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The REDD+ Competencies Framework: a new tool to support capacity building

Capacity building is needed in all Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) countries and among all REDD+ stakeholders. From forest-dependent communities to government staff, many stakeholders are interested to learn more about the key aspects of REDD+ and engage in the development and implementation of REDD+ programs.

Recognizing this need, members of the Alliance for Global REDD+ Capacity (AGRC) are developing a detailed guide to facilitate the design of REDD+ training activities globally. This publication, "***The Knowledge and Skills Needed to Engage in REDD+: A Competencies Framework***," is a new tool that describes the knowledge and skills that REDD+ stakeholders need to successfully engage in design and implementation of REDD+ activities. The REDD+ Competencies Framework will help stakeholders to quickly understand key concepts, policy benchmarks, technical elements, skills, tools and resources for 10 specific REDD+ themes.



What is the need for a Competencies Framework?

REDD+ encompasses an enormous range of issues and in recent years, an extensive body of information has been developed to address these issues separately. The REDD+ Competencies Framework is a single reference which identifies the range of skills and knowledge needed for key REDD+ issues. It can be used to assess the training needs of an audience, and provides important information on REDD+ themes, describing the evolution of concepts in policy discussions. It also provides links to the key publications available for each theme. The REDD+ Competencies Framework will simplify the design of efficient training programs to best meet a specific audience's needs.

About the Alliance for Global REDD+ Capacity:

AGRC is a distributed global network of 16 respected organizations committed to providing the expertise, training, and tools required by REDD+ stakeholders. These stakeholders include governmental agencies, civil society, Indigenous Peoples and rural communities that need to evaluate the implications of, plan for, and/or implement REDD+. The AGRC aims to share knowledge and expertise and facilitate coordination of services and products, resulting in efficient and broad coverage of audiences, geography and technical content. Additionally, the AGRC seeks to bring together the strengths of its members in order to undertake initiatives of global significance and impact that no single member could deliver.

Current AGRC members include: Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza (CATIE); The Climate, Community, and Biodiversity Alliance (CCBA); Conservation International (CI); Conservation Strategy Fund (CSF); Yale-Smithsonian Environmental Leadership & Training Initiative (ELTI); Forest Trends/Ecosystem Marketplace/Katoomba Group; Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ); Global Canopy Programme (GCP); Instituto Internacional de Educação do Brasil (IIEB); International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN); The Nature Conservancy (TNC); Organization for Tropical Studies (OTS); Rainforest Alliance (RA); The Center for People and Forests (RECOFTC); UN-REDD; World Bank Institute (WBI)/Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF).

Who are the intended users for the Competencies Framework?

The target users for the REDD+ Competencies Framework include organizations that provide trainings about REDD+ to stakeholder groups, including government representatives, Indigenous Peoples and local communities, private sector project developers, and other civil society organizations.

How is the Competencies Framework organized?

The REDD+ Competencies tool is divided into three sections:

Section 1 provides a general set of guidelines to determine the audience's REDD+ training needs. This includes key aspects such as defining the scale of implementation, identifying key stakeholders, identifying the REDD+ themes of interest and developing a capacity building plan.

Section 2 provides a description of the key REDD+ themes which are integrated into the Competency Framework.

These themes are:

1. The Science of Climate Change
2. Climate Change International Policy
3. REDD+ implementation activities at national and sub national scales
4. Reference levels and reference emission levels
5. MRV Systems
6. Social and Environmental Safeguards
7. REDD+ Readiness
8. REDD+ Stakeholder Engagement
9. Free Prior and Informed Consent
10. REDD+ Funding and Finance

Each theme covers four main aspects:

1. Describes the knowledge and skills that a stakeholder should obtain for competency in the thematic area;
2. Defines key terms and concepts on each REDD+ topic, summarizes important policy benchmarks and key components that conform the thematic area;
3. Summarizes the essential skills needed to be able to put into practice or implement the different elements that formed each of the specific thematic areas; and
4. Provides a set of relevant resources and tools that can help the user of this manual to build REDD+ competencies and design capacity building activities.

Section 3 provides four case studies on international institutions implementing capacity building programs for REDD+.

How is the Competencies Framework being developed?

Conservation International has led the development of the REDD+ Competencies Framework, along with AGRC partners CATIE, IUCN and RECOFTC, who have provided key input on the initial versions of the document. A workshop with experts in REDD+ training and relevant topics will be held to provide additional review and inputs in July 2013. The final version of the document will be distributed in the fourth quarter of 2013.

Forest Carbon, Markets and Communities (FCMC), a United States Agency for International Development (USAID) funded program that provides its missions, partner governments, local and international stakeholders with assistance in developing and implementing REDD+ initiatives, helps support the AGRC initiative. The final Competencies Framework document will be available on FCMC website: www.fcmcglobal.org.



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