



# Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

## Readiness Assessment Framework: Setting the stage for R-Package Reviews

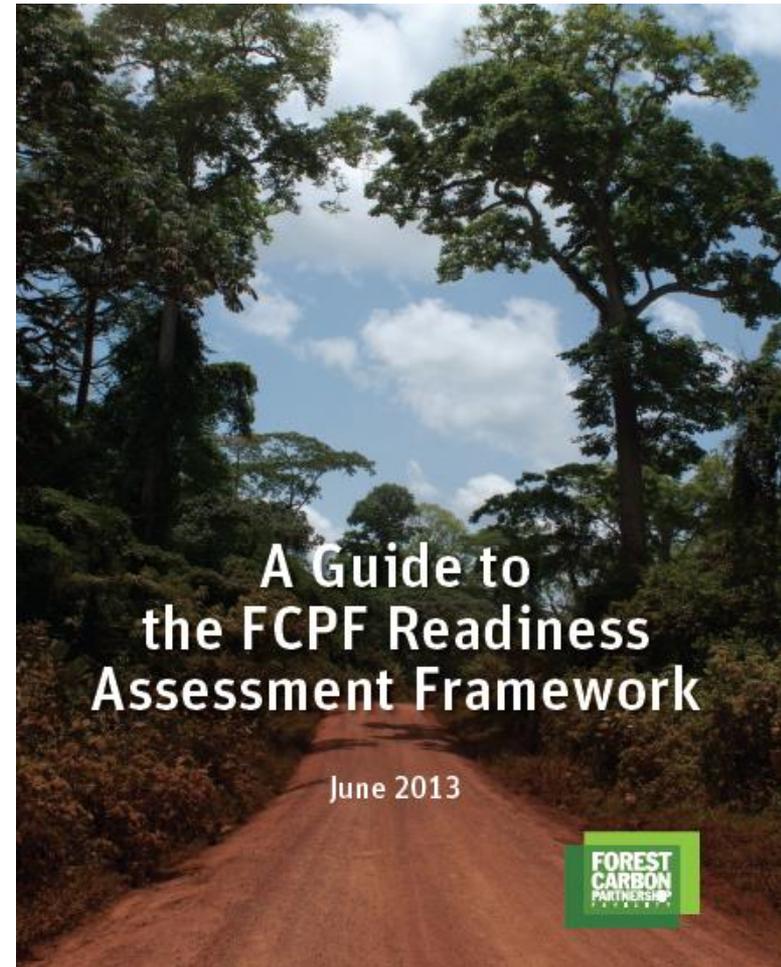
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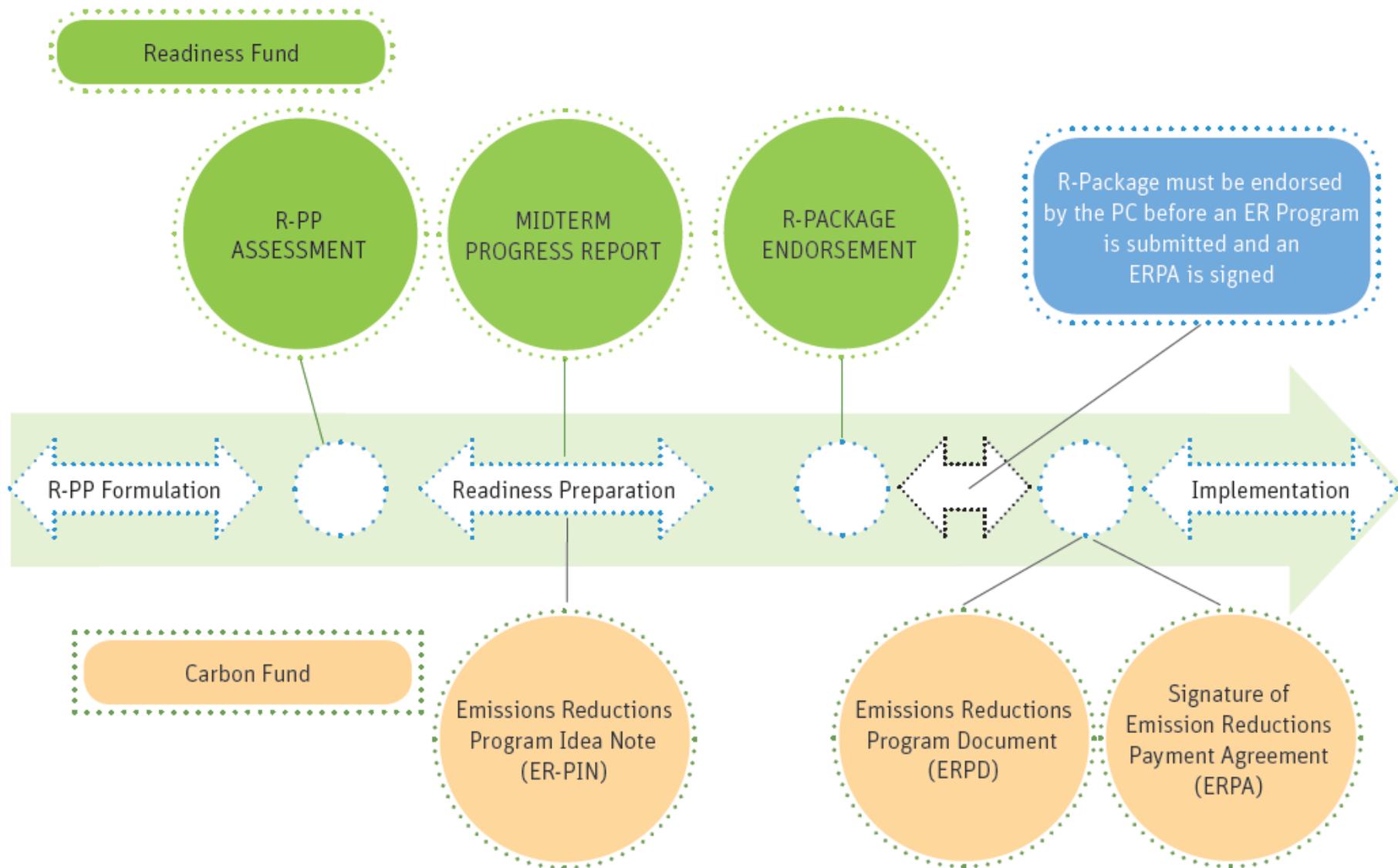
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# Session Objectives

