



3b. Definition of Readiness: Update on Readiness Package and FCPF/UN-REDD Collaboration

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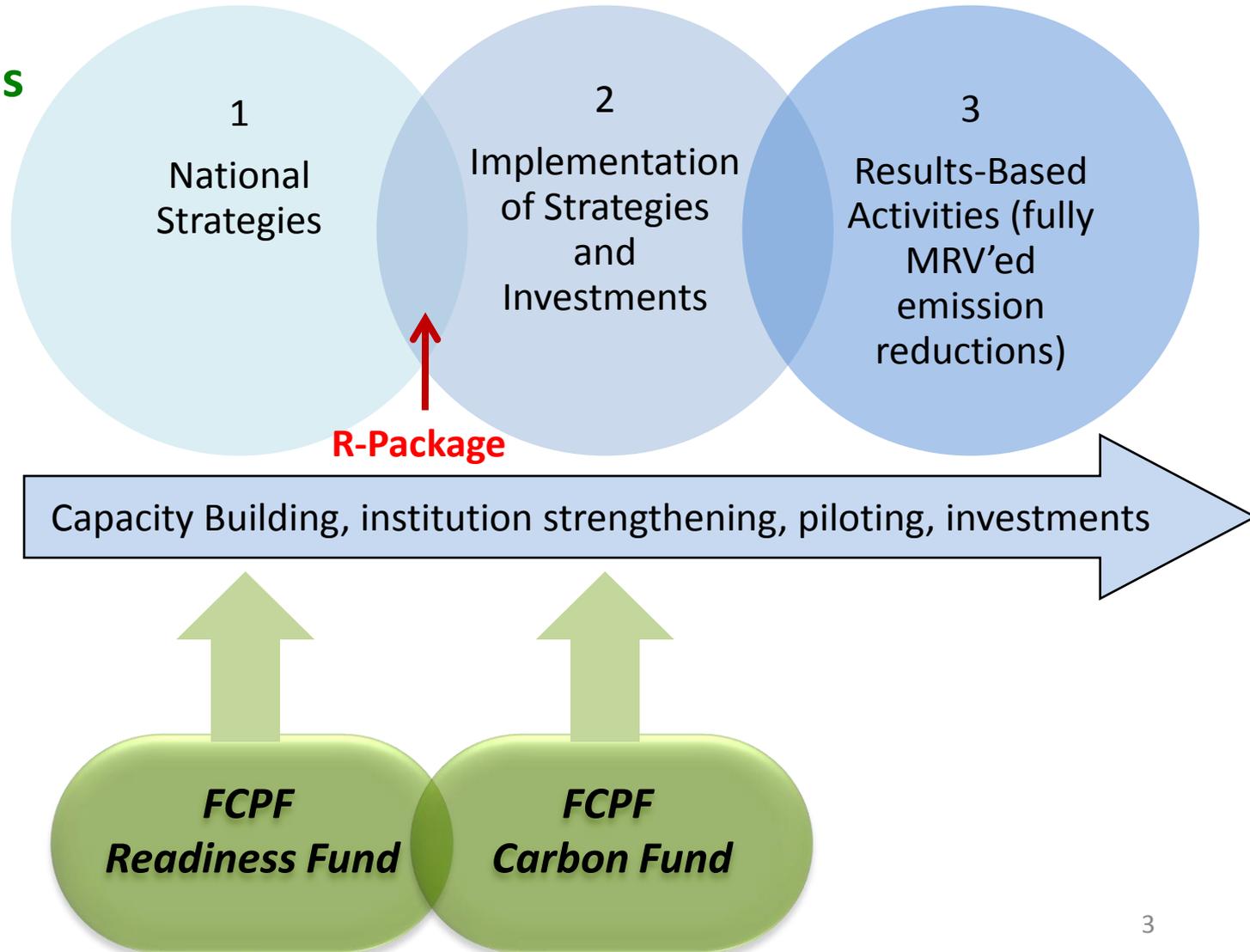


Readiness Package (R-Package): Context

- **FCPF is a pilot program to promote REDD+ readiness**
 - Provide funding and assistance to countries for initial REDD+ Readiness preparation
 - Support learning and capacity-building in a country-led process
- **R-Package is a milestone of Readiness preparation**
 - Formulation Phase: R-PIN, R-PP
 - Preparation Phase: R-Package
 - R-Package is the transition from Readiness preparation into implementing REDD+
 - PC discussion urges R-Package be broadly useful for other REDD+ funding (FCPF Carbon Fund, bilateral, multilateral or private sources)

R-Package is produced towards the end of 'phase 1'

