



## **FCPF Technical Advisory Panel**

# **Sudan RPP TAP Comments & Recommendations**

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# Country Context : Sudan

## Land cover classification



## Background Information

- ❑ Land area : Approx 188 million ha, 17 states, Federal System
- ❑ Forests & woodlands: 67 million ha
- ❑ Population: 33.4 million
- ❑ An LDC: 70% agricultural, arid climate
- ❑ 35% GDP from agriculture (R-PP)
- ❑ Forest Estate : 15 mill ha (70.3%) State, Gum Arabic plantations 6 mill ha (28.1%), others (1.6%)
- ❑ Energy source : 70-81% wood fuels (R-PP)
- ❑ Deforestation rate: -1.4 % (FAO 2001)

# Strengths of the Sudan RPP

- ❑ The document, prepared in a relatively short time compared to others, is generally **well researched**, and has provided useful references.
  - ❑ Against a backdrop of problems that demand urgent responses from the forest sector, the document, particularly in components 1 and 2, presents a rich body of information not only in the main text, but also in the annexes.
- ❑ The consultative process in Sudan is well described in components 1b and 1c and appears to have been executed well, despite the fact that state level consultations were done in only 5 out of the 15 states.
- ❑ In the strategy options, impressive analyses of the **economic feasibility of each mitigation option** have been presented. In this regard, its treatment of **the economic aspects or implications of proposed mitigation options** is exemplary

# Major Recommendations

<b>Comp.</b>	<b>First Round</b>	<b>Second Round</b>
1 a	Partially meets the standard	Partially meets the standard
• 1 b	Largely meets the standard	Meets the standard
• 1 c	Meets the standard	Meets the standard
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• 2 a	Partially meets the standard	Largely meets the standard
• 2 b	Partially meets the standard	Meets the standard
2 c	Partially meets the standard	Largely meets the standard
• 2 d	Largely meets the standard	Meets the standard
• 3	Does not meet the standard	Partially meets the standard
• 4 a	Does not meet the standard	Largely meets the standard
• 4 b	Largely meets the standard	Meets the standard
• 5	Largely meets the standard	Meets the standard
• 6	Largely meets the standard	Largely meets the standard

# Areas that need further work & conclusions

- ❑ The national management arrangements should clarify roles of governance bodies and show the functional relationships between federal and state bodies
  
- ❑ Under component 3, two key recommendations are as follows
  - There should be more emphasis on how more on data on carbon stocks and digital data for mapping will be collected, and institutional and individual capacity requirements needed to meet the objectives of the component. A clear review of the quality of available data on biomass stocks and forest cover maps is still needed, as are additional data
  
  - In addition to a review of existing data the component should concentrate on the framework described under Activity 7 and give an indication on Sudan's ability to achieve the results implied by the items under Activity 7
  
- ❑ Given the stated current levels of forest degradation and considering the loss of forests to South Sudan, some pundits have suggested that more emphasis should be put on conservation and that the remaining forests be put under federal authority to ensure full protection. The R-PP should address this in its strategy options
  
- ❑ Given the relatively short time that the R-PP was prepared and revised, the Sudanese Team stands out in its tenacity and industry.