- Describe key features of the Readiness Assessment Framework
- Explain the process of the R-Package review



# Readiness Assessment: Milestones in FCPF Readiness and Carbon Fund processes



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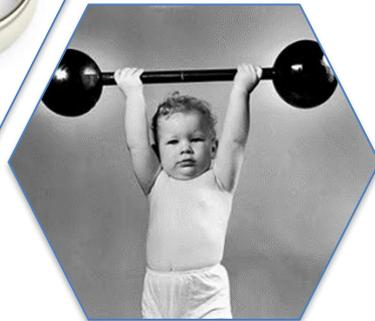
Draft ER-PD

TAP (again ...)

R-Package

# Readiness assessment serves multiple purposes

- Assess **progress** on readiness
- Demonstrate political **commitment**
- Receive **feedback** and **guidance**
- Display **transparency**
- Attract **funds** to scale up

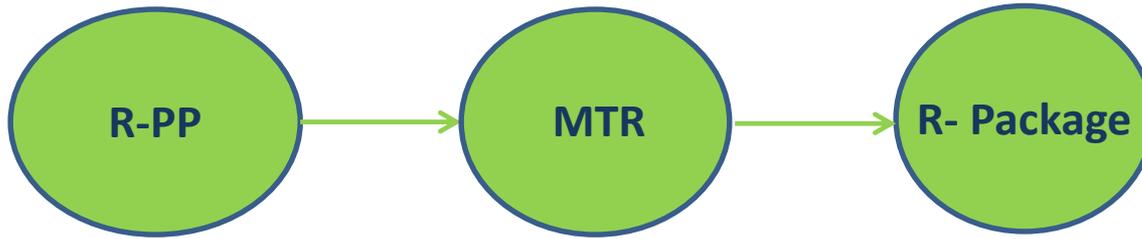


# The Readiness Assessment Framework is designed to measure *relative* progress

- Not an absolute standard for readiness
- Starting point and pace of progress varies by country
- Many aspects of readiness will remain ongoing



# Countries report progress on same readiness components over time



## Four Readiness Components

1. Readiness Organization and Consultation
2. REDD+ Strategy Preparation
3. Reference Level
4. Monitoring Systems (Forests, Safeguards )



