

FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY (FCPF)

Participants Committee Third Meeting (June 16-18, 2009, Montreux)

PC Discussions of Guyana's Readiness Preparation Proposal

Summary Report

The PC noted the need for seizing the momentum created by the political leadership of the President of Guyana for REDD and a low-carbon development strategy.

The PC noted the progress made by Guyana in the following areas:

1. Importance of prior and informed consent in the development of the national REDD strategy.
2. Commitment to improving mining practices.
3. Recognition of the central role of the Amerindian communities in REDD.

The PC noted the need for further actions in the following areas, and the need for progress in these areas to be reflected in Guyana's FCPF grant agreement:

1. Strengthen assessment and plans for addressing the drivers of deforestation and REDD strategies outside of the forest sector, and link the proposed REDD strategy to these drivers.
2. Review the implications of the current land titling process (especially for Amerindian communities) for the national REDD strategy, and address issues identified in the review.
3. Consider, when establishing the national reference scenario, realistic opportunity costs that take into account concerns highlighted by the TAP.
4. Develop a plan and schedule for inclusive and transparent consultations with stakeholders, including indigenous and local communities, on the development and implementation of a future REDD strategy.
5. Align the new policies and laws emerging for a low carbon development strategy and assess their implications for a future REDD strategy.
6. Develop and elaborate on strategies and safeguards to ensure that REDD projects and programs do not adversely affect biodiversity and other forest ecosystem services, and enhance the livelihoods of forest-dependent indigenous peoples and other forest-dwellers.

Clarify and/or further develop relevant policies, laws, regulations, or guidelines concerning land tenure and resource access, and the distribution of costs and benefits, for REDD demonstration projects, ensuring that the rights and interests of relevant stakeholders, including forest-dependent indigenous peoples and other forest dwellers, are taken into account.