FCPF Technical Advisory Panel

Ethiopia Draft RPP-TAP Comments & Recommendations

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Overall Summary : Strengths of the RPP

- The TAP notes that Federal Coordination Bodies; the Environmental Council (chaired by a PM) and the Steering Committee are at the right levels within government to play their assigned national roles.

- The TAP has noted that extensive stakeholder groups have been involved during the R-PP development – and has clearly summarized the outputs of the process,

- The TAP notes that in table 15 the RPP recognizes the facts that the revision and harmonization of forestry policy, and the setting up of a dedicated forestry institution are crucial for the successful implementation of a REDD+ Programme

- The R-PP clearly elaborates on the existing gaps in data sources due to absence of regular forest inventory in Ethiopia and appears to have taken this into consideration in the design of components 3 and 4.

- Most of the key elements of components 3 and 4 are presented in the main document - the needed improvements are methodological and together with component suggestions in components 2 (b and c) they form the critical parts of a future REDD+ Programme for Ethiopia.

Areas that need further work

- The RPP gives the impression that the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (FEPA) will oversee the implementation of REDD+, rather than concentrate on its regulatory role. (*Ethiopia agrees to correct this impression*)

- The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MoARD) also appears to have been given the least consideration in the outlined NRMA when in fact the R-PIN proposed a major role for it. (The TAP is informed that *a decision in this regard will soon be made by the Environmental Council of Ethiopia*).

- It also appears from the RPP that individuals from the EPA are overrepresented in different stakeholder groups - More room should be given to more representation (eg in the Federal Technical Working Group) from other stakeholder groups.

- Further consultations beyond the 4 main regions which were heavily covered during the preparation of the RPP are recommended.

- The proposed strategy options are relevant but none seem to be suited to deal with drivers of D&D originating from outside the forest sector – a crucial issue

- There is need for the Reference Scenario and MRV Components to be revised in line with the recommendations of the MRV Experts within the Ethiopia TAP team. This has to do with Forest definitions, quality standards for existing data, maps, use of drivers of D&D as inputs in Component 3 and also as a monitoring parameter in the MRV Component.

Major Recommendations

- *The RPP should make a clear and strong rationale to create a new or empower an existing federal body to manage the Forest Sector in general and REDD+ in particular.*

- *The proposed strategies appear to be restricted to actions within and largely by the forest sector (CDM, Pas, PFM, REDD Pilots, Area enclosures, plantations, AF systems) – strategies to deal with drivers outside forest sector needed*

- *RPP should also clearly show how and whether the strategy options will address the identified drivers of D & D.*

- *There are several specific and detailed recommendations to improve the Reference Scenario (3) and MRV (4) Components which are detailed under each – also refer to any of the approved RPPs in the FCPF web site*

- **The component should consider monitoring the key drivers and agents of deforestation (e.g. biomass energy consumption, agric expansion, sector policies etc) in addition to what has been stated**

- *As a general recommendation , the RPP should clearly express capacity building targets in the key areas that would enable Ethiopia to manage and report on its REDD+ Programme*

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Component 1a	*partially meets the standard*
1b	*largely meets the standard*
Component 2a	*partially meets the standard*
2b	*partially meets the standard*
2c	*partially meets the standard*
2d	*meets the standard*
Component 3	*partially meets the standard*
Component 4	*partially meets the standard*
Component 5	*partially meets the standard*
Component6	*does not meet the standard*