



Oficio Nro. MAE-DNMCC-2015-0021

Quito, D.M., 02 de julio de 2015

**Asunto:** TS Request Support the Implementation of a National Forest Monitoring System for the MRV process for REDD+ in Ecuador

Mister  
Mario Boccucci  
**Head**  
**UN-REDD PROGRAMME SECRETARIAT**  
En su Despacho

Dear Mario,

As you know, Ecuador has been moving forward towards the implementation of the Warsaw Framework for REDD+ and the implementation of results based activities in the context of results based finance, as agreed by Parties in relevant Decisions under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, which has been significantly supported by our UNREDD National Joint Programme, which recently had its operational closure past June 30th.

Ecuador's progress, supported in a significant manner by the UNREDD National Joint Programme (NJP) has enabled the Ministry of Environment, as National REDD+ Authority to move forward the definition of its National Action Plan for REDD+ implementation in the context of results-based payments.

Plus, the UNREDD Programme's support through a Targeted Support with FAO – currently under implementation - for the *'Development and Implementation of a Monitoring, Measuring, Reporting and Verifying Process for REDD+ in Ecuador'* has enabled Ecuador to be one of the six countries world-wide that have submitted its Forest Reference Emissions Level for deforestation to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. This represents a milestone on REDD+ readiness not only for Ecuador but also for the REDD+ overall process, however, processes related to national forest monitoring as well as measuring, reporting and verifying emission reductions achieved by Ecuador at national level, in accordance to decisions 13-14/CP.19, still represent a challenge for Ecuador in terms of technical and financial support.

In this regard, in the context of Document PB8/2012/INF/7 *'Procedures for Accessing UN-REDD Programme Targeted Support'*, as approved during the Programme's Eight Policy Board as a modality for *'small-scale, demand-driven, and technical or advisory in nature and to be provided to countries by the participating UN agencies in response to country needs'*. And, following up to Ecuador's need for further support from the UNREDD Programme, beyond the recent closure of its NJP by mid 2015 and the need for continuity of activities under the current TS with FAO, in order to effectively scale up





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into REDD+ implementation at national level as has been expressed during PBs 11, 12, 13 and 14, in my capacity as Ecuador's UNREDD Focal Point, hereby I present **Ecuador's formal request for a Targeted Support to 'Support for the Implementation of a National Forest Monitoring System for the Measurement, Monitoring and Reporting process for REDD+ in Ecuador'**.

Outcomes expected with the implementation of the requested targeted support will contribute to implement – and support – national efforts related to forest and greenhouse gases' monitoring in order to measure and report emission reductions to be reported in a Technical Annex to be submitted in Ecuador's Biennial Update Report, as per decision 14/CP.19. and later to be submitted to the Lima REDD+ Information Hub in the context of results-based payments.

Please find attached the complete *voluntary form* as well as an annex to the form with further information on the request; both documents have been developed by the Ministry of Environment on the basis of the previous TS request with FAO and UNDP, already approved and under implementation. As per implementation arrangements for present TS request, the United Nations Development Program has been identified as the most appropriate Implementation Agency to channel the financial and technical support hereby requested from the UNREDD Programme.

Also, with regards to discussions under the Policy Board towards the UN-REDD Programme 2016-2020 Strategic Framework, the Ministry of Environment hereby acknowledges the key role that the UN- REDD Programme has played in Ecuador's REDD+ readiness phase and implementation of the Warsaw Framework for REDD+, which will be certainly completed with the support of the present TS request.

In case additional clarification is needed, as well as for further coordination on the request please contact Ms. María del Carmen García, REDD+ Focal Point (maria.garcia@ambiente.gob.ec).

Atentamente,

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Anexos:

- TS request
- proposed budget

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