



Tanzania, United Republic

Brief progress on REDD Programme in Tanzania  
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# Progress after Policy Board Meeting in Panama in March 09

Following Comments from PB on the UN-REDD proposal, feedback was provided to stakeholders & these comments were received positively. The comments were as follows:

- ✓ How realistic is the duration of the proposed UN-REDD programme;  
Explore extending the duration to 18-24 months
  - ✓ Better articulation of the linkages with other REDD initiatives in Tanzania (Being addressed under the National REDD strategy process)
  - ✓ Establish fund management arrangements
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- The duration of the Programme will now be extended to between 18 - 24 months. Agreed duration will be reflected in the final document
  - Inventory of all REDD initiatives in the country has been done and these will be reflected in the final UN-REDD document;
  - Funds will be managed following existing Government procedures

In addition the following have been accomplished

- The government has established a unit within FBD, led by a REDD manager; others include UN-REDD focal point and a legal officer in place. More staff will soon be identified to make a total of 7 (current need);
- National Forest Resources Monitoring and Assessment was launched on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2009 in Dare es Salaam (Support from Finish Govt. with linkage to UN-REDD);
- Training of the NTF members on REDD issues is underway to build FBDs capacity to coordinate well;
- Awareness creation activities at different levels of stakeholders in the country is ongoing. Done two workshops more under way. Some policy makers visited Brazil and Australia to learn from their experiences.

Have finalized Guidelines for stakeholders (NGOs, Public and private institutions) to access funding from REDD Funds under the Norwegian support and call for proposals done. Received over 40 concept Notes from NGOs and evaluated and commented upon;

Two projects received and evaluated one approved (Universities research institutions partnership) and the other one undergoing some revision (TFCG);

Priority on piloting and packaging of show casing for Copenhagen in December 2009 (Demonstrable experiences and achievements under the Participatory Forest Management (PFM) projects;

More engagement of NGOs, the private sector and the Civil Society Organizations.

## Next steps for UN-REDD

- Priority activities for implementation in the coming 6 months have been identified and will start soon after finalization of the UN-REDD document
- Preparations to document few case studies are completed and actual documentation will start soon after fund approval; these includes:
  - Pilot plots to establish baseline monitoring data against which future changes can be measured;
  - Capacity building activities of Tanzania's university & research institutions by building cooperation with international experts;
  - Forest adjacent local communities awareness creation and capacity building;
  - More sensitization to policy makers (the Parliamentarians, Cabinet and Political parties Leaders,
- Joint mission for the UN team to finalise the UN-REDD document is planned for Mid July 2009