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## 1. GENERAL INTRODUCTION

Introduction to the report, its main purpose and sections. Short description of FCPF support in country.

This report summarizes progress, key achievements and next steps for the FCPF project in Suriname.

This project aims to preserve Surinamese natural capital, enhancing the value of forest-related services for its peoples and contributing to the international fight against climate change. To achieve this objective, the project aims to attain the following two outputs:

1. By 2016, REDD+ will be recognised as a strategic lever at the heart of the national development strategy post-2016
2. By 2017, Suriname will be ready to undertake results-based actions that can be recognised by the UNFCCC and can therefore attract results-based payments

This project document describes the strategy and plan to mobilise and strengthen the human, technical, institutional, political and financial capacities throughout the country so to ensure success. It is organised around three pillars:

1. Human capacities and stakeholders engagement
2. REDD+ national strategy
3. Implementation framework and tools

## 2. SUMMARY OF REPORT

Summary of progress, key achievements with a focus on higher level results and important issues/problems that arose during the reporting period. Highlights of next steps in following period -- **key bullets only**

Progress:

- The project document was signed on May 31st, 2014.
- An inception workshop is planned to be held in November or December, 2014
- The recruitment of national and international project staff is underway

Key Achievements with focus on higher level results:

- Necessary conditions are now in place to initiate FCPF project activities

Important issues /problems that arose during the reporting period:

- No outstanding problems.
- As important issues, during the inception phase, i.e. between when the project document was signed, and the planned inception workshop, several amendments to the project document were proposed in order to respond to emerging needs and changing conditions.

Highlights of next steps in the following period:

- Further strengthening of national level REDD+ institutions and stakeholder engagement and consultation
- Mainstreaming gender concerns into policy making processes
- Further advancing works on grievance mechanisms
- Completion of sub-components for a national REDD+ strategy
- Development of a proposal for reference levels
- Development of a national approach to safeguards

**3. MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS AND RESULTS DURING THE PERIOD**

The section below should provide qualitative and quantitative data on the progress towards expected results along the following subsections. Information is to be provided cumulatively. If the information requested is not available or not relevant at the time of the reporting, mention **“does not apply – n/a”**.

**3.1 PROGRESS AT THE IMPACT LEVEL (if any data available)**

Please provide here any quantitative and qualitative information, if available on the following criteria/indicators.

“does not apply – n/a”

Number of tons of CO2 emissions from deforestation and forest degradation reduced in the country during the reporting period as compared to the measured REL/RL, if any :

National Forest Reference Emission Level (REL)/Reference Level (RL) defined:

“does not apply – n/a”

Number of tons reduced during the reporting period as compared to REL/RL:

“does not apply – n/a”

Amount of non-FCPF investments received under R-PP process:

Source:	<Select>	Amount Provided:
<a href="#">UNREDD: capacity building activities</a>		53,500.00
	Currency	
	Currency	
<a href="#">UNDP: capacity building and insitutional strengthening</a>		50,000
	Currency	

Amount of non-FCPF investments received for implementation of ER Programs (e.g. FIP, bilateral donors, private sector), if relevant:

Source:	<Select>	Amount Provided:
<a href="#">WWF and CI have provided funding to hold a REDD+ conference</a>		
ONF		
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	Currency	
	Currency	
	Currency	
	Currency	

Level of multi-stakeholder participation and engagement in decision making processes related to emission reductions and forest resource management:

Please describe the process of engagement and consultation implemented, including describing the level of participation and engagement for the following stakeholder categories: Government Agencies, Indigenous Peoples, Other forest-dependent peoples, Women, Youth, Civil Society Organizations, Private Entities, Donors, and Others



Nb. and type of policy reforms underway or completed complying to REDD+ standards, if any (*FCPF M&E Framework Indicator I.3.B.*):

Number of policy reforms during the reporting period that are: <Select from dropdown list>

