



# DRC National REDD+ Process

## *State of Progress*

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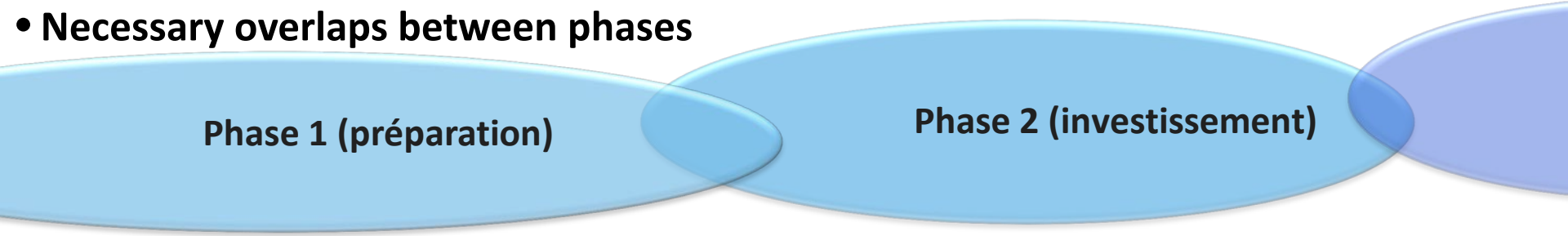
PROGRAMME  
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# DRC REDD+ Process

*Rapid progress in different phases of REDD+*

- A process launch in 2009
- Necessary overlaps between phases



- ✓ Forests integrated in national development agenda:
  - Green growth vision (President J. Kabila, October 2011)
  - Protecting the environment and combating climate change is one of four pillars of Growth and Poverty Reduction Strategy
  - National REDD+ Strategy fully integrated through 7 pillars
  
- ✓ REDD+ as a financial mechanism to support sustainable development, which fosters intersectoral policy dialogue, contributes to rural development and maintains biological diversity
  
- ✓ Huge mitigation potential in the Congo Basin: 155 millions ha of tropical forests in DRC
  
- ✓ DRC active nationally and internationally in UNFCCC process since 2005 including through COMIFAC submissions

# Key Achievements of the REDD+ Readiness Process

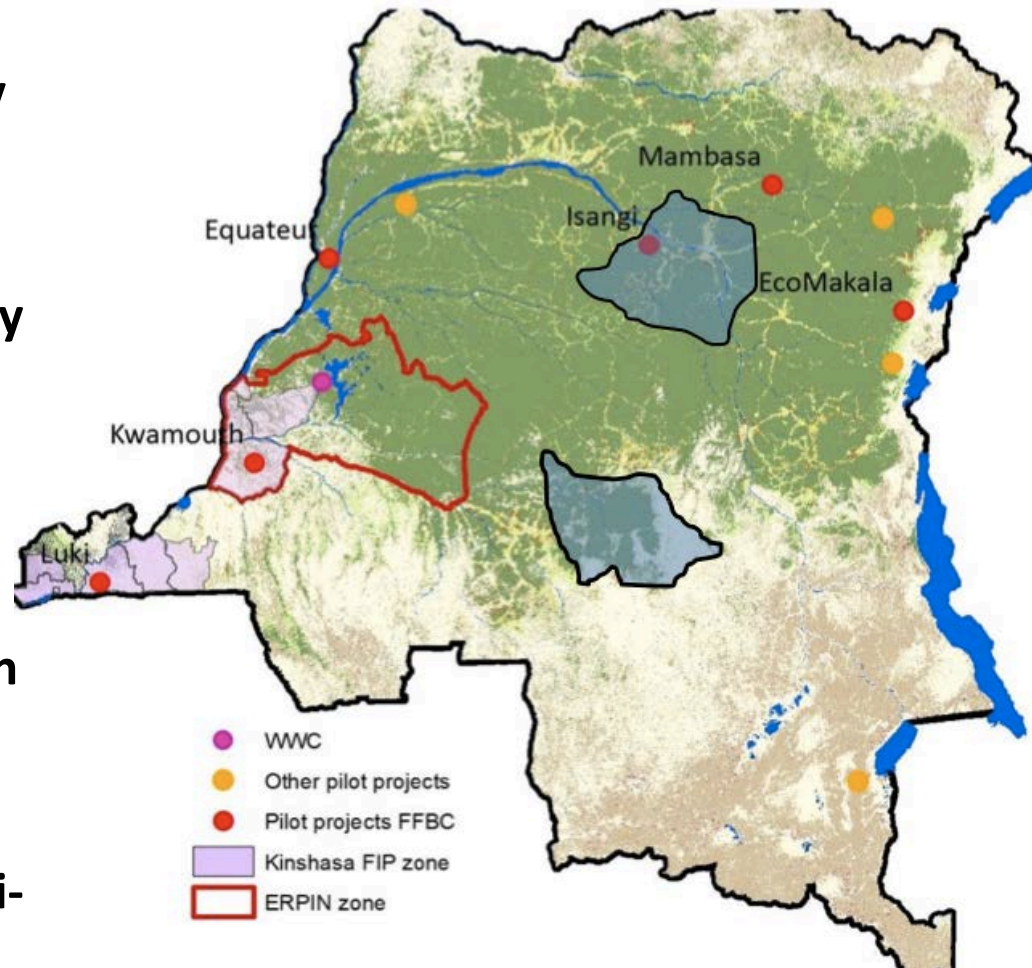
- **National REDD+ Strategy Framework** validated by Council of Ministers in 2012 demonstrates high level ownership and integration;
- **REDD+ reforms** integrated in Economic Governance Matrix, which confirms high level commitment to implement key reforms;
- **National REDD+ Fund** established as national funding mechanism;
- **Investment Plan of the National REDD+ Fund**, endorsed by Ministers of Finance and Environment;
- **Validation of REDD+ social and environmental safeguard instruments (ESMF)** by WB (January 2015)
- **High-quality REDD+ programs under way:** Validation of FIP Investment Plan, Letter of Intent with WB for ER Program;
- Finally, **the DRC R-Package has been approved** in Mai 2015 by the FCPF Participants Committee

