Briefing on REDD+ progress and readiness in Vietnam

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I. REDD+ Initiative
What is REDD+?

- REDD+ is an initiative to “reduce the concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere through reduction of deforestation and degradation of forests; sustainable forest management, conservation and enhancement of forest carbon stock in developing countries.”

- UNFCCC is encouraging developing countries to implement REDD+ with technical and financial assistance from the international community.
Requiements by UNFCC COPs

① Preparation of REDD+ policies and strategies
② Setting up the organizational system and coordination of REDD+ activities
  ✓ Establishment of managerial and coordination bodies
  ✓ Identification of focal and coordination agencies

③ Establishment of the national technical system
  ✓ Development of a transparent, effective and efficient national forest monitoring system to monitor and evaluate progress and results of REDD+ implementation
  ✓ Identification of reference emission level scenarios (REL/FRL) at national level or sub-national level
  ✓ Development of the safeguards information system
Cancun agreement (1/CP.16) stipulates: REDD+ implementation road map is phased out

- Preparing NRAP, policies technical and institutional capacities for REDD+ implementation
- Implementing policies; Further building technical and institutional capacity; result-based pilot activities
- Large scale and result-based Implementing REDD+ (MRV becomes possible – market mechanism)
An innovative, reasonable, predictable and sustainable financing source that can cover both public finance and private investment.

- **Multilateral cooperation**
  - Forest carbon partnership fund
  - UN-REDD program
  - REDD+ Partnership
  - Green Climate Fund (GCF)
  - Financing institutions

- **Bilateral cooperation**

- **Private sector investment, participation in the international carbon market system**

However, the governance mechanism and result-based payment methodology has not been defined.
II. REDD+ readiness activities in Vietnam and their initial outcomes
REDD+ and forest protection and development policy

1. REDD+ proposed objectives and activities are entirely matching Vietnamese policies on climate change response, forest protection and development, socio-economic development.

2. Over many years in the past, Vietnam has been implementing many policies to stop deforestation and forest degradation, enhance SFM and expand forest acreage.
Currently applied forest policies:

- Forest protection and development policy (Decision 57, Decision 07, ...)
- SFM, plantation establishment
- Forest enforcement
- FLA, CFM
- Socialization of forestry (PFES) NTFP, Poverty reduction

Forest sector growth and emission reduction

REDD+ is one of the applicable solutions

Improvement of forest governance solutions and capacities

Benefit sharing mechanism/policy

Safeguard policy
Legal background

- Decision 2139/QĐ-TTg, 5/12/2011, approved National Strategy on Climate Change;
- Decision 1393/QĐ-TTg, 25/9/2012, approved National Strategy on Green Growth;
- Decision 799/QĐ-TTg, 27/6/2012, approved NRAP
Key activities so far

1. Formulation of REDD+ related strategies, plans and plannings, policies
2. Awareness raising;
3. Recommending and implementing necessary solutions: Raising technical and institutional capacities;
4. Proposing BDS – National REDD+ Fund;
5. Development of Safeguards Information System
6. Active participation in negotiations and contribution to development of methodologies
Major Outcomes

1. Building up institutional capacity: Setting up the National REDD+ Steering Committee, VRO, the National REDD+ Network and working groups
2. Preparation and submission of NRAP for endorsement
3. Raising awareness of central agencies, forest owners and people, especially in Lâm Đồng and the proposed pilot provinces;
4. Preparing temporary national REL/RL, proposing MRV framework; defining bio equation formula, piloting PCM
5. Initially proposing BDS and R – coefficient
6. Mobilizing supports for REDD+ implementation
1. Programs/projects
2. Research institutions, universities and consulting organisations
3. The national REDD+ network
4. REDD+ Working Group and sub-groups
5. Independent consults
Distribution of REDD+ related projects
Thank you very much!