<b>Underway:</b>		
<b>Completed:</b>		

Please describe these policy reforms:

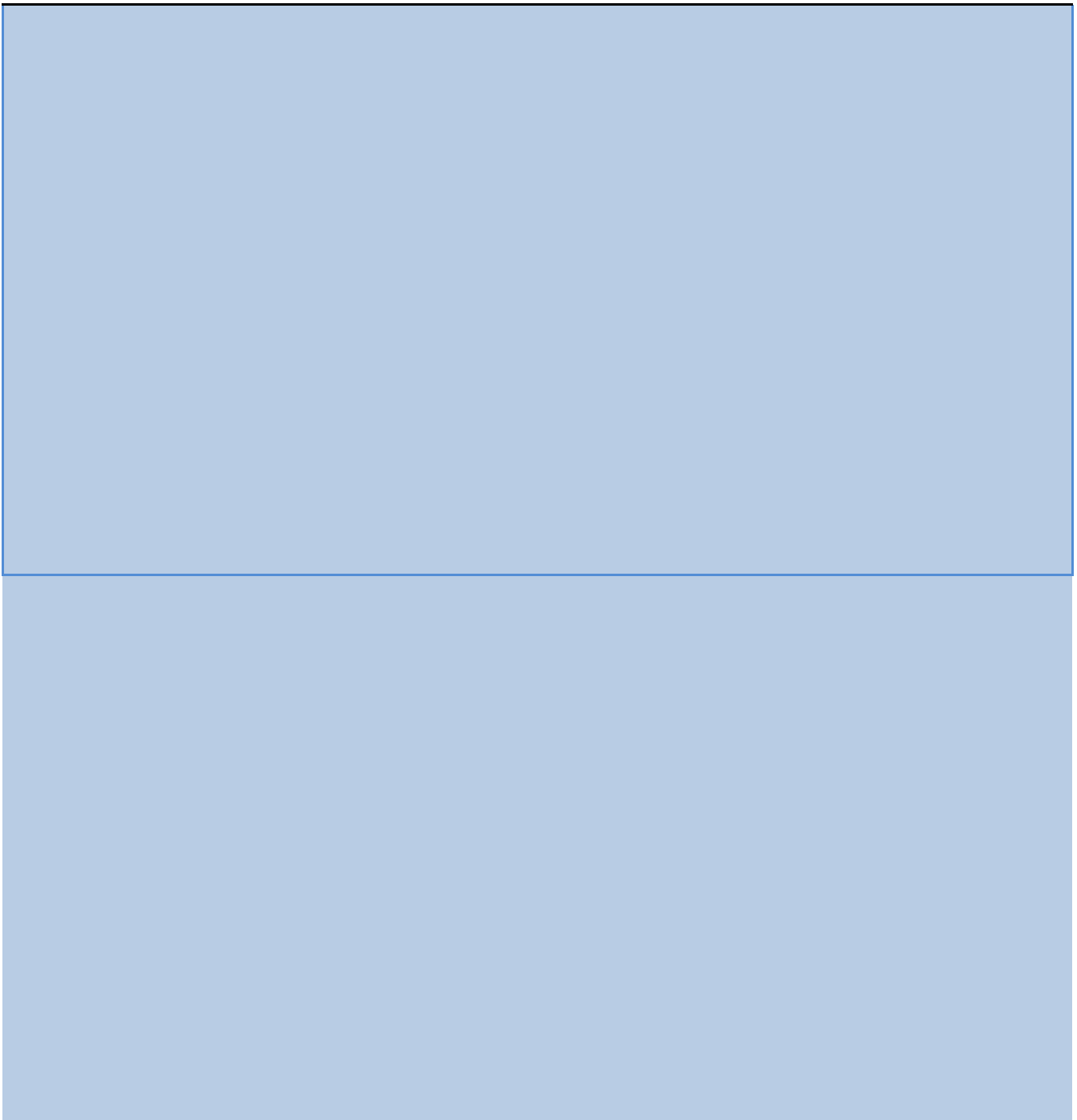
**3.2 PROGRESS AT THE OUTPUT and OUTCOME LEVEL (if any data available)**

