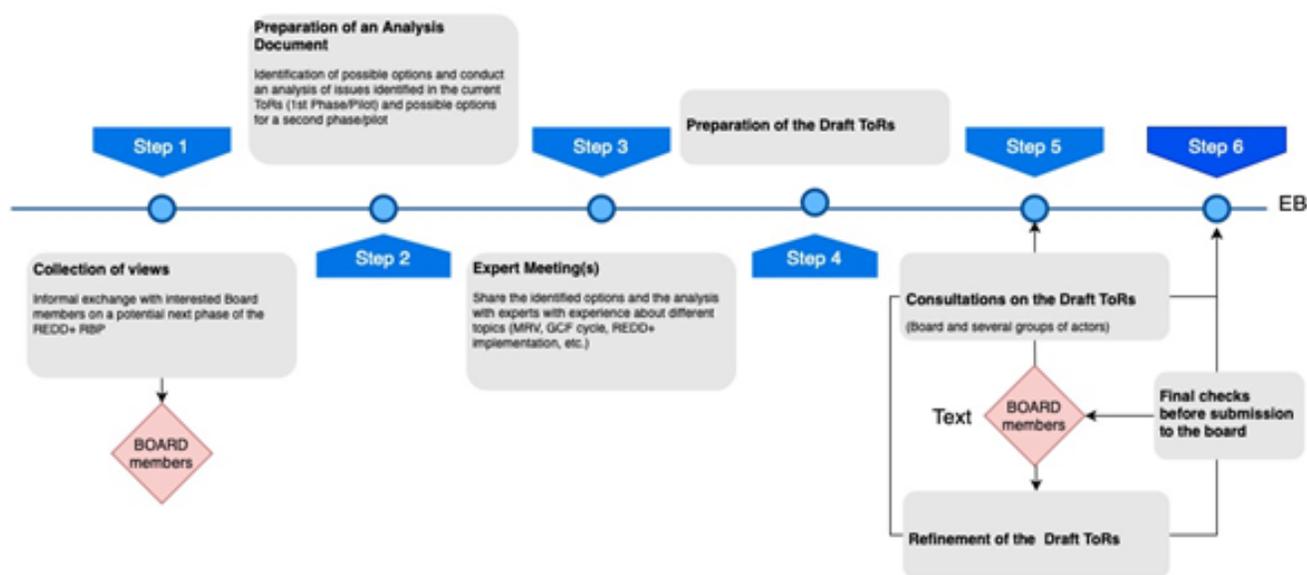


Call for Public Inputs for the continuation of the GCF REDD+ Results-Based Payments Programme July 2021

BACKGROUND

As requested by the Board at its 28th Session, the GCF Secretariat is currently undertaking a further analysis of alternatives for the continuation of the implementation of REDD+ results-based payments (RBPs). The process that the GCF Secretariat is undertaking with the support of a team of experts will encompass the steps as laid out in the below diagram.



Interested members of the Board or their representatives and observers to the Board were interviewed (step 1) between September 2020 and January 2021. Subsequently, a background document was prepared (step 2) summarizing key issues that were identified during the interviews, called “Options for the Continuation of REDD-plus Results-based Payments Under the GCF: Background and Discussion Document.”

An expert meeting (step 3) took place online between 4 and 6 May 2021 to discuss the key issues identified. These steps have resulted in an exchange of views towards a broad outline for the next phase of REDD+ Results-based finance under the GCF. Participants recognized the usefulness of the pilot and success in terms of participation and demand by developing countries, and confirmed the emerging consensus on the need to continue using the scorecard approach. They also expressed views on possible areas of improvement based on the experiences from the first pilot in relation to specific sections of the terms of reference (TOR).

During the expert meeting, experts suggested a call for public inputs on some of the more detailed elements of the TOR for the next phase of REDD+ RBP under the GCF, as well as on a number of outstanding issues, before preparing the draft TOR. The draft will be based on the midterm review, interviews with the Board Members and observers, inputs provided during the expert meeting, and inputs submitted during the additional call for inputs.

Call for inputs

Submission of inputs on behalf of country focal point and organization, preferably in MS Word format, should be sent via e-mail as a single document with the subject line: “[country or organization] – REDD+ RBP – call for public inputs” to REDD+@gcfund.org with copy to dma.assist@gcfund.org **no later than 16 July 2021** at 23:59 Korean Standard Time.

The questions provided in this document are meant to serve as a reference. Stakeholders should feel free to complement it with additional questions or comments.

QUESTIONNAIRE

- Full name:**
- Title/Position:**
- Country/Organization:**.....
- Email address:**
- Telephone:**

1. Questions related to the Terms of Reference (TOR)

- A. Paragraph 12 of the TOR states that “once a country submits results for any year, they will be expected to present a significant, indicative volume of results for each subsequent year for the remainder of the eligibility period.” During the first pilot, there have been different interpretations of this requirement. Do you think this requirement is useful and/or if it should be further clarified? If the latter, what type of clarifications are required?
- B. Are there other aspects that you feel are not clear, not included, or insufficiently, covered in the TOR? If so, please state any aspects that you feel should be added/clarified in the TOR, including suggestions for text to be included.

2. Questions related to the Scorecard

On definitions

- A. Is there a need to clarify or define High Forest Low Deforestation countries? If yes, what should be the criteria?

Note: Item 2a.(ii) of the scorecard for the first pilot provides room for an adjustment for countries that have consistently maintained high forest cover and low deforestation rates. During the first pilot there have been different interpretations of this item.

On periods for reference and results

- B. Should the length of the reference level period (element 2a.(xiii) of the current scorecard) be changed? How and what is the rationale for it?
- C. Should specific criteria be established regarding the link between the reference period and the results period? Which ones and why?

Other

- D. Should the present treatment of uncertainties in the scorecard (currently elements 2a.(xv) and 2b.(vii)) be changed? If yes, what changes would you suggest and why?
- E. Should the provisions on coverage of pools be changed or clarified? If yes, how?
- F. Do you have suggestions for other changes or improvements to the scorecard? If so, please specify the item and the type of change you would like to propose and why.

3. Additional questions

- A. Should there be a relationship between REDD+ results-based payment and a country's NDC? If so, what do you feel this should be and where do you feel it could be addressed?
- Note: Several countries in the consultations have indicated, for example, that a precondition for REDD+ RBP might be that a country has included the forest activity in their NDC.*
- B. Do you have views on the need to explore private sector engagement in results-based payments for REDD+ by the GCF?