

FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY (FCPF)

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

PC Discussions of Panama's Readiness Preparation Proposal

Summary Report

The PC noted the efforts made by Panama to place REDD at the heart of the national environment strategy.

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

1. Improve the analysis of all direct and indirect drivers of deforestation, including their identification and geographical location, both inside and outside of the forest sector;
2. Align the strategies to reduce deforestation with the improved analysis;
3. Evaluate the efficacy of past policies and their contribution to the observed reduction in deforestation;
4. Conduct a legal review of the issue of carbon ownership, taking into account the views of concerned stakeholders and being mindful of not creating disincentives for conservation;
5. Improve the estimates of the costs of REDD;
6. Continue and develop stakeholder consultations and participation of local communities on the development and implementation of the R-PP, including representatives from forest-dependent indigenous peoples and other forest dwellers, and civil society organizations, in particular COONAPIP;
7. Give proper consideration to land tenure disputes as obstacles to a future REDD strategy;
8. Develop and elaborate on strategies and safeguards to ensure that REDD projects and programs do not adversely affect biodiversity and other forest ecosystem services, the livelihoods of forest-dependent indigenous peoples and other forest dwellers.