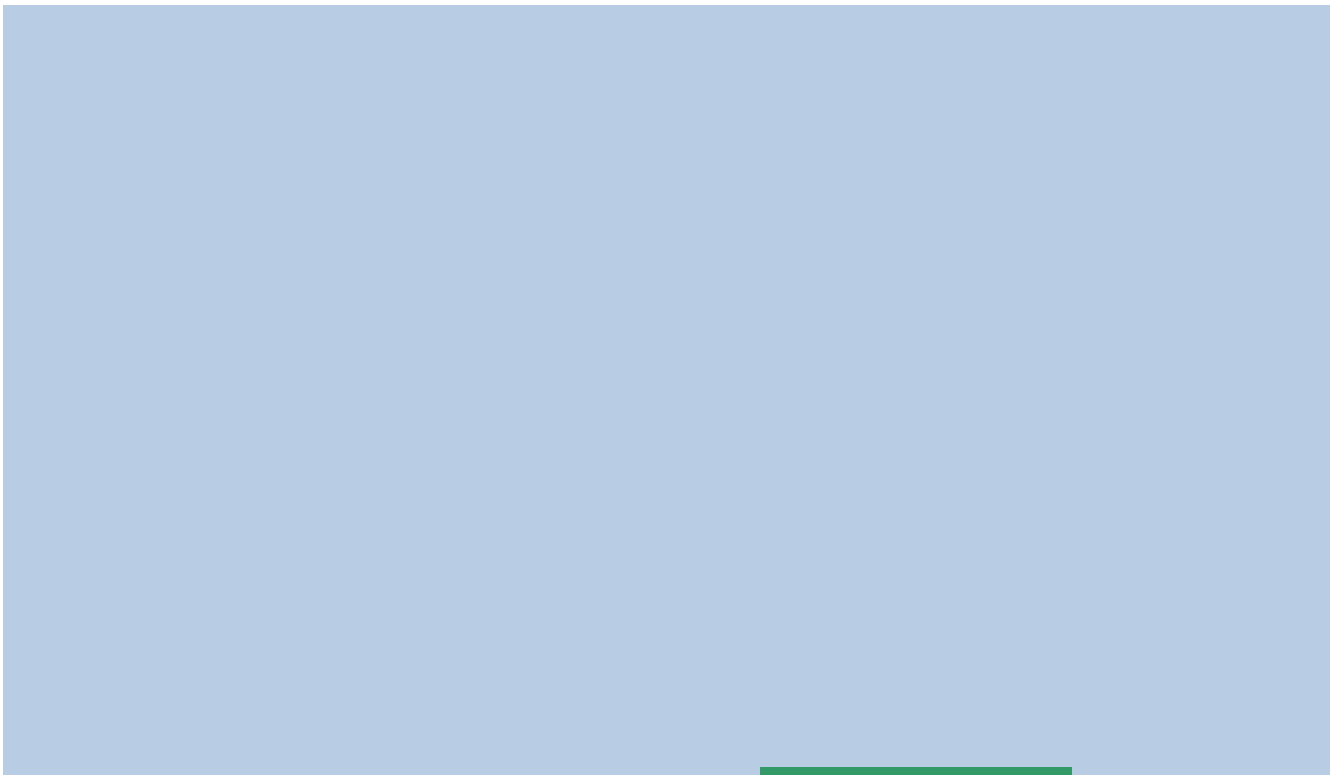
**3.2.1. REDD Readiness Progress**

**OUTCOME LEVEL**

As a synthesis of the following output level assessments, please briefly describe here the progress made during the reporting period in developing the country Readiness Package (*FCPF M&E Framework Indicator 1.A.*) :

Briefly describe progress made during the reporting period in developing the country Readiness Package:





**OUTPUT LEVEL**

Please indicate which of your country R-PP components and sub-components are being implemented through the Readiness Preparation Grant (>3.4 million USD)		Progress	(Yes/No)
Component			
<b>Component 1. Readiness Organization and Consultation</b>			
1a. National REDD+ Management Arrangements	yes	<input type="radio"/> Significant progress	
1b. Consultation, Participation, and Outreach	yes	<input type="radio"/> Progressing well, further development	
<b>Component 2. REDD+ Strategy Preparation</b>			
2a. Assessment of Land Use, Land Use Change Drivers, Forest Law, Policy and Governance	No	<input type="radio"/> Further development required	
2b. REDD+ Strategy Options	yes	<input type="radio"/> Not yet demonstrating progress	
2c. Implementation Framework	No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Applicable	
2d. Social and Environmental Impacts	No		
<b>Component 3. REL/RL</b>			
3. Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels	yes		
<b>Component 4. Monitoring Systems for Forests and Safeguards</b>			
4a. National Forest Monitoring System	yes		
4b. Information System for Multiple Benefits, Other Impacts, Governance, and Safeguards	No		

Level of implementation of R-PP as a whole:

Please describe the current R-PP implementation	% Completed:
<p>The project was just signed May 31, 2014. Therefore, the implementation of R-PP will start from November, 2014.</p>	

Level of achievement of planned milestones according to approved FCPF-financed Readiness Fund Grant (>3.8 million USD) (FCPF M&E Framework 1.3b):

Planned Milestones:	Level of Achievement:	Tracking:
<p>Same as above. Since the project was just launched, there is no achievement yet</p>		



**3.2.1. CONTINUED Disbursement rate of FCPF-financed Readiness Fund Grant (>3.4 million USD), in %**

RF Grant - disbursement rate compared to planned disbursement rate

Disbursement rate of FCPF-financed Readiness Fund Grant (>3.4 million USD), in percentage:	
	Select Actual Disbursement Rate
RF Grant - actual disbursement rate compared to planned disbursement rate	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Up to 10% variance with plans <input type="radio"/> Between 10 and 25% variance <input type="radio"/> Between 25 and 40% variance <input type="radio"/> More than 40% variance <input type="radio"/> Not Applicable

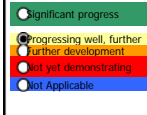
Disbursement rate of Total R-PP Budget in percentage:	
	Select Actual Disbursement Rate
R-PP Budget - disbursement rate v planned disbursement rate	<input type="radio"/> Up to 10% variance with plans <input type="radio"/> Between 10 and 25% variance <input checked="" type="radio"/> Between 25 and 40% variance <input type="radio"/> More than 40% variance <input type="radio"/> Not Applicable

3.2.1. REDD Progress Levels - Continued

Countries are expected to provide data on the overall level of achievement of planned milestones as defined in their Readiness Preparation Grant Agreement, and, if applicable, on their Supplementary Grant Agreement (additional grant of up to \$5 million). Under their Preparation Readiness Grant Agreement (>3.4 million USD), Countries should provide data on (i) the support to the Coordination of the REDD+ Readiness Process and Multi-Stakeholder Consultations; (ii) the contribution to the Design of a National REDD+ Strategy; and (iii) the preparation of a National Reference Scenario for REDD+

The level of achievement of planned milestones according to the Readiness grant will be summarized through progress scores related to the synthesis of an overall achievement. This is qualitatively expressed with a four-color 'traffic light' scale and then explained. In case the assessment is not applicable, "Non Applicable" can be selected.

The level of achievement of planned milestones per R-PP component should be self-assessed and reported, as well as summarized through progress scores related to the synthesis of this overall achievement, qualitatively expressed on a four-color 'traffic light' scale and then briefly explained. In case the assessment is not applicable, a fifth color scale 'Non Applicable' can be selected. This 'traffic light' scale is based on the system contained in the R-Package Assessment Framework, The R-Package assessment criteria are included to assist countries identify, plan and track their readiness preparations progress with the core aspects and desired outcomes of readiness preparation activities as contained in R-Package Assessment Framework.



