Coordination of Support for REDD+ - Fiji experiences

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Fourth voluntary meeting on the coordination of support for the implementation of REDD-plus activities in developing countries
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Fiji REDD+ financing

2009 - 2018
German Ministry of International Cooperation and Development (BMZ) through GIZ Pacific Regional Climate Change Programme

2012 - 2017
Fiji Government allocates approx. USD160,000/year for National REDD+ Programme

2015 – 2018
FCPF Readiness Grant Agreement signed with World Bank USD3.8mil

2016
Signing of LOA with World Bank for ERs (under FCPF Carbon Fund): 2019 – 2024

2019 - ...
Request for other results-based financing? GCF?

2019 ready for results-based implementation
2014 UNREDD membership – technical support through regional project
**National REDD+ Policy / Strategy/ Action Plan**

- Strategies to address the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation
- Needs for capacity building

**REDD+ Strategy Implementation & result-based demonstration activities**

- National forest MRV methodology developed & national reference level determined
- Safeguard MRV methodology developed

**Payment for Verified emission reductions & removals**

- Based on national MRV system
- Safeguards monitored

**Timeline**

- **2009**: Readiness funds
- **2015**: Readiness achieved; Access carbon funds
- **2019**: Implementation of strategies already underway
National Experience on Coordination of Support

Institutional / Policy

- International implementing entities developing proposals relating to REDD+ activities without consulting with national REDD+ steering committee. Resulting product is inaccurate on proposed REDD+ activities in the country
  - E.g. a recent GEF proposal had the activity to develop national REDD+ Policy but Fiji REDD+ Policy in place since 2011
  - Lost opportunity to enhance financing for readiness efforts in the country

- Lack of understanding and appreciation of national circumstances and capabilities from executing agencies
  - expectation to deliver sometimes unrealistic for a small country like Fiji with limited technical expertise and resources
Institutional / Policy (cont’d)

- Country’s implementation processes sometimes ignored by executing agency in the interest of fast tracking activities and deliverables
  - Fiji readiness process based on a strong multi-sectoral and integrated approach, involving civil society organisations and indigenous people representatives
  - Fiji’s priority is to develop capacities of local people in the readiness phase. This takes time and should be acknowledged

- Fiji’s NDC development carried out by international consultant ignorant of REDD+.
  - Resulting NDC does not include REDD+ despite strong push for inclusion
  - Support to countries on NDC development/review to include technical experts on the priority sectors for the country

- REDD+ monitoring process to contribute to GHGI for the forest/land use sector for the UNFCCC national communication to reduce reporting burden of the country.
OPERATIONAL

- Poor consultation between supporting agencies and with national government
  - Example: one agency proposing to develop an MRV workplan for Fiji when this activity already existed in the national work programme support by another agency

- Different agencies bringing in different technologies for MRV related activities and different trainings
  - Can be too overwhelming for the country and a waste of time and resources
  - Best practices, experiences, and lessons learned from other countries to be identified

- Identification of appropriate technologies to be jointly determined with all supporting agencies and relevant national institutions and capacity building jointly organised
Results-based financing

- Fiji aims to be eligible for results-based financing by 2019
- Some reassurance that instruments and processes in place (meeting UNFCCC requirements and FCPF/World Bank) will satisfy ALL funding / financing bodies and institutions & executing and international implementing entities
  - Alignment of REDD+ financing requirements and reporting from funding and executing organizations
- Strengthen the establishment of National Implementing Entities (NIEs) for REDD+ funds. Accредiting requirements to be streamlined and applicable for accessing all international climate financing
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