*All of this result of a participatory processes which fostered ownership of the REDD+ process by all relevant stakeholders*

# FOCUS 1: REDD+ on the ground in DRC



- 2 FIP programs around Kinshasa and Kisangani/Mbuji-Mayi supply areas - (57 M\$)
- 6 REDD+ pilot projects financed by CBFF (20 M\$)
- 1 ER-Program in the province of Mai-Ndombe currently in design (ERPA of 10 MtCO<sub>2</sub> to be signed in 2016)
- 1 VCS registered project : The Mai-Ndombe REDD+ project managed by WWC/ERA



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## JURISDICTIONAL AREA

Province of Mai-Ndombe  
(current district of Plateau and Mai-Ndombe)

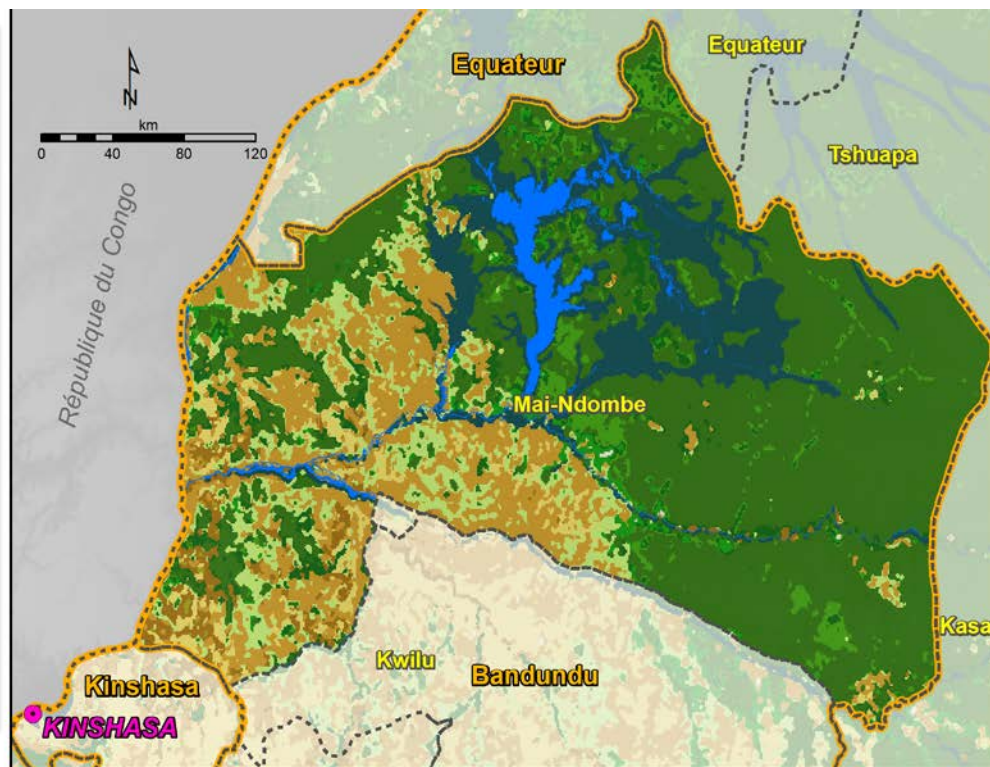
## 75% OF FOREST COVER

- 12.3 million ha in total
- 9.8 million ha of forests

## AROUND 1.8 MILLION PEOPLE

## ESTIMATED EMISSION REDUCTIONS

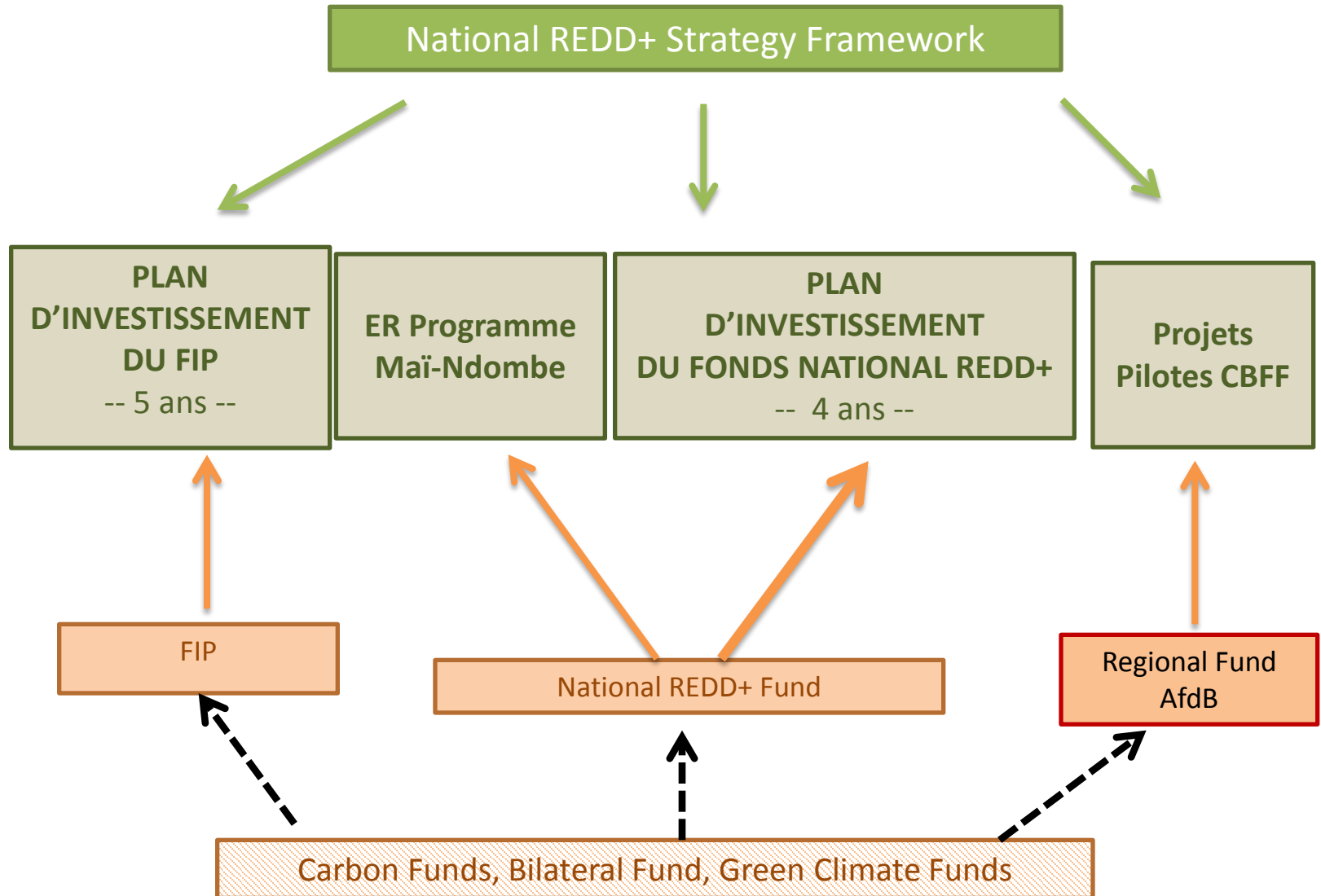
29 MtCO<sub>2</sub>e in 2016-2020



