

# Management Response to the Mid-term Evaluation

## UN-REDD Programme in Panama

**Geneva**

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Recommendation #1	Response	Comments
<p>Keep activities with Indigenous Peoples on standby until clear agreements with national and territorial indigenous authorities on how to further collaborate are reached.</p>	<p>Accepted</p>	<p>Since PB10th, the programme has supported a good faith, goodwill dialogue between COONAPIP and ANAM for finding common points and common interest activities while building a national work agenda that addresses the interests of Indigenous Peoples in Panama in the context of conservation and sustainable forest management.</p>



Recommendation #2	Response	Comments
<p>Extend the NJP until the end of 2014 with a view to complete and consolidate results achieved and seek their sustainability.</p>	<p>Partially accepted</p>	<p>The full resumption of activities may not happen until the second quarter of 2014 due to the time needed to process contracts with institutions, hire staff and other procedures necessary for the implementation of activities. Likewise, the Programme needs a period of two months for closing project accounts and generating the corresponding financial and activity reports.</p>



Recommendation #3	Response	Comments
<p>Adapt the NJP strategy to the unequal progress of several of its elements, minimizing dependency on unpredictable results and strengthening coherence among the elements that are currently under implementation.</p>	<p>Accepted</p>	<p>The NJP went through a process of reviewing its strategy and activities to in order to complete and consolidate the results achieved and seek their sustainability. This readjustment was intended to achieve a balance between the various programme components and to minimize the dependence on unpredictable circumstances.</p>



Recommendation #4	Response	Comments
<p>Readjust and/or resize expected NJP Products with a view to eliminate unreachable products and focus on generating robust and sustainable ones considering the following: a new timeframe, the remaining budget, the national crisis and, eventually, the agreements signed with Indigenous Peoples.</p>	<p>Accepted</p>	<p>The NJP has carried out a product and activity analysis prioritizing those considered critical to the Programme's goals, and which can be reached with the available budget and under the assumption that the Programme will be granted an extension until June 2015. In this process, some products and activities were eliminated, as they were considered unrealistic both time and budget-wise. Activities with IPs were defined together with COONAPIP.</p>



Recommendation #5	Response	Comments
<p>Consolidate the National REDD+ Roundtable as a broad permanent dialogue platform for ANAM and the Panamanian society for defining, coordinating and implementing the REDD+ Strategy in Panama.</p>	<p>Accepted</p>	<p>The National REDD+ Roundtable will be convened once the active listening process concludes – which is the first step once the Programme is resumed. The reactivation of the Roundtable will move forward with the establishment of the National REDD+ Strategy.</p> <p>The programme will strive to strengthen its structure so that it continues to be a central and permanent governance instrument within the REDD+ process in Panama.</p>



Recommendation #6	Response	Comments
<p>Request targeted support to the UN-REDD Global Programme in order to strengthen consultation among and participation of Indigenous Peoples, inasmuch as their authorities request and agree to receive such support.</p>	<p>Partially accepted</p>	<p>The decision to request these funds will be taken jointly with COONAPIP and will be based on the financial needs that are additional to those identified in the Results Framework Based on this needs assessment, a targeted support request could be prepared to strengthen participation of Indigenous Peoples in REDD+ in Panama. If necessary, additional financing will be sought for in support of this process.</p>



Recommendation #7	Response	Comments
<p>Determine the scope, dimension, institutional anchoring and maintenance, and sustainability mechanism for the National Forest Monitoring System .</p> <p>Determine options for obtaining additional financing and collaboration with other sub-national, national and international agencies.</p>	<p>Accepted</p>	<p>ANAM-FAO have redesigned the programme’s products of the National Forest Monitoring System. The changes include a new design of the forest inventory, the incorporation of a new forest map for 2012, and options for the institutionalization and sustainability of the forest monitoring system.</p>



Recommendation #8	Response	Comments
<p>Define diversified consultation, participation and capacity-development strategies according to the needs and demands of stakeholders involved in REDD+-related processes in Panama.</p>	<p>Accepted</p>	<p>The new Results Framework proposal includes a consultation and participation process based on equality/transparency/respect. This process will have a emphasis on Indigenous Peoples' and other forest dependent communities' participation.</p>



Recommendation #9	Response	Comments
<p>Adopt a communication protocol to ensure the dialogue on consultation and participation issues in the context of the NJP takes place directly among the official NJP representatives and the Panamanian organizations with roles and mandates that are institutionalized in the context of REDD+ in Panama .</p>	<p>Accepted</p>	<p>The programme will formalize a protocol in early 2014 after consultations with different stakeholders. In relation to the protocol of communication with IPs, this will be defined jointly with COONAPIP.</p>



Recommendation #10	Response	Comments
<p>Focus the communication strategy on the dissemination and discussion of products for the national analysis generated by the NJP (Geo-Portal among others).</p>	<p>Accepted</p>	<p>The new revised Results Framework focuses mainly on communicating and disseminating products developed by the programme and emphasizes transparency in the National REDD+ Strategy drafting process.</p>



Recommendation #11	Response	Comments
<p>Look for ways to simplify and streamline the management of joint national programs through national execution modalities or implement them through a single agency</p>	<p>Accepted</p>	<p>Before carrying out the independent investigation and mid-term evaluation of Panama’s National Programme, the UN-REDD Programme had already recognized the need to improve and better coordinate the implementation of National Programmes. A set of principles on implementation, transfer of resources and provision of technical assistance have been agreed and are under implementation.</p>



Recommendation #12	Response	Comments
<p>Adapt UN-REDD’s directives and guidelines (stakeholder engagement, FPIC) to better reflect the complex realities and experiences generated in the execution in the field.</p>	<p>Accepted</p>	<p>The UN-REDD Programme will continue to support the application of the principles outlined in the Stakeholder Engagement and FPIC Guidelines.</p> <p>For the FPIC Guidelines in particular, there will be periodic revisions and updates to the current version based on their application, increased information and experience and continued input and feedback from governments, indigenous peoples and forest dependent communities.</p>



Recommendation #13	Response	Comments
<p>To UN-REDD: study possible modalities for addressing and solving issues deriving from the UN System's rules and procedures regarding the acknowledgement (also for management purposes) of Indigenous Peoples' political and technical institutions in their representative and programme management roles.</p>	<p>Partially accepted</p>	<p>The UN-REDD Programme follows and applies UN Agencies' rules, regulations and procedures. This also includes procurement and contracting issues, and executing modalities. While the UN-REDD Programme will strive to apply these procedures in the most efficient way, the programme's scope for radical changes is limited.</p>



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