PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REDD+ READINESS PROJECT IN KENYA

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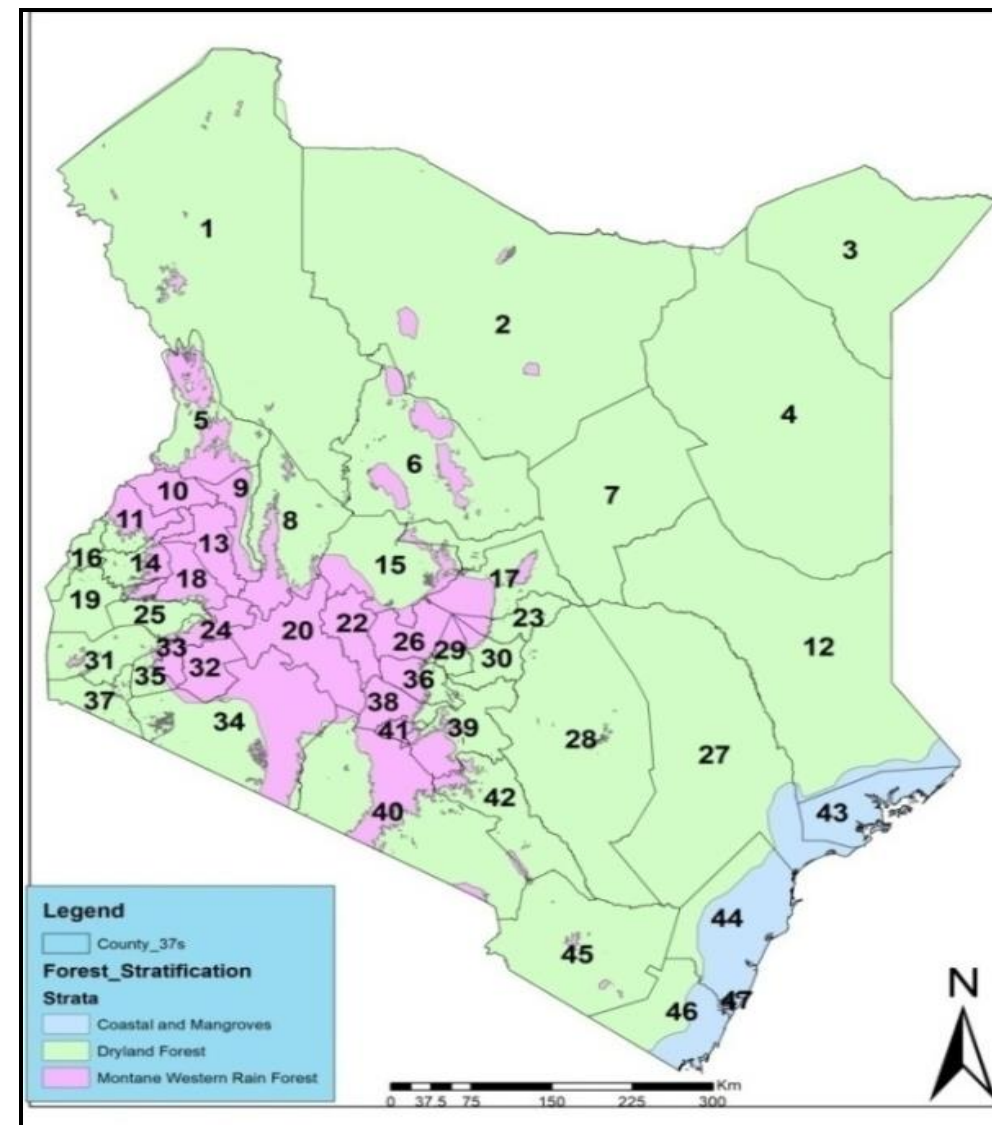
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Introduction

Kenya's forest cover is estimated at 3,462,536 ha, representing 5.9% of the total land area

