Global Forest Alliance (GFA) and the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF)

SDN Forests and Carbon Finance Teams
May 2007

- Lost income and deteriorating livelihoods for **1.2 billion people**
- **20% of global emissions** ⇒ 2nd leading cause of global warming ⇒ “avoided deforestation”
- Forests contain **80% of the World’s biodiversity**; deforestation causes losses at rate of >0.5% per year
- **Negative impact** on hydrological functions and other forest environmental services

Why worry about deforestation?

Global dimensions in relation to WB activities

- Climate
- Conservation
- Protected areas
- Forest values
- Biodiversity
- Economic Development
- Livelihoods

Global Environmental Services
Recent Advances

- Extensive consultations with developing and industrialized countries on GFA and FCPF
- Capacity building and piloting received mandate by UNFCCC
- Two technical workshops with G8 in February and April
- Briefings to Bank’s Management
- Technical discussions with selected stakeholders (esp. NGO community and international organizations) and potential donors
- DGF Grant approved:
  - framework stakeholder consultations and development of governance structure
  - monitoring, communications strategy etc., financing options
- Recognition of “Portfolio Approach” in UNFF

Is WB Doing Enough?

Bank’s 2002 Forest Strategy is forward looking and broadly endorsed

... recent review points to main successes in:
- Development of innovative instruments (e.g. carbon finance, forest certification)
- Forest governance
- Promoting cross-sectoral poverty reduction projects
- Stimulating public and private investments in sustainable forest management

... but implementation has fallen behind

- External reasons:
  - clients have limited interest in borrowing for forests
  - weak national forest institutions in client countries have a low absorption capacity
  - governance often a big issue
- Internal reasons
  - perceived as risky and costly
  - lack of awareness of potential gains and linkages to poverty and livelihoods etc.
  - need for better integration of partnership programs with Bank operations

Total Forestry Investments by Region from FY01-FY06

- AF: 24%
- EAP: 23%
- ECA: 12%
- LAC: 16%
- Mrica: 8%
- SAR: 17%
- WWAP: 24%

Forestry = ~0.7% of total Bank investments (avg. US$135 million p.a.)
New opportunities are emerging:

- public attention to climate change and the potential of forests to mitigate global warming
- explicit country demand for forest carbon partnerships
- growing markets for environmental services (e.g. clean water)
- increasing demand for legally and sustainably produced timber
- alternative energy: emerging markets for wood-based bio-fuels
- forest industry shift towards investments in Bank client countries
- emergence of company – community/smallholder partnerships

To be effective, we cannot go it alone …

A multi-stakeholder partnership is being discussed that would aim to:

- Reverse forest loss in developing countries
- Contribute to poverty reduction
- Contribute to the mitigation of climate change
- Secure provision of other forest environmental services
- Create an inclusive partnership framework for joint action
Scale-up with partners to achieve four bold targets by 2015
(MDGs 1&7, Bank Forest Strategy)

- Improve and sustain the livelihoods of 500 million poor, forest dependent people by supporting sustainable forest management and agro-forestry based farming systems
- Conserve 1 billion ton of CO\(_2\) by engaging in avoided deforestation initiatives
- Bring 300 million ha of production forests under independently certified sustainable management
- Create 50 million ha of new protected areas and bring 120 m ha of existing areas under improved management

The GFA — Investment — Impact Link

Global Forest Alliance

Technical Assistance
$100 million
- Pilot initiatives: grants for analytical work, capacity building, build incentives for sustainable forest management
- Capacity building for REDD initiatives

Carbon Finance
$200 million
- Trustee for carbon purchases
- Linking buyers and sellers
- Reforestation and REDD

Investments
- Bank Investments:
  - IBRD, IDA, IFC scale up current US$0.4 billion to $0.8 billion p.a. by 2015
- Other investments by:
  - Regional Development Banks
  - Private, institutional investors, venture capital
  - Amount TBD, but significant

Carbon Finance Projects:
- REDD: 250 million by 2012 and over $1 billion by 2015
- Reforestation: $75 million

