

TORs of Provincial REDD+ Management Committees (PRMC)

Background:

Being a party to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) the Government of Pakistan (GOP) is implementing the Cancun Agreement on Policy approaches and positive incentives on issues relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation. Under this process a Readiness-Preparation Proposal (R-PP) for REDD+ is being implemented with the financial support of Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) of the World Bank. During the REDD+ Readiness phase, Pakistan shall be full filling the following REDD+ Readiness requirements that includes, inter alia;

1. Development of National REDD+ strategy and implementation framework
2. A National Forest Monitoring System and Measurement Reporting and Verification;
3. Designing of Pakistan's Forests REL/RLs;
4. Development of Grievance Redressal Mechanisms, Strategic Environmental and Social Safeguards, ESMF and Safeguards Information System;
5. Capacity building, outreach and awareness raising.

To ensure the participation of major stakeholders of REDD+ including NGOs/CSOs and private sector Provincial REDD+ Management and Coordination committees under the chairmanship of Provincial Secretaries will be formed in each province/territory. These committees would act as inter-departmental institution for REDD+ activities.

Additionally, the committee will deal with issues referred by Provincial Grievance and Implementation Units (PGIUs). The Committee will be authorized to endorse plans, programmes and projects related to REDD+ and approve annual budget for the respective province.

Under Sustainable Land Management Project (SLMP) similar Provincial Coordination Committees have been established in four provinces under the chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary (Development) with the prime mandate of promoting coordination among provincial departments on multi-sectoral activities. Such PCCs are

planned to be established in all other territories to take up additional responsibilities of coordination for implementing REDD+ activities.

Objectives:

Provincial REDD+ Management Committees would enhance stakeholder engagement and facilitate assessments of existing Feedback and Grievance Redress mechanisms at provincial and local levels. The Grievance and Implementation Unit (PGIUs) will serve as secretariat for the Committee. The Committees will provide a platform for transparent information sharing, consultations with stakeholders, feedback and grievance redress mechanism to address any potential conflicts that may occur during Readiness and implementation of the R-PP. The complexity of issues and diversity of stakeholders especially those of forest dependent ethnic groups and local communities may lead to numerous questions, inquiries, and potentially grievances about the REDD-plus strategy or process. Such a mechanism will be available to stakeholders early in the R-PP implementation phase, in order to be ready to handle any request for feedback or complaint that stakeholders may have about Readiness activities. It will focus on flexible problem solving approaches to dispute resolution through options such as fact finding, dialogue, facilitation or mediation.

Tasks to be accomplished:

The main TORs of the committees are as follows:

1. Multi-sectoral coordination and cooperation for the planning and implementation of REDD+ activities at the provincial level;
2. To oversee the REDD+ activities at the provincial level and provide necessary guideline;
3. Deal with the issues referred by Provincial Grievance and Implementation Units (PGIUs) which will also act as the Secretariat of the Provincial REDD+ Management Committees;
4. Endorse plans related to REDD+
5. Approve annual budget of Provincial Grievance and Implementation Units for the respective province;

6. For matters requiring involvement of higher authorities, refer the case to National REDD+ Steering Committee