Enhancing the preparedness of developing countries to implement MRV arrangements and the Enhanced Transparency Framework

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GSP Synopsis

- GSP jointly implemented by UN Environment and UNDP, initiated with the objective of providing support to developing countries in preparation of National Communications (NCs), GHG inventories, Mitigation and V&A analysis, and Biennial Update Reports (BURs)
- GSP guided by an Advisory Committee composed of representatives from UN Environment, UNDP, UNFCCC, GEF, CGE
GSP approach in enhancing MRV for ETF preparedness of developing countries

- Consolidate current MRV Transparency Framework with a view to ETF

- GSP major support approaches
  • Regional and national training workshops
  • Preparation of guidance materials/publications
  • Review of TORs, draft reports/components; NIR, NC, BUR, Mitigation analysis, V&A assessment
  • Assist in identifying international experts to support counties
  • Joint training regional workshops with other international or regional capacity building entities

- Regional MRV Networks that facilitate South-South and bilateral technical cooperation
Rationale for regional MRV Hubs/Networks

- High degree of geographical, economical, environmental and institutional similarities in the regions
- Usually similar circumstances, constraints and gaps, and hence replicable solutions
- Taking advantage of already established collaboration initiatives in the regions
- Economical because of geographical proximity
- Effectiveness of capacity building initiatives when implemented on a small scale – easy to support and sustain
MRV Network/Hub collaboration on what?

- Technically, the region has to decide
- Generically, on MRV and Institutional arrangement issues
  - Capacity building at regional or bilateral level
  - Technical experts collaboration and support
  - Seminars and webinars, etc
- Collaboration beyond capacity building
  - Peer to peer reviews of reports and study outputs, including Quality Assurance
  - Sharing of information, good practices and success stories
  - Joint initiatives, e.g., development of regional emission factors
  - Joint facilitation to get technical support and resources
MRV Network/Hub collaboration principles

- Important to have an MOU of collaboration
- Some key principles can include the following:
  - Team spirit
  - National ownership
  - Mutual benefits
  - Partnership among equals
  - Non – conditionality
  - Complementarity
  - Respect for Nationals sovereignty and non interference in domestic affairs
Envisaged GSP Regional MRV Networks/Hubs

- Established supported by GSP and partners
  - The West Africa (ECOWAS) Regional MRV Network (operational)
  - Lusophony Network (Portuguese speaking countries) (operational)
  - Latin America Network (operational)
  - Caribbean MRV Networks (initiated, CCMRVH)
  - The East Africa MRV Network (initiated)
  - The Southern Africa MRV Network (initiated)
  - The Central Africa MRV Network (initiated)
  - The North Africa MRV Network (initiated)

- Upcoming MRV Network/Hubs to be supported by GSP
  - Asia MRV Networks (initiation April 2019)
  - Pacific Islands MRV Network
Key issues for effecting preparedness of developing countries to implement ETF

- Regular interaction between MRV teams and all relevant institutions and other stakeholders
- National MRV systems to be structured in such a way that they support international reporting and meet national for well-founded decisions at the political level
- Need for clear and legal allocations of roles and areas of responsibility in the national climate MRV system
- Regular communication between MRV teams and higher government levels to get commitment / buy-in at the higher political level
- Sustainable national budgetary framework for climate change MRV
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