

## **Context**

- ☐ FCPF has been an engine of knowledge on REDD+ results-based financing in recent years. In 2021, it supported over 20 publications and dozens of virtual exchanges on key topics including private sector, MRV, social inclusion, and sustainable finance.
- ☐ With the closure of the Readiness Fund in 2022, support for knowledge generation and sharing across FCPF countries and thematic areas will be greatly reduced. The Carbon Fund has not had robust budgets for knowledge and communications.
- At the recent PA/PC meetings, countries voiced concern about the loss of the FCPF knowledge sharing platform as a result of RF closure, given its value and tangible benefits to date as well as continued needs and activities of countries in REDD+.
- □ PC members and the FMT committed to discussing potential options for continuing to support FCPF knowledge sharing activities through the Carbon Fund budget at the CF24 meetings in February 2022.









## **Current FCPF Knowledge Activities**

- ☐ Knowledge and communications activities currently funded through the FCPF Readiness Fund budget include:
  - Analytical studies (ASAs), capacity building and knowledge exchange on critical, demand-driven issues related to private sector engagement, gender/social inclusion, MRV, program design/readiness, and sustainable finance
  - South-South Knowledge Exchanges (SSKEs) and learning events or workshops at country, regional, and global levels, as well as virtual
  - Support for communications materials, lessons learned products, website, translations, events, etc.
  - FCPF Knowledge Day: Sessions tied to the PA/PC meetings featuring knowledge sharing around key issues, recently converted into a series of virtual events
  - FMT staff and consultant time for leading, coordinating or supporting above and other activities







## **Proposed Actions**

- ☐ The FMT proposes additional resources to support select knowledge activities through the CF budget from 2023 to 2025, to continue to provide analysis, lessons, and exchanges to meet the needs of FCPF countries and REDD+ stakeholders.
- ☐ This would include support for the following, over a three-year period:
  - Select follow-up analytical work/ASAs on specific demand-driven challenges
  - 2-3 FCPF Knowledge Days (in-person and/or series of virtual sessions)
  - 4-6 SSKEs (in-person and/or virtual) for countries or regions on key topics
  - Development of priority knowledge and communications materials, as needed
  - Support for website, translation, event participation/logistics, and related costs.
- Overall estimated budget for these activities is approximately USD 4.2 million over three years, to be proportioned into annual CF budgets beginning in FY23.
- ☐ This will be partially offset by the disappearance of cross-charges from the RF for Shared Costs from January 2023, which include KM/Communications expenses and currently total approximately USD 1 million annually.





