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PANAMA

Activity 2 – National Forest Reference Level

Task 2 – Design the NFRL

The aim of Activity 2 is the development of the National Forest Reference Level (NFRL) and its submission to the UNFCCC. The submission of the NFRL is one of the key requirements under the UNFCCC for countries to be able to receive results-based payments as agreed in several COP decisions. The NFRL will be developed consistent with all relevant UNFCCC decisions and IPCC Good Practice Guidance and guidelines and in the context of national development objectives. The submission of the NFRL to the REDD+ Info Hub on the UNFCCC REDD+ Web Platform will comply with existing international guidance on REDD+.

One of the tasks under Activity 2 is the Design of the NFRL. To make the reference scenario the basis for receiving international carbon finance payments, all data collected (and their analysis) have to comply with IPCC guidance and UNFCCC regulation. The preparation of the national forest reference level must follow the IPCC principles of transparency, completeness, consistency, comparability and accuracy and the technical assessment guidelines developed by the COP.

Term: 60 days

The Design of the NFRL is based on the following sub actions:

- 1) General review of existing GHG inventory
- 2) Selection of REDD+ activities for inclusion in the setting of a national forest reference level(s)
- 3) Definition of pools and gases that are included in the national forest reference level assessment and justify their inclusion/exclusion
- 4) Identify historic reference period for which emissions and removals will be estimated
- 5) Compile and analyze activity data and emission factors

Methodology

- Review of GHG inventory (15 days)
- Selection REDD+ activities (5 days)
- Definition of pools and gases (5 days)
- Compilation of activity data (5 days)
- Identification of emissions factors (5 days)
- Interviews and exchange of information with national authorities involved in REDD+ activities (15 days)
- Preparation and submission of report including draft NFRL (10 days): taking into account all activities above the draft NFRL will be prepared and submitted to the relevant national authorities