



**SUPPORT FOR THE POSITIONING OF MOROCCO ON REDD+**

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Detailed description of the project	Services provided
<p>GIZ is in the process of establishing a regional project entitled "Adaptation of the framework conditions of forest policy in the MENA region to climate change", targeting Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia, and Turkey. Among the participating Forest administrations, both Morocco and Turkey have shown remarkable volunteerism in the negotiations on forests and climate change.</p> <p>As Turkey holds a special position in climate negotiations (OECD countries not subject to binding commitments to reduce its emissions of greenhouse gases - GHG), the Moroccan forest administration is the most likely to have a driving role in the MENA region concerning the adaptation of REDD+ to specific conditions of the sub-region.</p> <p>Prior to the climate conference in Doha late 2012, a workshop (organized by GIZ) was held in June 12 to prepare the Moroccan positions on forest and climate negotiations. Twenty participants from the High Commission for Water and Forests and the Fight Against Desertification (HCEFLCD) and the Department of the Environment (DE) of the Ministry of Energy, Mines, Water and Environment (MEMEE) attended the workshop.</p> <p>To better prepare and run this workshop, GIZ requested an ad hoc expertise (i) ahead of the workshop, to meet the various services of the HCEFLCD and the DE-MEMEE and to identify their strengths/capacity-building needs if Morocco was to enter into REDD+, (ii) to run the workshop and to deliver presentations on the greenhouse effect, the history of negotiations under the climate Convention, the key features of the REDD+ mechanism, available REDD+ funding, and the steps for developing a REDD+ roadmap.</p>	<p>Despite a busy schedule (World Environment Day in Morocco and preparation of the Rio +20), the services and key-contacts of the HCEFLCD and the MEMEE reserved a warm welcome for the mission. Targeted interviews helped to better understand the roles that each of these services/individuals could have in the preparation and implementation of a REDD+ strategy, as well as their strengths and capacities to strengthen...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Forces for the REDD+: (i) active policies in terms of reforestation, forest management, the fight against fires, monitoring of the forests' health, forest protection, (ii) existence of domestic financing dedicated to forests and channeled through a National Forest Fund (FNF), (iii) availability of statistical data continuous in time and disaggregated in space to model a REDD+ baseline, (iv) contacts with donors already committed to finance actions in the forest sector (World Bank, UN-REDD, EU, GIZ, French Development Agency, etc.)</li> <li>- Aspects to strengthen in preparation for REDD+: (i) consultation mechanisms with the private sector and civil society in the definition and implementation of forestry and environmental policy, (ii) synergies between DE of MEMEE, HCEFLCD and other Ministries involved in the planning, (iii) the network of protected areas, (iv) lack of forest carbon projects and legislation in this area, and (v) National Forest Inventory to complete and adapt to the needs of REDD+.</li> </ul> <p>The workshop highlighted three major practical recommendations: #1 – To institutionalize links between DE-MEMEE and HCEFLCD on REDD+, #2 – To ensure proper consideration of the specificities of the Mediterranean forests in REDD+ negotiations, and # 3 – To conduct a feasibility study to estimate the costs/benefits associated with the entry of Morocco in REDD+.</p>