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## REFERENCE MATERIALS

1. Forest carbon partnership facility (FCPF) - Guyana's submission: REDD+ readiness package (r-package).
2. Guyana proposal for reference level for REDD
3. Guyana emission factor – report
4. Independent forest monitoring scoping report 2011
5. Independent forest monitoring assessment report 2013 – 2014
6. MRVS roadmap phase one ( 2009) and two (2014)
7. MRVS summary reports year 1 -5

Summary of the Overall Achievement by Readiness Sub-component

Component	Sub-component	Overall Achievement
1.Readiness Organization and Consultation	1.a.National REDD+ Management Arrangements	Significant progress
	1.b.Consultation, Participation, and Outreach	Progressing well, further development required
2.REDD+ Strategy Preparation	2.a.Assessment of Land Use, Land Use Change Drivers, Forest Law, Policy and Governance	Significant progress
	2.b.REDD+ Strategy Options	Progressing well, further development required
	2.c.Implementation Framework	Progressing well, further development required
	2.d.Social and Environmental Impacts	Further development required
3.Reference Emissions Level/Reference Level (REL/RL)		Significant progress
4.Monitoring System for Forests and Safeguards	4.a.National Forest Monitoring System	Significant progress
	4.b.Information System for Multiple Benefits, Other Impacts, Governance, and Safeguards	Significant progress



# NATIONAL REDD+ MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

## FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY (FCPF) ASSESSMENT CRITERIA :

### **STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION AND PARTICIPATION**

The Government of Guyana remains committed to following the principles throughout implementation of the LCDS and R-PP.

- Office of Climate Change (OCC) – Ministry of the Presidency
- The Guyana Forest Commission (GFC)

# FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY (FCPF) ASSESSMENT CRITERIA :

## **FURTHER WORK TO BE CONSIDERED**

The LCDS and REDD+ processes will continue to promote transparency, accountability, availability of information and public participation activities should continue to include similar measures that encourage transparent communication of actions taken and allow feedback.

# FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY (FCPF) ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

## LAND USE, FOREST POLICY AND GOVERNANCE

- Importantly, the coordination provided at the level of the Department Of Natural Resource and Environment has allowed REDD+ efforts to be integrated within the mandates of the natural resources management agencies.

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- It has also allowed for the strengthened coordination of efforts amongst the agencies.

### **FURTHER WORK TO BE CONSIDERED**

- The Operationalizing of the National REDD Working Group (NRWG) to continue stakeholder engagement activities to foster REDD+ readiness is needed.



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## REDD+ STRATEGY OPTIONS

The Government of Guyana has presented a number of operational mechanisms in place through which stakeholders can provide feedback and seek information in relation to REDD+ implementation at a number of agencies.

## FURTHER WORK TO BE CONSIDERED

With the current arrangements in place, that is required to complete REDD+ Readiness is the development of a Grievance Redress Mechanism under REDD+, framework through which existing processes can be integrated, consolidated and strengthened.

# FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY (FCPF) ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

## REDD+ IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK

- To develop the institutional framework that will coordinate the REDD+ programmes and ensure multi-stakeholder participation during the implementation phase.
- The Government of Guyana has at present a number of operational mechanisms in place through which stakeholders can provide feedback and seek information in relation to REDD+ implementation is including at a number of agencies.

## **FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY (FCPF) ASSESSMENT CRITERIA**

The Guyana Forestry Commission and REDD Secretariat have been directly involved in REDD+ activities. They are continuing to build capacities through interaction with technical experts.

### **FURTHER WORK TO BE CONSIDERED**

However area of development in this regards is to establish measures to continuously build and maintain technical capacity that are necessary to implement the remaining REDD+ readiness activities, whilst creating the required environment for REDD+ implementation to take place.

# FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY (FCPF) ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

## CONSULTATION, PARTICIPATION, AND OUTREACH

- The GFC will work in collaboration with the Office of Climate Change and National Toshias Council and the four (4) national indigenous NGOs - to conduct stakeholder engagement across the country.

## FURTHER WORK TO BE CONSIDERED

- However the development of a Stakeholder Engagement Strategy and Plan that consolidated efforts completed and activities to be undertaken to address the components of REDD+ Readiness is need.