Sub-Component 1a	Overall Progress		Progress Against Annual Targets		Tracking*
	Planned Milestones	Cumulative Progress Towards Milestones	Expected Annual Target	Achievements of the Annual Target	
<b>1a - National REDD+ Management Arrangements</b> Purpose: setting-up national readiness management arrangements to manage and coordinate the REDD-plus readiness activities whilst mainstreaming REDD-plus into broader strategies Assessment Criteria: (i) accountability and transparency; (ii) operating mandate and budget; (iii) multi-sector coordination mechanisms and cross-sector collaboration; (iv) technical supervision capacity; (v) funds management capacity; (vi) feedback and grievance redress mechanism	Proposed Arrangement will be discussed during Inception Workshop				

Sub-Component 1b	Overall Progress		Progress Against Annual Targets		Tracking
	Planned Milestones	Cumulative Progress Towards Milestones	Expected Annual Target	Achievements of the Annual Target	
<b>1b – Consultation, Participation, and Outreach</b> Purpose: broad consultation with and participation of key stakeholders for future REDD+ programs, to ensure participation of different social groups, transparency and accountability of decision-making Assessment Criteria: (i) participation and engagement of key stakeholders; (ii) consultation processes; (iii) information sharing and accessibility of information; (iv) implementation and public disclosure of consultation outcomes	Continue the development of awareness raising materials				

Sub-Component 2a	Overall Progress		Progress Against Annual Targets		Tracking
	Planned Milestones	Cumulative Progress Towards Milestones	Expected Annual Target	Achievements of the Annual Target	
<b>2a: Assessment of Land Use, Land Use Change Drivers, Forest Law, Policy and Governance</b> Purpose: identify key drivers of deforestation and/or forest degradation, as well as activities concerning conservation, sustainable forest management, and enhancement of forest carbon stocks Assessment Criteria: (i) assessment and analysis; (ii) prioritization of direct and indirect drivers/barriers to forest enhancement; (iii) links between drivers/barriers and REDD+ activities; (iv)					

actions plans to address natural resource rights, land tenure, governance; (v) implications for forest law and policy					
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- Significant progress
  - Progressing well, further
  - Further development
  - Not yet demonstrating
  - Not Applicable
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- Significant progress
  - Further development
  - Not yet demonstrating
  - Not Applicable

Sub-Component 2b	Overall Progress		Progress Against Annual Targets		Tracking
	Planned Milestones	Cumulative Progress Towards Milestones	Expected Annual Target	Achievements of the Annual Target	
<b>2b: REDD+ Strategy Options</b> Purpose: Develop a set of policies and programs for addressing the drivers of deforestation and/or forest degradation Assessment Criteria: (i) selection and prioritization of REDD+ strategy options; (ii) feasibility assessment; (iii) implications for strategy options on existing sectoral policies					

Sub-Component 2c	Overall Progress		Progress Against Annual Targets		Tracking
	Planned Milestones	Cumulative Progress Towards Milestones	Expected Annual Target	Achievements of the Annual Target	
<b>2c: Implementation Framework</b> Purpose: Set out credible and transparent institutional, economic, legal and governance arrangements necessary to implement REDD+ strategy options Assessment Criteria: (i) adoption and implementation of legislation/regulations; (ii) guidelines for implementation; (iii) benefit sharing mechanism; (iv) national REDD+ registry and system monitoring REDD+ activities					

Sub-Component 2d	Overall Progress		Progress Against Annual Targets		Tracking
	Planned Milestones	Cumulative Progress Towards Milestones	Expected Annual Target	Achievements of the Annual Target	
<b>2d: Social and Environmental Impacts</b> Purpose: Ensure compliance with the Common Approach and prepare a country specific Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) Assessment Criteria: (i) analysis of social and environmental safeguard issues; (ii) REDD+ strategy design with respect to impacts; (iii) Environmental and Social Management Framework					5