ID	COUNTY	ID	COUNTY
1	Turkana	25	Kisumu
2	Marsabit	26	Nyeri
3	Mandera	27	Tana River
4	Wajir	28	Kitui
5	West Pokot	29	Kirinyaga
6	Samburu	30	Embu
7	Isiolo	31	Homa Bay
8	Baringo	32	Bomet
9	Keiyo-Marakwet	33	Nyamira
10	Trans Nzoia	34	Narok
11	Bungoma	35	Kisii
12	Garissa	36	Murang'a
13	UasinGishu	37	Migori
14	Kakamega	38	Kiambu
15	Laikipia	39	Machakos
16	Busia	40	Kajiado
17	Meru	41	Nairobi
18	Nandi	42	Makueni
19	Siaya	43	Lamu
20	Nakuru	44	Kilifi
21	Vihiga	45	TaitaTaveta
22	Nyandarua	46	Kwale
23	Tharaka	47	Mombasa
24	Kericho		

Distribution of the Forest strata of Kenya in different counties

- **2009:** Kenya signalled its willingness to embark on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+)
- **2010:** Readiness Preparedness Plan
- 2013 -2016: UNREDD targeted support
- 2015: support From JICA –CADEP programme (FRL+ NFMS
- 2016: UNDP delivery Partner (**The FCPF REDD+ Readiness Grant - USD 3.88 million)**

FCPF REDD+ Readiness Project

Objective:

- **To improve livelihoods and wellbeing, conserve biodiversity, contribute to the national aspiration of attaining a minimum 10% forest cover and mitigate climate change for sustainable development.**

Expected Outputs:

- *1 - Operational national REDD+ strategy and investment plan are developed*
- *2 - Functional multi-stakeholder engagement & capacity building for REDD+*
- *3 - An operational safeguards information system for REDD+ established*
- *4 - Technical support for improvement to the National Forest Monitoring*
- *System and Forest Reference Level provided*

National Management Arrangement

The Project Steering Committee (PSC) is chaired by the Ministry of Environment and Forestry

Technical Working Group stablished and opertional

Members of the PSC include; Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Kenya Forest Services, Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI), National Land Commission, Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission, Council of Governors, National Gender and Equality Commission, Kenya National Commission on Human Rights, Academia, The National Treasury, Transparency International Kenya, representatives of the marginalized communities, representative of the private sector, and representative of National Alliance of Community Forest Associations (NACOFA)

The National REDD+ implementation is coordinated by the National REDD+ Coordinator - based at the Ministry of Environment and Forestry

REDD+ Goals

- **REDD+ Readiness provided an opportunity for the country to put in place requisite Instruments to support Kenya to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation and forest degradation**

- **The overall National forest goal is to accelerate actions towards the achievement of the Constitution, Vision 2030 - 10% national tree cover, for environmental integrity and social economic development**

- **Aligned with and relevant to Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) Implementation Framework by supporting the government in meeting its national targets to increase forest cover and reduce GHG emissions.**

REDD+ Activities as domesticated in Kenya

Activity	Kenyan definition
Reducing emissions from deforestation	Refers to efforts that reduce emissions from Conversion of forestland to non-forestland (cropland, grassland, wetland, settlement)
Reducing emissions from forest degradation	Refers to efforts that reduce emissions within forest land that remains forest land and is captured from reduction in canopy cover in a forest remaining forestland e.g. conversion from dense to open canopy
Enhancement of forest carbon stocks	Refers to efforts that increase forest carbon stocks through afforestation, enrichment planting or conservation of forests. In Kenya it is captured from conversion of non-forests to forestlands and increase in canopy cover e.g. from open to dense forest.
Sustainable management of forests	Refers to bringing the rate of extraction in line with the rate of natural growth or increment to ensure near-zero net emissions over time. In Kenya this aims at zero net emission from public plantations through sustainable harvesting cycles

Project Steering Committee

Provides the overall oversight for project implementation and administration

Policy guidance and implementation of REDD+ activities.

National Coordination of inter/intra-sectoral REDD+ activities

Approval of REDD+ annual work plans and work plans.

Resource mobilization

Quality control

Mechanism for international collaboration and other REDD+ processes.

