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# **REDD+ IMPLEMENTATION IN VIETNAM – CURRENT STATUS AND THE WAY FOWARDS**



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# MAIN PARTS



1. Political commitments of Viet Nam on REDD+
2. Progress of REDD+ related activities in Vietnam
3. Key challenges, appropriate approach and key principles for REDD+ strategy
4. Key next steps towards REDD+ readiness
5. Some conclusions

# 1. Political commitments of Viet Nam on REDD



- GoV of VN has paid great attention on responding to CC;
- REDD is one of the key activities of the NTP-RCC and MARD Action Framework on responding to CC
- National Forest Development Strategy took into account CC
- Numerous programs in forestry that draw lessons learnt
- REDD is understood as an innovative and sustainable financing mechanism for SM of Forests, biodiversity conservation and socio-economic development in rural areas
- REDD consistent with the interests of many stakeholders, ongoing programs and strategies: i.e. NTP-RCC, NFDS, PRS, PES, etc

# 1. Political commitments of Viet Nam on REDD

## (2)

High ranking officials and scientists have actively involved in designing national programmes and monitoring ground activities with landscape approach

And actively invited international community participating in national initiatives through:

- Multilateral (UN-REDD, FCPF)
- And bilateral agreements (Japan, Finland, German, Australia, US, Netherlands, etc.)



## **2. Progress of REDD related activities in Vietnam (1)**



**2.1 Institutional and policy aspects**

**2.2 Technical aspects**

## 2. Progress of REDD related activities in Vietnam (2)



### 2.1 Institutional and policy aspects

- National REDD Network and REDD Technical WG
- GOVs Focal agency for REDD and Task Force
- Public awareness raising, incl. FPIC piloting on the ground
- PES Degree and BDS for REDD

## 2. Progress of REDD related activities in Vietnam (3)



### 2.2 Technical aspects

- Technical capacity building workshops & trainings
- Establishment of historical forest database for:
  - Identifying drivers of deforestation and degradation
  - Identifying key activities within Vietnam
  - Development of interim RL
    - Financed by Finland and Japan (JICA) and UN-REDD
- Methodological development for MRV/RL
- Data reporting and management: UN-REDD, Finland (FOMIS)



## 2. Progress of REDD related activities in Vietnam (4)



### 2.2 Technical aspects

- Preparation of NFI (2011-2015): VND620 bill. (USD32,6 mill.), MRV is parts of the Programme
- Development of Concept Note for Piloting REDD: USD 100 mill.
- Preparation of R-PP for FCPF: USD 3.6 mill.
- Preparation of National REDD Strategy: UN-REDD

## 3. Key challenges, appropriate approach and key principles (1)



### 3.1 Challenges for REDD+ strategy

- New level of forest governance for REDD: amendment of policy framework
- Coordination among partners: a need of partnership and coordination mechanism
- Technical capacity, especially at local levels: need to build up
- Financial resources: Adequate and predictable are needed for 5 years
- Poverty and opportunity costs should be taken into account to ensure the balance between conservation and development.

## 3. Key challenges, appropriate approach and key principles (2)



### 3.2 Phased approach for REDD+ strategy

#### 1. Phase 1: Capacity building

- Public awareness: definitions, information sharing, roadmap, technical and financial needs
- Institutional arrangement: among numerous partners and within the GoV's system
- Forest C measurement, REL/RL, MRV, benefit-sharing system
- Identify drivers of 2D and the means to address them
- Identify the activities within the country that result in reduced emissions, increased removals and stabilization of forest carbon stocks

#### 2. Phase 2: Pilot REDD and strengthen regional cooperation

- Participatory MRV
- BDS pilot on the ground

#### 3. Phase 3: Full implementation

## 3. Key challenges, appropriate approach and key principles (3)



### 3.3 Key principles for REDD+ strategy

- Meet international regulations and rules
- Meet national circumstances

## 4. Key next steps towards REDD+ readiness



### Development of National REDD+ strategy and road map

- Review and ammend policy framework and institutional system related to REDD+ implementation if needed
- Strengthen REDD Network for better coordination
- Enhance public awareness and technical capacity for both at national and local level, esp. the grass root level
- Conduct opportunity costs study and analysis the sufficient funding for addressing 2D causes
- Develop MRV/REL system
- Prepare and implement pilot REDD+ implementation proposals
- Build up partnership and donor consultation

## 5. Some conclusions



- REDD+ is new and needs to be understood correctly and consistently by all relevant stakeholders
- Some technical guidelines should be developed well in advance
- Clear roadmap also needs to be established and updated regularly taking into account the international negotiation progress and national circumstances, socio-economic conditions
- Lessons learnt from success and failure from the past should be well documented, shared and considered for REDD+
- Broad and active participation for REDD+ could only be ensured when it takes into account the multi-disciplinary benefits of stakeholders
- Strong political commitment and active participation of developed partners are among the pre-conditions for REDD+ readiness success.

**Thank you**