Component 3	Overall Progress		Progress Against Annual Targets		Tracking
	Planned Milestones	Cumulative Progress Towards Milestones	Expected Annual Target	Achievements of the Annual Target	
<b>R-PP Component 3 - Reference Emissions Level/Reference Levels</b> Purpose: Development of the general approach to establish a REL/RL Assessment Criteria: (i) demonstration of methodology; (ii) use of historical data, and adjusted for national circumstances; (iii) technical feasibility of the methodological approach, and consistency with UNFCCC/IPCC guidance and guidelines	Establishment of REL/RL and National Forest Monitoring System	continued Capacity Building on calculation of REL/RL, Forest Monitoring & Measuring Forest Carbon stocks, especially within the Foundation for Forest Management and Production Control (SBB)			1) Finalized Formulation of Forest Cover Monitoring Plan including a Vision and Planned Activities; 2) Forest Cover Map produced; 3) Establishment of the Forest Cover Monitoring Unit with SBB

Sub-Component 4a	Overall Progress		Progress Against Annual Targets		Tracking
	Planned Milestones	Cumulative Progress Towards Milestones	Expected Annual Target	Achievements of the Annual Target	
<b>4a: National Forest Monitoring System</b> Purpose: Design and develop an operational forest monitoring system and describe the approach to enhance the system over time Assessment Criteria: (i) documentation of monitoring approach; (ii) demonstration of early implementation; (iii) institutional arrangements and capacities- Forests					6

Sub-Component 4b	Overall Progress		Progress Against Annual Targets		Tracking
	Planned Milestones	Cumulative Progress Towards Milestones	Expected Annual Target	Achievements of the Annual Target	
<b>4b: Information System for Multiple Benefits, Other Impacts, Governance, and Safeguards</b> Purpose: Specify the non-carbon aspects prioritized for monitoring by the country Assessment Criteria: (i) identification of relevant non-carbon aspects, and social and environmental issues; (ii) monitoring, reporting and information sharing; (iii) Institutional arrangements and capacities – Safeguards					2

\*This 'traffic light' scale is based on the system contained in the R-Package Assessment Framework, The R-Package assessment criteria are included to assist countries identify, plan and track their readiness preparations progress with the core aspects and desired outcomes of readiness preparation activities as contained in R-Package Assessment Framework.

**3.2.3. Engagement of stakeholders to sustain or enhance livelihoods of local communities and to conserve biodiversity within the approach to REDD+**

**OUTCOME LEVEL**

As a synthesis of the following output level assessments, please describe indicators related to biodiversity conservation and forest community livelihood development included in the ER Program if relevant (FCPF M&E Framework indicator 3.A.):

Amount provided:	Currency	
Please describe how these funds target biodiversity and forest community livelihood development:	"does not apply – n/a"	

Please provide relevant examples on the inherent social and biodiversity benefits of REDD+, if relevant (FCPF M&E Framework Indicator 3.B.):

Examples of inherent social and biodiversity benefits of REDD+:

**Socio-economic functions:** Forest products and services are critical to the livelihoods of Indigenous and Maroon peoples throughout Suriname, such as subsistence hunting, boat making, medicinal plant usage, agricultural usage, housing construction and cultural activities. Monitoring related to socio-economic functions will need to cover compliance with agreed safeguards as well as with relevant international commitments.

**Productive functions:** According to various analyses, Suriname’s forest sector appears to have operated well below sustainable levels of timber production in recent decades. This trend has recently shifted in the direction of higher levels of production. Given Suriname’s relatively low current level of socio-economic development, as well as high poverty levels amongst Indigenous and Maroon peoples, it is important that forest resources can continue to contribute to achievement of the country’s socio-economic development goals. Trends in this area will therefore bear careful monitoring.

**Governance:** An important potential co-benefit of REDD+ involves its possible contribution to various areas of forest and land use governance. These include a range of issues related to SFM, land use rights, land use planning, etc. It also involves governance of the Readiness process itself. Monitoring of these aspects represents a key component of the R-PP.

**OUTPUT LEVEL**

Number of examples of actions where Ips, CSOs, and local communities participate actively, if relevant (FCPF M&E Framework 3.2.a.):

2	Please describe these actions on enhanced livelihoods and BD conservation, and restoration where Ips, CSO, and local communities participate actively: 1) The formulation of the PRODOC for the implementation of Suriname's R-PP; 2) Through the implementation of the Project, "Widening Informed Stakeholder Engagement for REDD+",
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Group Box 13 \_\_\_\_\_  
○ Significant progress

|  Progressing well further

Number of IPs, REDD Country CSO representatives (men/women) having been successfully trained by FCPF training programs (FCPF M&E Framework 3.1.b.):				
Please list the training(s) conducted:	Duration (#of days)	# of participants		Rating
		# of men	# of women	
Free text				5

Significant progress  
 Progressing well, further development  
 development required  
 Not yet demonstrating progress  
 Not Applicable

Frequency of meetings of stakeholder engagement platforms (FCPF M&E Framework 3.2.a.):	
Frequency:	Rating
	5

Does your country R-Package (within the national REDD+ strategies and the monitoring systems) and/or ER Program include activities aiming at maintaining or enhancing livelihoods of local communities (FCPF M&E Framework 3.2.b.):	
No	

Does your country R-Package (within the national REDD+ strategies and the monitoring systems) and/or ER Program include activities aiming at conserving biodiversity (FCPF M&E Framework 3.2.c.)?	
No	



Does your country R-Package and/or ER Program include SESA, an operational Grievance Mechanism, and an	
No	Please describe these activities aiming at conserving biodiversity:
No	The country in the process of developing SESA and an operational grievance mechanism.

**3.2.4 Knowledge Sharing**

Has your country developed and published REDD+ knowledge products with FCPF support?	
No:	If yes, please provide a list of the published REDD+ knowledge products if any, during the reporting period:
No	1
	2
	3
	4
	...

How many people have been reached by these knowledge products, if any?	
Overall number by product:	Please provide a list of the published REDD+ knowledge products if any, during the reporting period:

Knowledge Product 1:	
	# Total People Reached
	# of Men
	# of Women
Knowledge Product 2:	
	# Total People Reached
	# of Men
	# of Women
Knowledge Product 3:	
	# Total People Reached
	# of Men
	# of Women
Knowledge Product 4:	
	# Total People Reached
	# of Men
	# of Women

Have some experts of your country participated in any South-South learning activities? If yes, how many?			
Yes/No	List the South-South	# Men	# Women
Yes	Amazone Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO) Project "Monitoring Forest Cover in the Amazone Region"	5	5
Yes	Project: "REDD+ for the Guiana Sheild"	5	5
Yes	"Exchange and Training Workshop on Satellite Forest Monitoring Systems for REDD+"	1	1



**3.2.2. Key Elements of performance based payment systems for emission reductions generated from REDD+ activities**

**OUTCOME LEVEL**

**As a synthesis of the following output level assessments, please briefly specify:**

Are carbon accounting, programmatic elements and pricing operating as planned in your pilot, if relevant?

<p>no carbon accounting, programmatic elements and pricing operating are planned.</p>	<p>Tracking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> Significant progress</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Progressing well, further</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Further development required</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Not yet demonstrating progress</li> <li><input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Applicable</li> </ul>
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Is the benefit sharing scheme being implemented according to plans within your pilot, if relevant?