National REDD+ Coordination Office

Housed in the Ministry of Environment and Forestry

Coordination of National REDD+ implementation

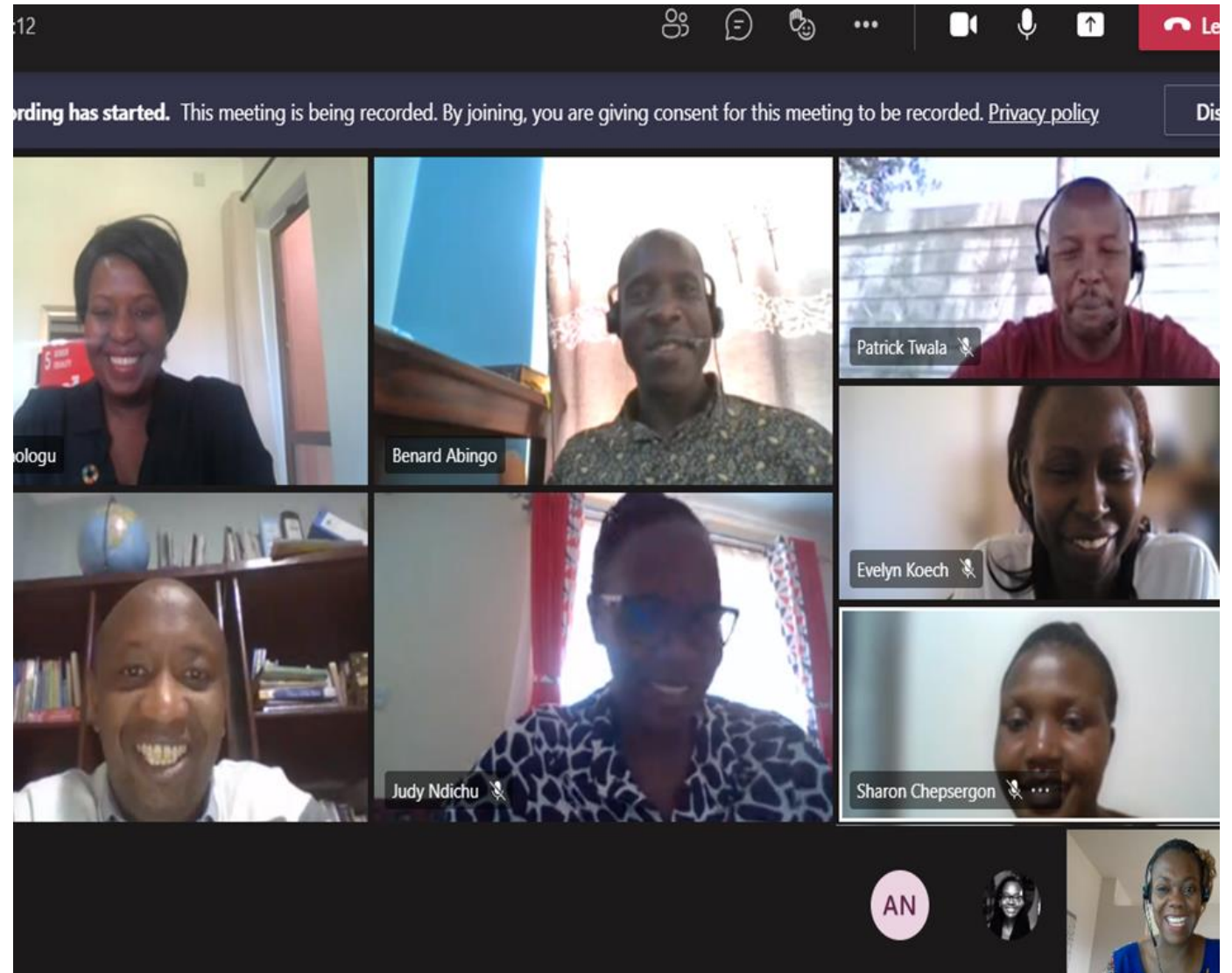Communication of overall REDD+ process and consultation support to REDD+

Coordination of conflict resolution initiatives

Liaison and coordination with local conservancy officers

Monitoring of project budgets and expenditures

Project Management Unit (PMU)

- Membership:
- Project Manager
- Technical Specialist
- Monitoring and Evaluation Officer
- Stakeholder Engagement Specialist
- Project Associate
- Two UNVS - Project Officer & Knowledge and Communication Specialist

Principles for Implementation

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Multistakeholders consultation process taking consideration of national and subnational levels

