



 **Republic of Congo's request for a UN-REDD National Programme** 

*National REDD+ Coordination, 26 March 2012*

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# 1- Introduction

-Country located in the World's 2th largest tropical forest basin

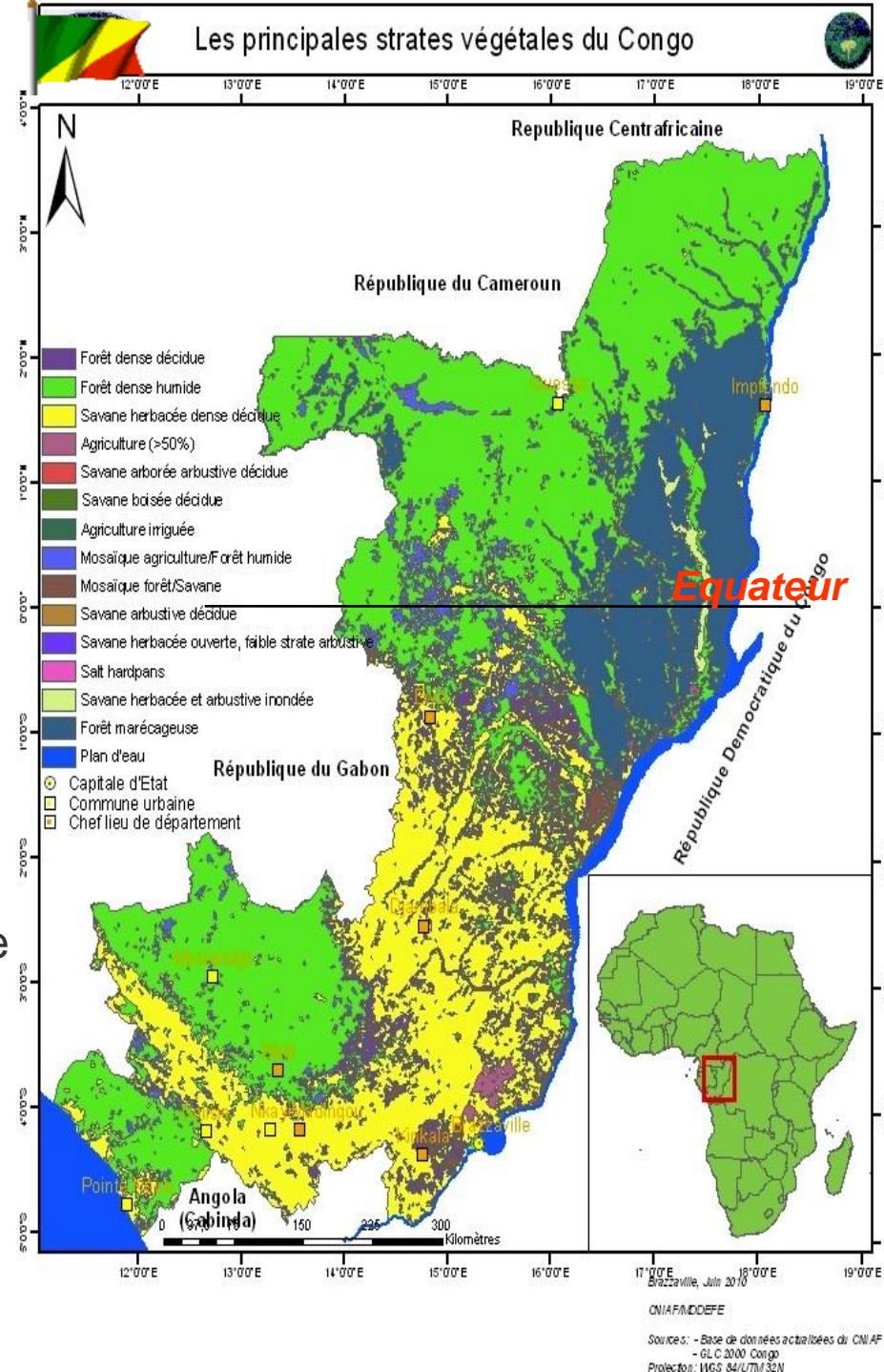
- Country area: 342,000 km<sup>2</sup>

- National population in 2009:  
3,855,000

-Forest area of the country:  
22,471,271 ha or 65% of the country

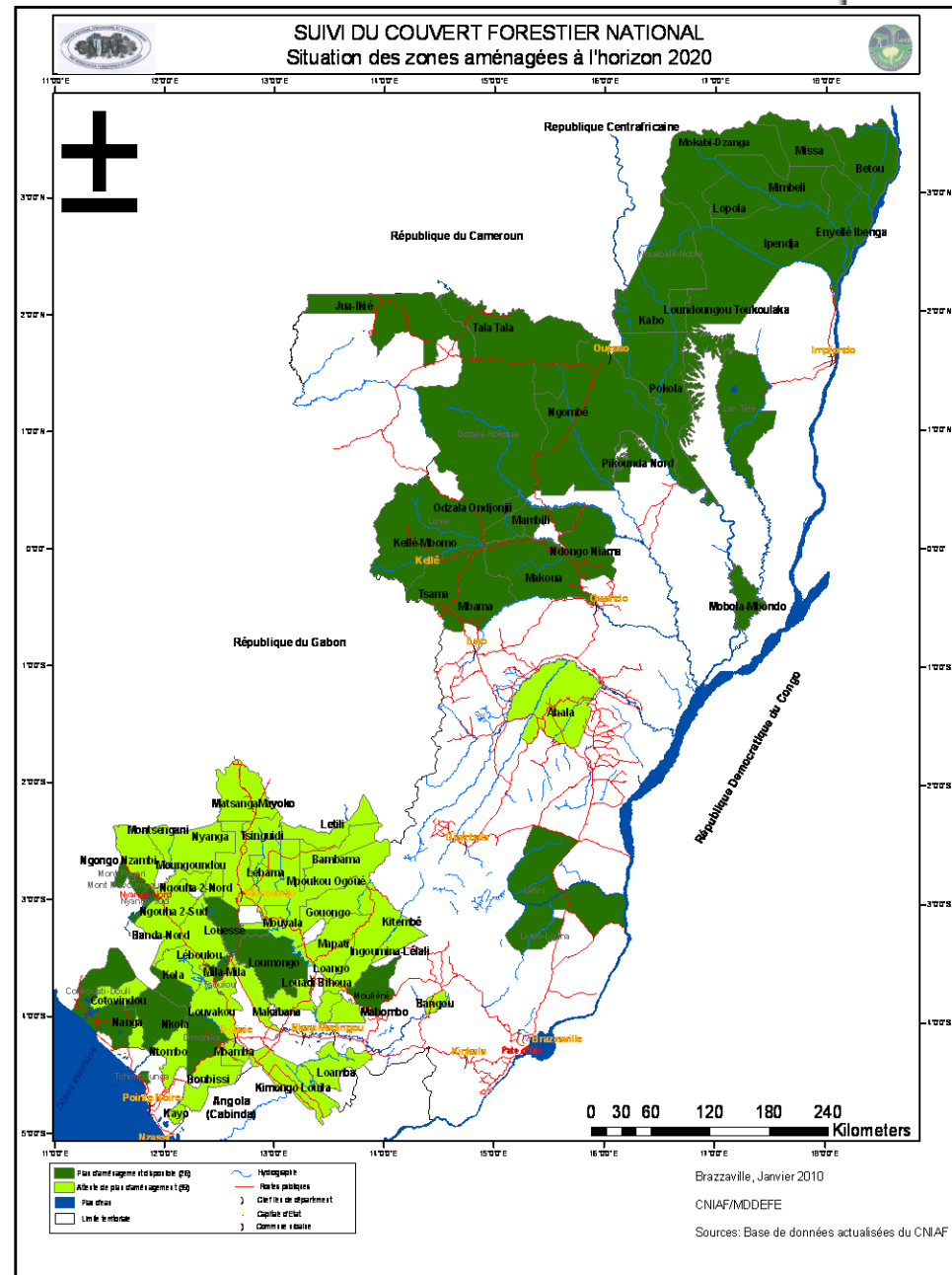
- Forest area granted to logging:  
13 million ha, of which 41% already  
have Forest Management Plan
  - 72% of forests are certified under the  
FSC standard
  - 11% of the country is classified as  
protected areas

- 0.08% rate of D&D (FRA, 2010)





- The Republic of Congo has been engaged in the REDD+ process since 2008.
- High political will and strong stakeholder engagement
- Member of the FCPF and UN-REDD Programme.
- R Congo has since June 2010 an R-PP which was finally approved at the FCPF Participants Committee in 2011
- The R-PP that we formulated in the UN-REDD Programme is the logical continuation of the R-PP approved in 2011 by the FCPF.



## 2- General objective of the support sought under UN-REDD

In line with international decisions on climate and REDD+, Republic of Congo envisions a gradual progression following the three phases of a long-term REDD+ process.

The funding request for support by UN-REDD relates to the implementation of **phase 1**.

