

Informal pre-PC15 workshop: Emerging Lessons from Implementation of Readiness Grants

Saturday, June 29, 2013; 14:15-16:15

Draft Agenda

1. Introduction (15 min.): Challenges related to turning an R-PP into an operational set of readiness preparation activities

The purpose of the workshop is to have a collective brainstorming among Participants and Delivery Partners on what has (or has not) worked in the preparation and implementation of readiness grants and to promote an exchange on experiences, challenges and emerging good practices. Early lessons learned can point to possible integration of good practices and/or other actions for improvements in readiness implementation in REDD countries going forward.

A short presentation by the FMT will present issues commonly encountered during the preparation and implementation of FCPF readiness preparation grants thus far. These include:

Prior to grant signature (preparation/due diligence phase):

- Development, revision, or consolidation of the procurement plan
- Clarifications or definition of institutional arrangements
- Staff reassignments or changes in government
- Spill-over issues from other projects/programs
- Addressing 'issues' from R-PP assessment and PC resolution
- Time to perform extensive consultations and dialogue with CSOs, NGOs, and development partners

After grant signature (implementation phase):

- Developing TOR for technical components; selection process (esp. for competitive selections)
- Building of financial management and procurement capacity within project management unit (PMU)
- Recruitment and training of PMU staff
- Sequencing of activities supported by other development partners
- Lack of clarity on technical requirements

2. REDD Country experiences (30 min.)

To initiate a constructive discussion among Participants and Delivery Partners, a few REDD country representatives share key experiences on readiness grant preparation on the above issues from their perspective working with FCPF funds. The FMT is reaching out to countries to prepare key points.

3. Structured discussion (60 min.): How implementation can be supported and accelerated going forward

The discussion is proposed to be structured around (i) financial management, (ii) procurement, (iii) coordination of readiness activities. Operational staff from the World Bank Jakarta office will be present and explain important procedural requirements and good practices managing FCPF grant funding. The focus of the discussion will be on good practices and actions that help countries implement funding efficiently and effectively. World Bank operational staff and Delivery Partners explain resources and the support that is provided during grant preparation and implementation. The FMT facilitates the discussion.

4. Synthesis (15 min.): Identification of key messages and possible action items.