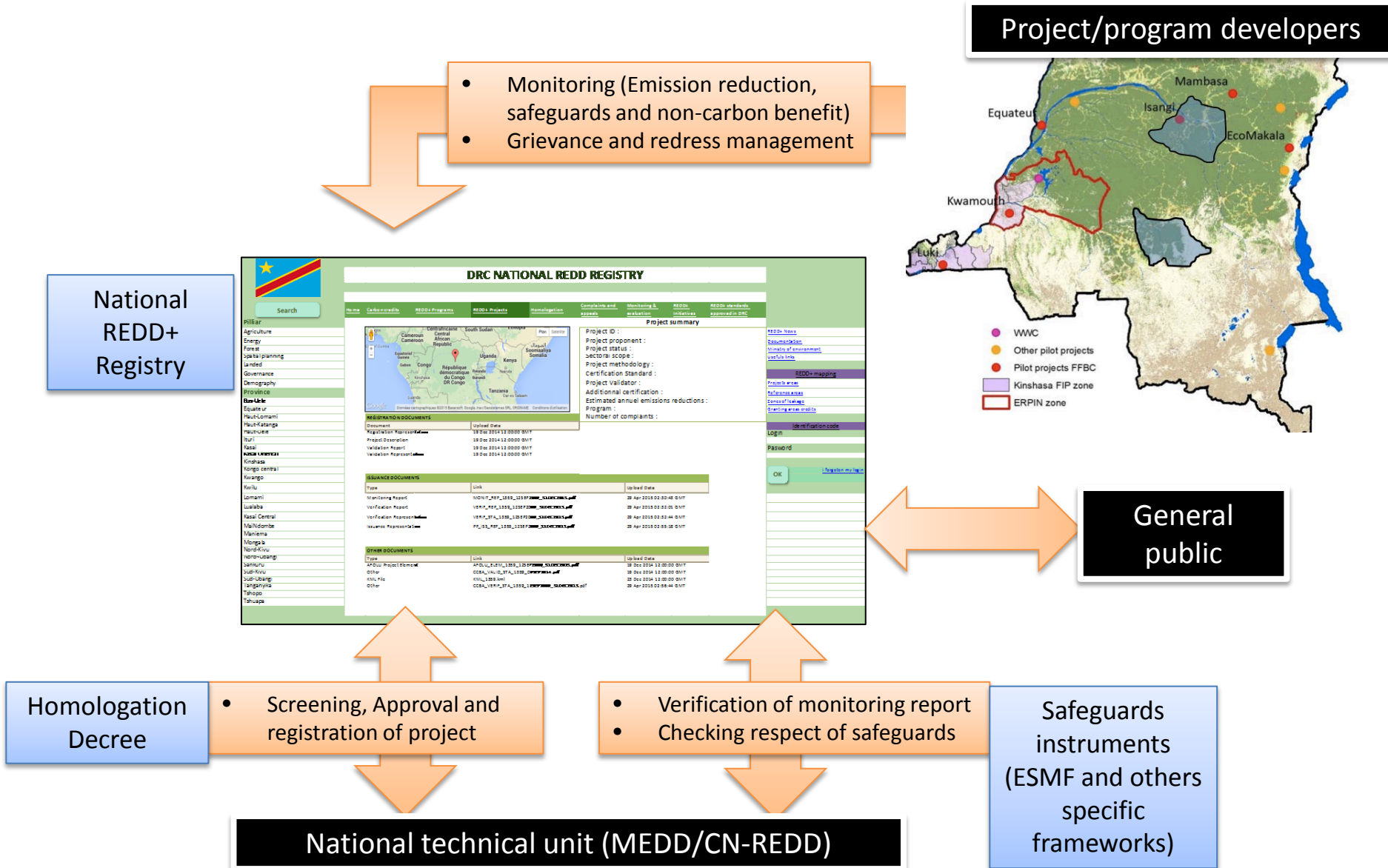
## PROGRAM GOAL AND APPROACH

- A model for green development at provincial level that provides alternatives to deforestation and rewards performance to mitigate climate change, reduce poverty, manage natural resources sustainably and protect biodiversity.
- A jurisdictional/sub-national REDD+ program, integrated in the national REDD+ framework
- Coherent design aligned with the investments of Forest Investment Program (FIP), Congo Basin Forest Fund (CBFF).
- A balanced combination of enabling activities (strengthening governance, capacity building, local level land-use planning...) and sectorial activities (reduce impact logging, agroforestry, fire management...)

# FOCUS 2: Financial mechanisms of the National REDD+ Strategy Framework



# Focus 3: REDD+ implementation framework and tools





# Key Elements for success



- Large and inclusive participation of all stakeholders
- Politic ownership at a high level
- Dynamic and permanent consultation
- Strengthen IEC (Information, Education and Communication)
- Capacity building
- Implementation on the ground (reforms, pilot projects)
- Strong coordination of partners support (finances and technical)



- Recognition of the efforts of the DRC in its participation in the global fight against climate change with a high-level political commitment
  - a) Getting multisectoral implementation of REDD +
  - b) Economic Governance Matrix with REDD + actions and reforms
- Need to capitalize on the momentum created for carbon benefits (mitigation) and non carbon benefits (adaptation, governance and poverty reduction)
- Need to mobilize adequate and additional financing part of the efforts against
- Strengthen partners support



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