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Forest Carbon, Markets, and Communities (FCMC) Program

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FCMC Objectives and Tasks

FCMC program objectives:

- Contribute to international REDD+ architecture
- Support regional and national REDD+ readiness
- **Build capacity of USAID and its partners on REDD+**

FCMC Tasks – related to REDD+:

- Social and Environmental Soundness (SES)
- Finance and Carbon Markets (FCM)
- Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV)
- Low-Emissions Development Strategies (LEDS)
- Cross-cutting Issues (CC)

Support to AGRC

- **Initial AGRC launch workshop**, July 2011, FCMC provided some support and participated
- **AGRC Competencies Framework**

Other Cross-Cutting Activities

- REDD+ national assessments in Peru and Ecuador
- Support to CARPE technical workshop
- Upcoming workshop on Mangroves and REDD+

SES Training Workshops

- **USAID Sustainable Landscapes (SL) training** course for **USAID staff**: module on Social and Environmental Soundness, periodically updated
- Regional Training Workshops on **Social and Environmental Soundness in REDD+**
 - SE Asia Regional Training – Bangkok – Nov. 2012
 - Amazon Training Workshop – late 2013
 - West & Central Africa training workshop – Feb. 2014
- Support to **REDD+ SES training** in Honduras

Social and Environmental Soundness

Training Contents

- Covers USAID REDD+ and related policies
 - Concept of soundness – based on social and environmental science, sound process & analysis
 - Lessons Learned – CBFM, PES, ICDPs, and landscape approaches
 - Safeguards, standards, safeguard information systems
 - Stakeholder engagement, gender, FPIC
 - Impact assessments, SESAs, information, monitoring
 - Costs, benefits, benefit sharing (distribution) systems, tenure
 - Sharing country experiences
- Also reviews or studies on several of these topics and related experts' workshops, i.e., shifting cultivation, methods for social assessment at program level, etc.

Measurement, Reporting and Verification

- MRV manual v. 1.1 done; v. 2.0 by late 2013
- Online training for C projects in forest and land use sector
- Peru: with UMD, deforestation monitoring with LANDSAT imagery
- Colombia: reference emissions levels for national and sub-nat'l levels, CBMRV
- w/Silvacarbon: nat'l capacity building workshops, 8 done to date

Finance and Carbon Markets

- Building capacity of Development Credit Authority (DCA) to provide loan guarantees for REDD+ projects
- Guidance document for VCS Jurisdictional and Nested REDD+
- Contributing to FCPF Carbon Fund Methodological Framework
- Several reports providing analysis for building capacity of REDD+ investors

Low Emissions Development Strategies

- Work in watershed in Huila, Colombia
- Training and capacity building in workshops on
 - Climate change
 - Vulnerability assessments
- Training CAM (Environmental Authority) staff in information management and GIS

More information on FCMC

- Website: www.FCMCglobal.org
 - Materials from training events and reports
- USAID: Erik Streed, Diane Russell, and Evan Notman;
- FCMC: Stephen Kelleher, Paula Williams, Rishi Das and other colleagues on core team of FCMC;
- Also FCMC partners – TetraTech, Conservation International, World Resources Institute, Greenhouse Gas Management Institute, Terra Global Capital