INCLUSIVITY

Bringing all parties on board, including Indigenous People and Local Communities

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The REDD+ strategy

Vision: Vibrant and sustainably managed forests and allied resources that efficiently and effectively contribute to ecological and environmental stability, socio-economic development, cultural benefits, and strengthen community resilience to climate change and contribute to Kenya's climate change aspirations for the present and future generations.
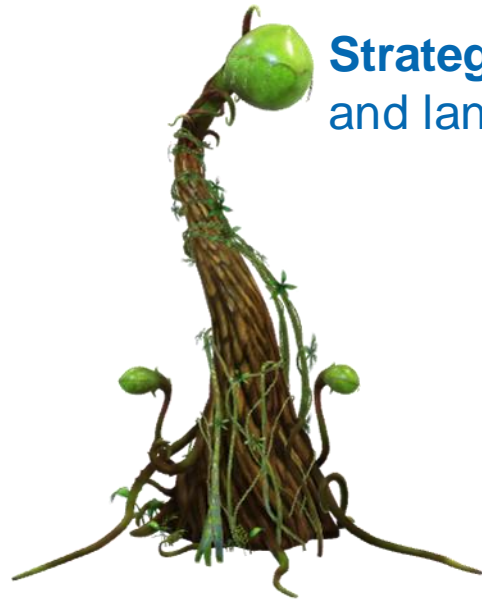
Mission: To facilitate the forest sector meet its aspirations of sustainable management and reducing emissions for results based payments.

Specific Objectives:
1. Increased forest and tree cover;
2. Enhanced productivity of the forest;
3. Increased investments in forest development.
4. Protecting existing forest cover
5. Integrated good governance in forest development.
6. Enhanced forest based economic, social and environmental benefits.
7. Enhanced livelihoods of the Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities

Guiding Principles:

- Integrated in national objectives of forest conservation and management
- Leveraged on existing frameworks for climate change mitigation
- Good governance, including support to inclusive participation of stakeholders
- Domesticates best fit practices nationally and internationally
- Promotes private sector participation in forest sector development

Strategic Option 1- Scaling up afforestation, reforestation and landscape restoration programmes

Incentivize tree growing investments on private land.
Create mechanisms for afforestation in community lands to enhance cultural, environmental and biodiversity benefits
Increase afforestation and reforestation activities through landscape restoration in drylands
Promote PES systems including carbon by the private sector
Improve productivity of agricultural lands

Strategic Option 2: Enhance governance and policy implementation to reduce conversion of forests to other land uses

Enhance protection and conservation of existing forest resources
Support implementation of the national values and principles of good governance
Enhance capacity of County Governments, private sector and Communities to implement the devolved forestry functions
Review and harmonize policies, laws and institutions relating to forest management
Support implementation of management plans for all forests

Strategic Option 3 -Increase productivity of plantation forests

1. Efficient and effective management of public forest plantations.
1. Support participation of non-state actors in public plantation programmes
1. Enhance transparency in management including information sharing

Strategic Option 4: Enhancing efficiency, effectiveness and skills throughout forest related value chains

Promote cost-effective technologies to achieve high emission reductions at large scale
Improve the forest resource value chain and utilization

Strategic Option 5: Mobilise Finance for implementation of REDD+ in Kenya

1. **Strengthen national capacity for mobilization of local and international funds**
2. Establish a multi partner trust fund for forestry development
3. Support capacity development of Kenyan experts to certify and monitor REDD+ projects

Safeguards Information System

https://ajeademo.cloudhub.co.ke/

- **Pillar 3: Forest Refence Level**
  - ❑ Submitted to UNFCCC (Accepted and published by UNFCCC)

    https://redd.unfccc.int/files/national_frl_report_for_redd__in_kenya.pdf

- **Pillar4: National Forest Monitoring system**
  - ❑ National Forest Monitoring System Report finalized through collaboration with and support JICA/KFS
  - ❑ Further work ongoing with JICA to establish the system

Other key achievements and milestones

- Development of the National Forest Policy 2020 and amendment of the FCMA2016

- Elgeyo Marakwet and Nyeri Counties Forest Management and Conservation Acts and Policies developed and assented to by County Governments.

- County Model Laws on Forestry and Tree Growing Policy for CoG developed, some Counties are already domesticating (Wajir, Isiolo leading the pact)

- Development of the Nested Approach to REDD+ process to support private sector engagement and investment and resource mobilization

- Development of the Access Strategy for voluntary carbon market to support transparency, integrity and equity in carbon assets development

FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY