

Support to Countries to Access GCF Funds for REDD+ Readiness

- The GCF's ***Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme*** financially assists countries with support of:
 - USD 1M per year; and
 - One-time USD3M for National Adaptation Plans
- In October 2016, GCF Board decided (Decision B.14/02) that countries may also access these readiness funds for REDD+ readiness, especially for:
 - *the development of national REDD-plus strategies;*
 - *or action plans and investment plans*

UN-REDD Programme

- UN-REDD could assist countries to:
 - Access the GCF readiness and preparatory support programme for REDD+ readiness;
 - Could provide technical support once the readiness funds have been accessed.
- UN-REDD would look to raise additional financing to fund this stream of work, therefore:
 - Ability to support countries with both international and direct access, as desired, hence enhancing their capacities for future;
 - Provide access to a global team with 9-years track record, experience and networks to assist countries achieve the Warsaw Framework on REDD+ Actions.

Questions for Discussion

- Given the background presented, would the approach suggested be useful for countries wishing to access GCF readiness funds for REDD+ readiness? Is there a capacity gap that UN-REDD Agencies technical assistance and knowledge products are well placed to fill?
- What advice would the Executive Board give to the UN-REDD Programme countries concerning the key actions that need to be undertaken to access GCF readiness funds?
- How can the Executive Board be helpful in assisting the UN-REDD Programme in resource mobilization efforts for this new stream of work?