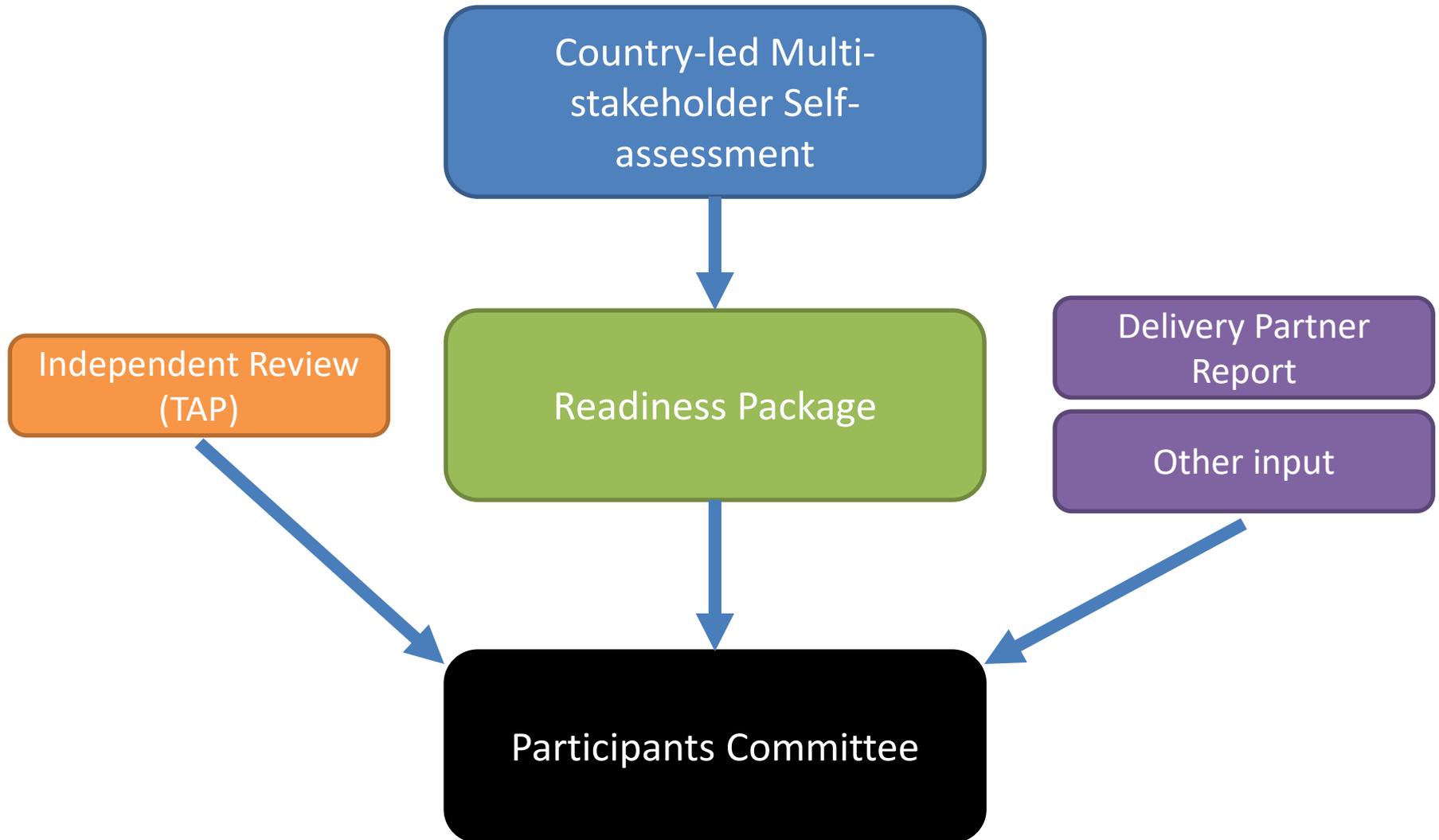
# Structure of the Assessment Framework

For each subcomponent (9),  
the assessment framework  
provides

- Assessment criteria (34)
  - Core readiness activities
- Diagnostic questions (58)
  - Focus on desired outcome
- Guidance notes



# Readiness Assessment Process



# REDD Countries Perform an Inclusive Self-Assessment

- Participatory and inclusive
- Builds on established consultations practices
- FMT guidance document includes good practice on assessment preparation, implementation, and communication of its outcome



# REDD Countries compile the R-Package and report results of the self-assessment

- Summary of readiness preparation process
  - Including how issues identified at mid-term were addressed
- Report on the multi-stakeholder self-assessment
- Assessment results for each subcomponent

- Synthesis of the overall achievement
- Analysis of strengths and weaknesses
- Actions going forward



Green	'significant progress'
Yellow	'progressing well, further development required'
Orange	'further development required'
Red	'not yet demonstrating progress'

- References to key products

- REDD+ Strategy
- REL/RL, MRV technical report
- Environmental and Social Management Framework
- Feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism

- *Delivery Partner reviews quality of outputs as part of grant implementation supervision*
- *Supporting documents compiled on a website*

# The Result of typical Multi-Stakeholder Readiness Self-Assessment



# Not a good way to summarize progress!



# PC receives input from independent experts

## A Technical Advisory Panel (TAP)

- Performs a desk review
- Provides targeted feedback
- Highlights strengths and weaknesses
- Proposes actions going forward