**Overall goal:** the country is ready to apply its national REDD+ strategy by 2015, in a framework of green development

**Objective of the UN-REDD support :** national capacities for organizations, dialogues, strategic analysis and technical support are developed to support the REDD+ mechanism



<b>Expected results</b>	<b>Main indicators</b>
The REDD+ process is well managed and fully participatory ( <u>component 1</u> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The detailed «cahier des charges », institutional set up and operational budget of the managing and consultation bodies for REDD+ are adopted (December 2012).</li><li>• The REDD+ management and consultation take into account measures and actions corresponding to the roadmap in the adequate timeline (December 2013).</li></ul>
The country is ready to implement structural reforms and for REDD+ investments , taking account safeguards (Components 2 and 3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• National strategy, adopted consensually, with an credible multi sectoral investment plan for phase 2 of REDD+, is ready (December 2014).</li><li>• A preliminary and consensual reference level is established (May 2014).</li></ul>
A global information and MRV system is operational ( <u>Component 4</u> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The monitoring of the forest cover by satellite at national level is operational (May 2013).</li><li>• A information system on risks and benefits of REDD+ is developed in a participatory manner (December 2013) and implemented (June 2014).</li></ul>

### 3- RPP presentation



The Congo RPP for UN-REDD is a very detailed 97 page document that contains the main strategic, technical, financial and methodological considerations recommended for preparing to implement REDD+.

It was validated during a participatory workshop on the REDD+ process, held in Brazzaville on 25 January 2012. Over 100 participants, representing the public and private sector and civil society and indigenous organizations.

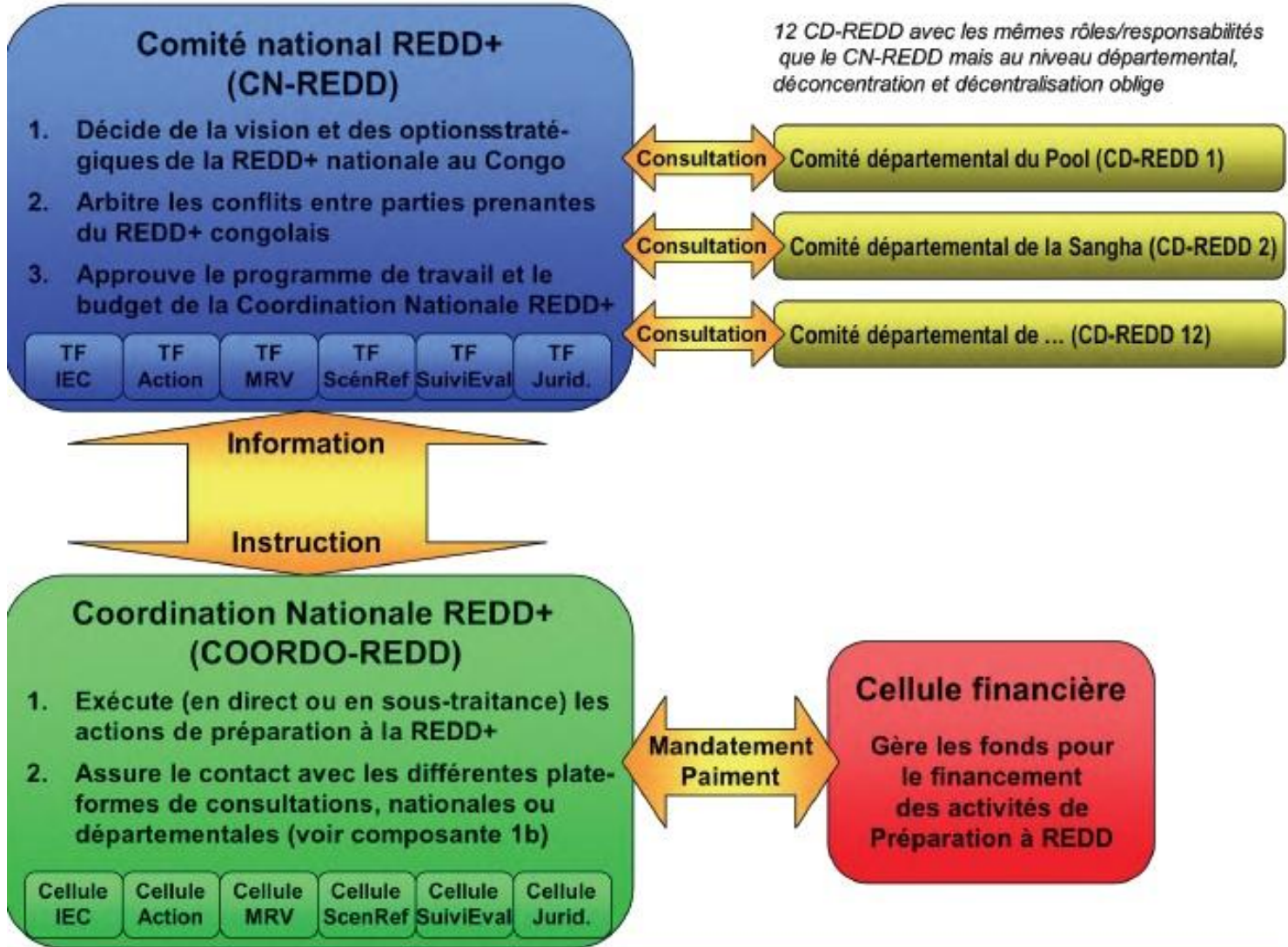
The workshop report is available online ([www.forestcarbonpartnership.org](http://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org) et [www.un-redd.org](http://www.un-redd.org)) and in the annex of the RPP.