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- Accompanying these activities is furthering capacity in Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) and sharing of experiences by the North Runpunni Development District Board (NRDDB) with other communities on FPIC.
- In 2013, twelve workshop clusters were held throughout Guyana. These sessions have been documented, including preparation for the sessions, information dissemination prior to the sessions and stakeholder feedback garnered from the sessions.

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- Several activities were outlined in the R-PP, including institutional arrangements, methods for engagement, target audiences, participation mechanisms, etc.

### **FURTHER WORK TO BE CONSIDERED**

- The Processes of self-selection of stakeholders should also be encouraged and documented which the National REDD+ Working Group (NRWG) can oversee the consultation process

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- The plans and progress of the readiness activities should be made publicly available and accessible to the stakeholders in a language and format that can be easily understood.
- The outputs and technical developments of other readiness activities could be made accessible through similar relevant channels as they become available.
- Include processes that will demonstrate the integration of consultation outcomes into management arrangements or technical activities.

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## SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

- The R-PP states that the development of a Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) has been considered as part of the Guyana REDD+ Strategy.
- The main legislation that governs environmental management in Guyana, is the Environmental Protection Act (1996) and the accompanying Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Regulations and requirements.



# FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY (FCPF) ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

## FURTHER WORK TO BE CONSIDERED

- Various aspects of SESA framework should be developed utilising Guyana's ESIA framework.
- Unless properly safeguarded, REDD+ can result in impoverishment of the lives of forest peoples and have other effects such as impinging negatively on biodiversity and food security.

**(December 11, 2010 in Cancun, Mexico)**

# FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY (FCPF) ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

## REFERENCE EMISSIONS LEVEL/REFERENCE LEVELS

- The (RE & RLs) provide a benchmark against which future emissions and removals are measured.
- To assess progress towards on REDD+. RELs refer to the amount of gross forest emissions for a reference time period.

## FURTHER WORK TO BE CONSIDERED

- Guyana's Proposal on RL that was submitted to the UNFCCC in December 2014, based on revision by technical experts of the UNFCCC should be reviewed.

## FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY (FCPF) ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

### NATIONAL FOREST MONITORING SYSTEM

- The aim is to quantify the uncertainty levels around the amount and rates of deforestation and degradation.
- In the last assessment (Year 3) high-resolution aerial photography and field, visits were used to assess the accuracy of the wall-to-wall mapping ( the road maps for MRVS).

# FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY (FCPF) ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

## FURTHER WORK TO BE CONSIDERED

- A complete uncertainty assessment for main areas covered under the MRVS should be done.
- Integration of Community MRV Demonstration within National Framework- There were a number of areas that require synchronisation in order to bring the CMRV in synergy with the national MRVS; this is evident in forest type's classification, data collection and methods.



## FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY (FCPF) ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

- The Integration of measurement approaches and inclusion of the community MRV data in the national MRVS is needed. Continued building of capacities for fulfil current and future needs of the MRVS.
- Continue building of capacities to fulfil current and future needs of the MRVS.

## FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY (FCPF) ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

### INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR MULTIPLE BENEFITS, OTHER IMPACTS, GOVERNANCE, & SAFEGUARDS

- The GoG has undertaken a number of initiatives to explore the role of different ecosystem services, such as water and biodiversity, as well as PES Schemes.
- A number of studies have been undertaken with support from international partners.

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### FURTHER WORK TO BE CONSIDERED

- The MRV, through assessments of the inclusion of non-carbon benefits, will evaluate means by which environmental and social monitoring can be incorporated into the MRV System.
- in accordance with the national legislation. Identification of non-carbon aspects and social and environmental safeguard issues of REDD+ preparations, as well as capacity gaps should be done.
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## FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY (FCPF) ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

- The GoG has encouraged stakeholder participation from the outset of the work to explore co-benefits and non-carbon schemes.
- This was achieved through training sessions and workshops relating to (Bynoe *et al.*, 2011a, b, Bynoe, 2013, GFC and Winrock International, 2014).
- Information sharing processes on impact on rural livelihoods, biodiversity conservation, provision of non-carbon ecosystem services, and key governance factors should be considered.
- Within the current institutional arrangements, ensure that the non-carbon aspects and safeguards are clearly delegated and that related activities are planned, considering the capacity needs.





THANK YOU