Leveraged Impacts on the Ground
- Improve and sustain the livelihoods of 500 million poor, forest dependent people
- Conserve 5 billion tons of CO\(_2\)
- Sustainably manage 300 million ha of production forests
- Expand protected areas network by 50 million ha
The Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF)

- The objective is to demonstrate and pilot mechanisms that generate lasting forest emission reductions and that can be scaled up for REDD
- The objective is not to save the world's forests with $200-300 million
- Several developing countries have expressed interest in a World Bank initiative to provide financial incentives for REDD
- BioCarbon Fund: Pioneers the Forest Carbon Market since 2004, including for avoided deforestation at project level
- “Avoided deforestation” excluded from the Clean Development Mechanism
Prepare for a system of positive incentives post-2012 that includes REDD through

- Capacity building: readiness for a future system
- Pilot performance-based payments

![Graph showing Readiness, Pilots, and Market phases from 2007 to 2014 with milestones of $50 million readiness and $200 million pilots, reaching $1 billion by 2014.]

Price Carbon ≥ Opportunity Cost of land

- Pick low-hanging fruit first

![Graph showing cost per ha of forest saved with vertical bars for different actions: Control Fires, Clarify Land Tenure, Enforce Protected Areas, Prevent Conversion to Ranching/Food Crops, Prevent Conversion to Soy/Palm Oil. Costs range from $100 to $2,000 per ha.]
The World Bank decided to be among the founding members of the Fire Management Actions Alliance:

- The Bank already has a significant involvement in fire management in Russia, Indonesia, Brazil and other countries. Consistent and informed implementation of “Voluntary Guidelines” at the national and subnational levels would further improve quality of our lending and technical assistance in fire management.
- The Bank will not be able to be a leader or the motor in this Alliance. This is not our core business nor do we have major resources available for these purposes (at least until GFA and FCPF are launched).
- It is however important for the Bank to be informed about current thinking and new developments, especially in the field of monitoring and early responses to fire outbreaks.
- The Bank’s comparative advantage is to link the fire issues to governance, institutional capacity, cross-sectoral issues etc. In this regard we could provide good input.

- Several sellers
- Several buyers
- The market may not be the only way to set the price
  - Is there a “market” (with private sector competition)?
  - Countries may be more interested in using ODA at first, then rely on market
- Test various incentive systems in different countries with similar rigor, e.g.
  - Costa Rica: market, PES
  - Brazil: donations
  - Congo Basin: forest certification, conservation concessions
- Incentives for avoided deforestation and degradation
- Payment on delivery (some upfront)
Investor Purchaser

- SDN Forests
- Investor
- Purchaser
- Carbon Purchases $200 million
- Readiness $50 million
- IBRD, GEF, IFC, donors others
- Host Country
- Carbon purchase guarantee
- Investments
- Carbon ERs

FCPF Governance

- Developing countries must have meaningful role
- Other stakeholders must also be represented
  - Civil society, private sector, international organizations
- Proposal:
  - Trustee (World Bank)
  - Partners’ Committee
    - Developing countries, contributors, civil society, private sector, international organizations
  - Investor’s Meeting (contributors)
  - Advisory Group
- Nesting into GFA governance structure
- A successful implementation of FCPF requires
  - Capable institutions and good governance
  - A favorable legal and regulatory environment
  - Answers to concerns about distribution and equitability issues
  - Reliable baselines

- **GFA addresses these issues by creating and enabling environment through**
  - Capacity building
  - Analytical work
  - Piloting initiatives in support to sustainable management of natural resources
  - Promoting law and governance issues
  - … and by reinforcing the Bank’s focus on rural poverty

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**Milestones**

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Main Messages

- We have an exceptional **window of opportunity** to increase investments through REDD to mitigate global climate change, promote environmental services and safeguard global public goods.
- Upstream analysis and capacity building in client countries will **pave the way for meeting increased demand in investment**.
- The GFA will help to **resolve limitations** that the multiplicity of existing, overly fragmented forest sector partnerships present.
- GFA and its associated portfolio approach will catalyze new and **additional financial resources** that may eventually leverage the lending of WB and other financial institutions.
- The World Bank is prepared to take a lead in the integration of efforts in the forest sector, but **we need many partners** to reach our strategic goals.