat with a dedicated Procurement team support by a procurement firm.
- ▶ Increased Stakeholders participation
- ▶ Enhanced REDD Communication messages

# Snapshot of Progress- “Outputs”

## Compt1

### Stakeholders Engagement

Ongoing with CSOs,  
Forest dependent  
communities,  
policy makers,  
Parliamentarians

## Compt 1

NRS/SRS Capacities  
enhanced to  
support expanding  
demands of REDD+  
Readiness

## Compt 2

SESA Development  
for Nigeria and  
ESMF for Sub-  
national Cross River  
State being carried  
out by a reputable  
international  
consulting firm

# Snapshot of Progress- “Outputs”

## Compt 2

### STRATEGY

Development for REDD+ in Nigeria and that of Sub-National Ondo and Nasarawa in progress

## Compt 3

### MRV/FI

Forest inventory for the purposes of FREL and Forest Monitoring system ongoing under the TAA entered with FAO

## Compt 4

### FGRM

Feedback Grievance Redress Mechanism Document developed

# Snapshot of Progress- “Outcomes”

**Increasing  
Awareness.**

**Inclusive  
Participation.**

**Awakening  
Sub-National  
Interest in  
REDD  
Readiness  
engagements.**

# Snapshot of Progress- “Outcomes”

Improving  
Programme  
Mgt/delivery.

Increasing  
Forest  
Conservation  
and  
Consideration  
approaches in  
policy  
formulation.

Increasing  
Buy-in by  
Policy makers  
and sub-  
national  
government.

# Government Emission initiatives that aligned with REDD+ in Nigeria

- ▶ The *Great Green Wall* -focuses on arresting the high rate of desertification.
- ▶ The *Nigeria Erosion and Watershed Management Project (NEWMAP)*- reducing vulnerability to soil erosion in targeted sub-watersheds
- ▶ The *National Bamboo and Rattan Value Chain Development Program* - aims at providing substitutes for timber and sustainable charcoal.
- ▶ Nigeria's Sovereign Green Bond - the proceeds of which could finance implementation of forest sector actions under the REDD+ Strategy- Afforestation

# Why we Need Additional Funding

- ▶ Expand to 3 additional States from the pool of request from sub- national government.
- ▶ Expand and strengthening Forest inventory/Forest Monitoring system.
- ▶ Develop 3 State Specific REDD+ Strategies that are consistent with the National REDD+ Strategy.
- ▶ Consolidate on gains and mitigate leakages and risk of reversals.
- ▶ Enhance REDD+ Communication.
- ▶ Strengthen inter-agency collaboration
- ▶ Support Development of policies and measures.
- ▶ Deepen FCPF Engagements with critical Stakeholders.

# Activities to be carried out with additional funding

<p><b>Comp 1. REDD+ Readiness Organization and consultation</b></p>	<p><b>Comp 2. REDD+ Strategy preparation</b></p>	<p><b>Comp 3. Improvement of Reference Emission Level/Reference Level</b></p>	<p><b>Comp 4. Enhance Stakeholder Engagement, Communication, Consultation and Feedback for REDD+ Readiness Process &amp; NFMS .</b></p>
<p>1.1 Continued or extended support to coordination (NRS) / institutional structure</p> <p>1.2 Expansion to 3 other states [Management Infrastructure</p> <p>1.3 Develop and sustain effective stakeholder engagement</p>	<p>2.1 Support for the development of enabling policy and action plans for REDD</p> <p>2.2 Technical support to develop a Financing Strategy and Investment Plan to complement the National REDD+ Strategy</p>	<p>3.1 Development of sub-national FREL/FRL for 3 additional states (including capacity building) Support for system strengthening including software need and upgrade</p>	<p>4.1 Development of National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS) in 3 additional states based on experience</p> <p>4.2 Acquisition of data for Multiple Benefits analysis and mapping</p>
<p>USD 2,822,295</p>	<p>USD 370,000</p>	<p>USD 600,014</p>	<p>USD1,147,000</p>

USD 4,940,014



**Forests are a long term investment.  
If it takes 20 years for a tree to reach maturity,  
and you do nothing, next year it will still take the  
tree 20 years to reach maturity.**

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**THANK YOU**