- *The role of the TAP is not to second-guess the countries' comprehensive multi-stakeholder self-assessment.*
- *Rather focus on whether a due process and approach was followed to perform the self-assessment and provide constructive feedback.*

# The Readiness Assessment comes before final decisions on programs under the Carbon Fund

- Readiness progress is reviewed before the submission of a Carbon Fund emission reduction programs, but with more focus on implementation
  - Safeguards
  - Benefit sharing arrangements
  - Reference levels and forest monitoring
- The R-Package review informs the development and assessment of FCPF Carbon Fund Programs



# Key Points

- R-Package endorsement is one of several Carbon Fund requirements
  - Endorsement is necessary, but not sufficient, for Carbon Fund
  - ER Programs are comprehensively assessed by the World Bank, TAP, Carbon Fund Participants
  - Methodological Framework stipulates technical, programmatic requirements
- Readiness assessment is structured, but flexible
  - Tailored to country-specific context
  - Consistent with UNFCCC decisions
- After endorsement
  - REDD countries continue to report regularly to the PC
  - Delivery Partner continues to supervise grant implementation

# PC25 Action: Resolution sought on Readiness Package Endorsement

- Review, discuss and recognize countries' progress
  - **Guatemala and Lao PDR**
  - Consider input from TAP, World Bank grant reporting and other input
- Provide feedback
  - Strengths and weaknesses
- Encourage actions going forward
- The resolution recognizes the readiness progress achieved
  - This constitutes 'endorsement' as per FCPF Charter
- After the plenary, a facilitated contact group
  - Reviews a draft resolution and collates key feedback from plenary

