



**PARTICIPATION IN THE REDD+ PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS**

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Detailed description of the project	Services provided
<p>Following two ministerial meetings on tropical deforestation, held in Paris in March 2010 and in Oslo in May 2010, the REDD+ Partnership was launched to accelerate the rise of REDD+ actions and financing, by improving efficiency, transparency and coordination of initiatives on the ground. It gathers together, on a voluntary basis, more than 75 countries, from the North and the South, and is intended to support, not replace, the REDD+ process under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.</p> <p>Following the Oslo meeting, Japan and Papua New Guinea co-chaired the Partnership, and despite some difficulties, were able to have a work programme adopted for 2011-2012. Under this work programme, participating countries committed themselves to developing and maintaining a database of REDD+ actions and financing (available on <a href="http://reddpluspartnership.org/fr/">http://reddpluspartnership.org/fr/</a>).</p> <p>In the first half of 2011, France and Brazil co-chaired and managed to guide the Partnership from a phase of negotiations (constant during the exchanges in 2010, although this was not the original mandate) to one of action. During this period, the focus was on the establishment of a constructive atmosphere between partners, to ensure the transparency of their actions and accelerate the deployment of REDD+. In the second half of 2011, Germany and Guyana co-chaired and chose to promote dialogue on important issues for implementing REDD+: safeguards, Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV), establishing baselines, and financing for REDD+.</p> <p>In the first half of 2012, Australia and the Democratic Republic of Congo became the co-chairs of the Partnership and whose main challenge was to complete the REDD+ database, in addition to reducing the huge gap between the amounts pledged by donors (\$8 billion) and reportedly received by beneficiaries (\$1 billion).</p>	<p>The REDD+ Partnership did not and still does not purport to be a "forum for negotiations bis" outside of the Climate Convention. However, the Partnership issues are as important as those of UN negotiations on REDD+, because it is a space dedicated solely to REDD+ and its meetings allow direct exchanges between beneficiaries and donors on the amounts / objectives of REDD+ funding.</p> <p>No less than 12 meetings were held between early 2010 and early 2012, including five, which the expert attended personally (the others having been followed by email): Paris (March 2010), Oslo (May 2010), Bonn (August 2010), Tianjin (October 2010), and London (February 2012). Worth noting, the participation in these meetings took place on behalf of the Central African Republic delegation in 2010 (which at the time was President of the Commission of Central African Forests - COMIFAC, which the expert supported in the climate negotiations. See References 14, 17, and 34) and on behalf of the French delegation in 2012 (see Reference 7).</p> <p>Nevertheless, in both cases, participation in the REDD+ Partnership meetings had the same objectives: (i) to contribute to technical discussions on the deployment of REDD+, (ii) to convey strategic information to policy makers, (iii) to contribute to the compilation of data on REDD+ actions and financing (for the benefit of Countries of the Congo Basin or as part of the financing pledged by the French Cooperation).</p> <p>Participation in the REDD+ Partnership has required the preparation of numerous technical papers and data research ahead of meetings, good concentration during meetings to summarize the discussions (sometimes complex) and to understand the issues at stake for the country/countries represented.</p>