<p>“does not apply – n/a”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="radio"/> Significant progress</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Progressing well, further</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Further development</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Not yet demonstrating</li> <li><input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Applicable</li> </ul> <p>5</p>
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Percentage and/or amount of monetary benefits shared with beneficiaries in approved pilot, if relevant?

<p>“does not apply – n/a”</p>	<p>Tracking</p> <p>5</p>
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**OUTPUT LEVEL**

As a synthesis of the following output level assessments, please briefly specify:	
Has your country submitted early ideas or ER-Program to the Carbon Fund and or others?	
<u>No</u>	<u>Please briefly describe the content of these early ideas or ER-Program:</u>
No	"does not apply – n/a"

Has your country signed an ERPA?	
Has your country submitted early ideas or ER-Program to the Carbon Fund and or others?	
<u>No</u>	<u>Please briefly describe the content of this ERPA:</u>
No	"does not apply – n/a"

Amount and date of disbursements for ER Program according to plans, if relevant:			
<i>Date format:</i>	<i>mm/dd/yyyy</i>		<Select>
Date:		Amount provided:	Currency
Date:		Amount provided:	Currency
Date:		Amount provided:	Currency

**4. Issues Challenges and Risks**

This section should present any problems, difficulties or constraints faced by the country in making progress towards the intended REDD+ results (outputs, outcomes and possible impacts), the main causes and their expected effect on the work plan. Actions that have been taken to overcome or manage these constraints/flaws/problems identified should be stated. Each problem/constraint should be stated as a separate point, along with associated proposed changes in work planning for the next six month/year to address it, as relevant.

Issue, Challenge, Risk	Actions to overcome, Adjustments to plan
Operational	<p>Issues of representativeness and legitimacy are sensitive <span style="float: right;">Mitigation: Inter-Ministerial advisory commission, REDD+ Steering Committee and major Groups Collective meeting reports and collitive assessment will be performed</span></p>
Institutional	<p>Policy overlaps and conflicts between institutions</p> <p>Mitigation: stakeholders enagement strategy will be done. Essential are the consultations and participation in the development of a roadmap, The development and implementation of a awareness plan. Plan for an early dialogue</p>
Operational	<p>Ensure the proper level of engagement of CSO, IP and marroon representatives, private sectors and academia</p> <p>Mitigation: background reports on policy, legal and instututional challenges for REDD+ stratic planning will be developed as well as an impact assessment.</p>

**5. Main Lessons Learned**

This section should be used to provide information on important lessons learnt since the beginning of the readiness process. As this is a semi-annual report, it is expected that this section will be fairly substantial, making reference to different lessons learning documents, and/or events developed and dealing with issues of particular interest with respect to readiness of carbon funding under REDD+.

The Suriname REDD+ programme has made important progress towards establishing national management arrangements in particular, in the aspects of the PMU.; REDD+ assistants constituted of IP and maroon representatives and the Major Group Collective, including representatives from NGOs, communities, the private sector and academia, and provide technical advice to the PMU in the project initial phase.

This means that Suriname already has in place a set of institutions to help facilitate REDD+ readiness activities.

There are a number of areas; however, where efforts are still needed to be fully ready for REDD+ implementation.

First, it is important to establish a robust and reliable national forest monitoring system to be able to report on emission reduction to the international community and thereby access international funding commensurate to the performance achieved in reducing emission.

Second, policy measures to tackle deforestation and forest degradation need to be fully developed and implemented to increase the forest carbon stock and maximize the opportunities for international funding. This work requires careful analysis of both the direct and indirect causes of deforestation.

Third, it is essential to develop a national safeguard system to ensure REDD+ policy measures do not result in adverse social or environmental consequences and at the same time to ensure that REDD+ benefits biodiversity conservation, provision of ecosystem services and poverty reduction. Closely related to the safeguard approach, is the importance of establishing a grievance mechanism. The REDD+ grievance mechanism will be set up at the national level, first as a preventive measure to monitor the risk of conflict; and second as a conflict resolution mechanism should conflict arise.