





The REDD+ Readiness Workshop

Need

REDD+ activities are undergoing rapid expansion globally. Around the world REDD+ projects are underway through both public and private finance, and many developing countries are now preparing national REDD+ strategies through the World Bank Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF), the UN-REDD Programme and other partnerships. A clear need and opportunity exists to aid international understanding and coordination of REDD+ activities through a single online resource where up-to-date information on the range of readiness activities can be accessed. The REDD desk partnership is acting now to create and refine this service, and by working collaboratively will reduce duplication of effort and fragmentation of information as REDD+ activities continue to multiply around the world.

Response

The REDD desk partners aim to develop a REDD Readiness database that will provide a central clearing house to access a wide range of information on these diverse and rapidly evolving activities. The database will present key information on readiness activities from the project, subnational, and national level using a framework to represent the key elements across these initiatives and to make it easy to browse them according to multiple criteria.

Approach

Progress has been made by several organizations in collecting and categorizing information in certain areas of REDD projects and activities. As each organization has a different focus and a different approach for organizing this information, however, gaps exist in information, and comparison among outputs is difficult. A key component of the REDD Readiness database will be the development of an overarching framework that will allow the range of projects and readiness activities to be compared and understood at a glance. In order for this framework to best reflect the information needs in REDD+ as well as to maximize the impact of completed and ongoing work by the range of organizations assessing readiness, this framework will be designed through a collaborative process. To initiate this process, The Forum on Readiness for REDD and the Global Canopy Programme will convene a workshop in the first week of May 2010 with key organizations that have been working across various areas of REDD Readiness.

Workshop

Location: New York

Date: TBC (3rd, 4th or 5th May)

Duration: 1 day

The workshop will develop a common framework for information on REDD+ activities that spans national and subnational approaches, and will also agree on a collaborative approach for collecting and assessing readiness information that avoids duplication of effort and maximizes synergies.

RSVP

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