# 3.1- Component 1 : Organize and consult

The Congo RPP proposes the establishment of the following managing bodies (Presidential Decree pending final approval by Conseil des Ministres)





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- The composition of the National Committee is based on four platforms:
  - Public sector (13)
  - Civil society (8)
  - Indigenous populations (6)
  - Private sector (3)
- A principal technical adviser will assist the CN-REDD
- Civil society and indigenous peoples organizations interested in REDD+ have followed the whole process of organizing and structuring the RPP.
  - They agreed to establish the National Coordination (« CACO-REDD ») that has a particularity that we wish to internalize: the two pillars to guarantee participation and representation of the interest of local and indigenous populations
  - This process will be strengthened by participatory work on social and environmental safeguards that will be undertaken under the SESA (EESS)



## 3.2- Component 2 : Preparing the national REDD+ strategy

The elaboration of the national REDD+ strategy will take into account national circumstances such as:

- High forest cover
- Very low deforestation and degradation rates
- Decentralized and devolved administrative organization
- High demographic growth
- Economy mainly based on natural resources, especially oil and wood
- Efforts for sustainable management of forests, etc.

The Congo RPP identified 4 preliminary strategic options (that will be further analyzed)

- Option 1 : Strengthen tenure security (in the framework of a land use plan)
- Option 2 : Managing forest resources sustainably
- Option 3 : Improve agricultural production systems
- Option 4 : Support the more sustainable production and use of fuelwood.



The development of the implementation framework will include :

- Improvement of the existing legal and institutional framework
- Accountable and transparent management of funds by a REDD+ Fund

The Environmental and Social strategic Evaluation (EESS) will take into account :

- A strategic evaluation of potential impacts, based on strategic choice on preliminary options and the implementation framework
- Risk diagnosis and mitigation measures, potential benefits

↳ One of the expected results will be an Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) and National Social and Environmental Principles and Criteria (SEPC)

## **3.3- Component 3**

### **Developping a reference scenario**

Republic of Congo has a very low historical deforestation rate.

The efforts to determine the reference scenario will be articulated around three axis:

1. A numbered estimate of deforestation and degradation during the last two decades;
2. Detailed and consensual knowledge of the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation
3. National circumstances that can affect historical rates

The MRV expert in component 4 will be ocasionnally solicited to support this component



## 3.5- Timeline and budget

The implementation of RPP activities funded by the FCPF will begin in April 2012 for 2012-2014

UN-REDD financial support will allow us to engage on activities over 2 years (est. July 2012- December 2014).

Funding needs for the total activities of the RPP are estimated as follows:

Source	USD
Congolese government	600,000
FCPF	3,400,000
UN-REDD	4,000,000
Other	9,654,246
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,654,246 USD</b> <b>(8,812,000 Francs CFA)</b>

