

**Meeting of FIP Pilot Countries
October 31, 2012 - Istanbul, Turkey**

Progress Updates from FIP Pilots

Country: Burkina Faso

Investment Plan:

- X Endorsed
- Endorsed in Principle: June 30, 2011

Briefly outline three major advances, challenges and lessons learned arising from your investment planning and/or implementation process since the last meeting of FIP pilots.

Advances: The Investment Plan was approved with the condition to present additional information on many topics. Therefore, the year was dedicated to doing additional work to collect the additional information and revise the Investment Plan.

1. In May 2012, through a series of workshops, designation of the representatives for the various committees that will support the REDD+ process
2. In June 2012, validation of the the R-PP equivalent after it was favorably received by the FCPF
3. In October 2012, submission of the final version of the Investment Plan to the Sub-Committee after it followed the same quality control as the World Bank documents

Factors contributing to progress:

1. Dedication of the people
2. Shared interests between the civil society, private sector and the government
3. The Ministry of Agriculture, The Ministry of Animal Resources and the Ministry of Environment have an integrated rural development (PNSR). The cross-sectoral structure that is coordinating (SP CPSA) has shown more and more interest on REDD+

Challenges:

1. Formal adoption of the Investment Plan by the Sub-Committee.
2. Making the institutional arrangement in place

3. Ensuring the practical coordination with the other projects supporting the PNSR – in particular the PASF and the PNGT.

Lessons:

1. Burkina Faso has a track record in terms of implementation of forest friendly systems consistent with REDD+ approach. The proposed FIP projects will strengthen and expand this experience

What is the most important value added and/or benefit from the FIP process in your country?

- The FIP provides an open a space for dialogue and cooperation within civil society and between the civil society and the government.
- The various delays in the Investment Plan approval had also an impact on the credibility of the whole process. This credibility and trust will have to be rebuilt very quickly in early stages of project(s) preparation.

Briefly outline the institutional arrangements for the coordination and oversight of the implementation of the investment plan as a program. What works and what needs improvement?

What is working:

- Potentially, all institutional actors are on board and eager to contribute to the success of the FIP/REDD+ agenda

What needs improvement:

- During project preparation greater clarity will be sought in order to strengthen fiduciary efficiency

What are the 3 major tasks ahead for your investment plan during the next 6-12 months?

1. Formal adoption of the Investment Plan by the Sub-Committee (November 2012)
2. Signing and set up of the Project Preparation Grant (Jan/Feb 2012)
3. Preparation mission for both projects to define the area of intervention after a participatory process (Jan 2012)
4. Ensure the Designated Grant Mechanism activities are set up consistent with the FIP objectives (January to June 2012)