3 REDD+ Readiness Phases (per Cancun Agreements)



R-Package: General Purpose

- R-Package will provide confidence to national and international actors that
 - The country is making progress on REDD+
 - Activities are tested within a transparent framework, and are consistent with COP decisions
 - Social and environmental risks are identified and mitigated
- FCPF Charter states
 - R-Package submission is voluntary
 - REDD Country Participants may request PC endorsement
 - Technical Advisory Panel makes recommendations to the PC
 - PC 'Endorsement' is required before signing a Emissions Reduction Payment Agreement (ERPA) with FCPF Carbon Fund

How to assess Readiness: an ongoing discussion in the FCPF

- The practice of Readiness Preparation shows that
 - Countries receive Readiness support from a variety of sources (FCPF, UN-REDD and other bilateral or multilateral development partners)
 - Countries have different pre-existing capacities and make progress at a different pace
 - FCPF is piloting Readiness and R-PPs are more detailed and focused on implementation compared to the Readiness framework under UNFCCC
- The challenge: finding a way to assess a rich set of activities during Readiness preparation that
 - Allows flexibility for countries
 - Assures quality for countries, donors and civil society

Readiness Package Concept

- PC10: FMT was asked to draft a R-Package Concept Note
 - Define Purpose, Scope, and Content
 - Develop Draft Assessment Framework
- Feedback on Concept (FMT Note 2011-4)
 - Limited response from REDD+ Countries
 - **How can REDD+ countries increase ownership in the process?**
 - Multiple and often diverging views on key aspects
 - Purpose
 - Endorsement
 - Assessment

R-Package Content is based on R-PP template shared by FCPF and UN-REDD

1. Readiness Organization and Consultation

- a. National REDD management arrangements
- b. Consultation, Participation, and Outreach

2. REDD+ Strategy Preparation

- a. Assessment of Land Use, Land Use Change Drivers, Forest Law, Policy and Governance
- b. REDD Strategy Options
- c. Implementation Framework
- d. Social and Environmental Impacts

3. Reference Levels

4. Monitoring Systems for Forests and Safeguards

- a. National Forest Monitoring System
- b. Information System for Multiple Benefits, Other Impacts, Governance, and Safeguards

R-Package Concept Note: Proposed Draft Assessment Framework

- **Assessment Framework based on a Standards approach**
 - Similar to assessment of R-PPs
 - Review by Technical Advisory Panel
 - Standards provide benchmarks to assess progress
 - Guides REDD countries in Readiness preparation
- **Overarching principles that cut across all standards**
 - Participatory approach is applied
 - Capacity building is promoted
 - Action plans are budgeted
 - REDD+ actions are monitored and evaluated
 - Common Approach to Safeguards is applied to overarching/cross-cutting issues
 - Consistency with UNFCCC

Key Points of General Agreement among FCPF Countries, Donors and Observers

- R-Package is an appropriate organizing framework for Readiness activities, piloting and investments
 - Requires consistency with COP decisions
 - Building on R-PP provides continuity and consistency
- R-Package should encompass Readiness overall
 - Includes FCPF, UN-REDD activities, and support from other development partners
 - Consistency and synergy with UN-REDD is important
 - R-Package is a single document drawing on readiness work output
- Assessment should occur at national level (self-assessment) and internationally (TAP, PC)
 - Demonstrate a country's commitment to REDD+ and consistency with the international framework
 - Feedback to countries is important to identify gaps and provide guidance

UN-REDD Views on the R-package

- Welcomed the development of the R-package as a tool that can **support countries progressing towards achieving REDD readiness**
- Important to differentiate the R-package from the each initiative's monitoring framework
- Draw on lessons learnt from Readiness preparation to-date, in particular in relation to specific R-package sub-components and components
- Need to further explore the conceptual linkages to the country needs assessment

Diverging and Multiple Views on the Role, Purpose, Assessment and Review Process

Feedback from Participants and Observers raises key questions:

1. Is the R-Package a 'reporting requirement' or an opportunity to show progress and attract funding?
2. Should the R-Package be more closely linked to the Carbon Fund? Or a comprehensive assessment of national Readiness progress?
3. Is the assessment primarily a opportunity to provide constructive feedback? Or an assessment against standards for an international audience?
 - National self-assessment with focus on progress?
 - What is a meaningful multi-stakeholder assessment?
 - What is the appropriate level of detail for the assessment?
 - How can the assessment approach be made operational and most useful?
4. What are the outcomes of the assessment? And who performs the assessment given the comprehensive scope of the R-Package?
 - What role does the TAP play?
 - What role might the UN-REDD Policy Board have in the assessment process?



Thank You!

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