Composantes, domaines d'intervention et activités principales		Budget						TOTAL
		Rép. du Congo	FCPF	ONU-REDD				
				FAO	PNUD	PNUE	Total	
<b>1. Organize and consult</b>		<b>365,000</b>	<b>2,095,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>801,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>861,000</b>	<b>3,321,000</b>
1a) Dispositif national de gestion de la préparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Soutien à la Coordination Nationale REDD</li> <li>Soutien CONA-REDD+ et institutions</li> <li>Soutien à la décentralisation REDD+ (3 cell. dép.)</li> </ul>	135,000	1,565,000	50,000	626,000		<b>676,000</b>	2,376,000
1b) Consultation et participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appui à cellule CN-REDD en charge de l'Information, Education et Communication (IEC)</li> <li>Dialogue décentralisé</li> <li>Consultations techniques</li> </ul>	230,000	530,000		175,000	10,000	<b>185,000</b>	945,000
<b>2. Prepare the national REDD+ strategy</b>		<b>90,000</b>	<b>1,135,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>743,568</b>	<b>515,000</b>	<b>1,258,568</b>	<b>2,483,568</b>
2a) Evaluation de l'utilisation des terres, de la politique forestière et de la gouvernance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyse de la situation et construction du consensus sur les causes et facteurs de la déforestation et la dégradation forestière</li> </ul>	40,000	250,000		20,000		<b>20,000</b>	310,000
2b) Options stratégiques REDD+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyse des options stratégiques</li> <li>Finalisation de la stratégie et planification des investissements</li> <li>Soutien aux processus expérimentation (appui-conseil technique au développement des projets et initiatives pilotes REDD+ ; programme de petites subventions pour tester la REDD+)</li> </ul>	50,000	310,000		493,568	480,000	<b>973,568</b>	1,333,568
2c) Cadre de mise en œuvre REDD+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conception du cadre de mise en œuvre et gouvernance financière de la REDD+</li> <li>Registre national REDD+ avec procédures d'homologation</li> </ul>		275,000		130,000	35,000	<b>165,000</b>	440,000
2d) Impacts sociaux et environnementaux	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Développement participatif de mesures de sauvegarde sociales et environnementales pour la REDD+ (en utilisant l'outil PCES de l'ONU-REDD et en lien avec l'EESS)</li> </ul>		300,000		100,000		<b>100,000</b>	400,000

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		Rép. du Congo	FCPF	ONU-REDD					
				FAO	PNUD	PNUE	Total		
<b>3. Develop reference level (**)</b>		25,000	170,000	298,532	0	0	298,532	493,532	
Etudes techniques et renforcement des capacités	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quantification et géolocalisation les dynamiques de déforestation et la dégradation des forêts</li> <li>Contribution de la CN REDD aux enquêtes auprès ménages</li> <li>Appui aux travaux spécifiques d'étudiants de niveau master/doctorat au Congo</li> <li>Appui à la CNI AF (soutien de 2 fonctionnaires/experts)</li> </ul>	25,000	170,000	298,532			298,532	493,532	
<b>4. Design an MRV system</b>		120,000	0	930,218	150,000	240,000	1,320,218	1,440,218	
4a) Système de suivi forestier national	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inventaire Forestier Nationale (IFN)</li> <li>Suivi du changement du couvert forestier</li> <li>IGES</li> <li>Système National de Surveillance</li> <li>Animation transversale pour la mise en place du MNV</li> </ul>	100,000		930,218			930,218	1,030,218	
(4b) Système d'information sur les bénéfices multiples, les autres impacts, la gouvernance et les mesures de sauvegarde	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conception du système d'information et suivi des bénéfices et impacts</li> <li>Renforcement institutionnel (Observatoire indépendant REDD+)</li> </ul>	20,000			150,000	240,000	390,000	410,000	
<b>Compilation budgétaire ONU-REDD</b>									
<b>Total de la mise en œuvre</b>					1,278,750	1,694,568	765,000	3,738,318	
<b>Coûts indirects de mise en œuvre ONU-REDD (7%)</b>					89,512	118,620	53,550	261,682	
<b>Total ONU-REDD</b>					1,368,262	1,813,188	818,550	4,000,000	



# Remaining funding needs

The remaining 9,654,246 USD will help consolidate the national strategy through pilot projects and field activities that will help better estimate the national forest carbon potential.

Pilot projects at this stage of the REDD+ process are needed to

- refine the national strategy and the REDD+ implementation framework
- test certain options
- make the REDD+ process known and practical to actors of deforestation and forest degradation
- strengthen stakeholders capacity



# Co-financing

Co-financing will be established in sub-regional projects and within the framework of national projects to progressively fill the ~9 million dollars gap, through

- Multilateral co-financing, such as
  - \* GEF : regional REDD project with the World Bank and COMIFAC
  - \* CBFF on MRV project with FAO and COMIFAC
- National programme on afforestation and reforestation (PRONAR)
- CBFF: REDD+ pilot projects for civil society
- Pilot projects self-funded by the private sector



# Conclusion

Republic of Congo is aware of the risk of an acceleration of deforestation and degradation of forest ecosystems in the context of economic globalisation that can favor the expansion of agriculture, bioenergy and extractive industries at the expenses of natural forests.

For this reason the Government and stakeholders wish to undertake important reforms and investments to prevent these risks, optimise land use planning for investments, and move towards a green economy towards sustainable development that truly takes into account all current and future social, economic and environmental concerns.



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