

# Recommendations and Needs

## *National coordination of GCF activities in Indonesia*

- ***Clarification is required on the meaning of membership in the GCF to give confidence to the Provincial Governors that membership is within their authority.***
- ***An expanded GCF Coordination group is required to support the work of the Provincial REDD Working Groups, facilitate networking between them and ensure quality control of outputs so as to reinforce the impact of Provincial governments lessons learnt throughout the country.***
- ***The Head of this organization should be an existing or retired senior executive from government who is able to command access and respect at the highest levels of provincial and national government . The Head of the organization may be part time and could be one of the Governors of the member Provinces. The position will need to be supported by a day to day Director and an assistant.***
- ***The Indonesian GCF Coordination Group will need a realistic budget to ensure travel and to meet communication and training activities and flexibility in contracting expert assistance as required. Seed funding from GCF may assist in moving this process forward with appropriate timing.***

The need for such a group is urgent to ensure that close complementary working relationships are developed with national government agencies before the UNFCCC meeting in December.

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## *Expanding GCF membership in Indonesia*

- ***Following the formation of the GCF Coordinating Group negotiations should commence to include the remaining two provinces in Kalimantan and the Province of West Papua as full members***

This level of sub-national cooperation would support the presentation of island based data on deforestation and degradation and at the same time help to address the issue of leakage at the sub-national level. It would also fit well within the ambitions of the INCAS to document “wall to wall” forest carbon data and monitoring.

## *Understanding REDD as a practical concept and Emissions Reduction as a viable new natural resource.*

- ***Consider the establishment of a competitive travelling fellowship to support representatives from member provinces to undertake international networking to enhance understanding and lessons from international activities .***

While there is presently a strong willingness to support REDD there is a lack of understanding about what people in government can do on a day to day basis to move the business along. This facility would enhance information exchange and lend profile and positive personal growth opportunities to regional professionals.

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## *Communication of REDD as a practical option for forest management*

- ***Develop a communication strategy identifying target audiences and media to explain how REDD can work as a practical approach to the utilisation of forests.***

REDD offers many challenges to its communication to potential stakeholders. While a lot of research is being done around the world, the translation of this work to local communication strategies is a necessary next step. This activity would be an appropriate subject for an interprovincial effort by drawing in local experiences and stakeholders and experts to assist. Funding is required to realize the challenges of developing and extending the messages.

## *Direct Funding for Provincial REDD Working Groups*

- ***Consider options for external grant funding to Province REDD Working Groups to support continuing daily activities and raise their profile within the Provincial Government Structure in line with their contribution to low carbon economy strategies.***

REDD Working Groups exist under Governors ' Decrees but do not have allocated *on budget* funding. They operate as *think tanks* and are finding it difficult to gain traction within the government structure. Short term fixes to this situation will be difficult for structural reasons. Targeted direct grant funding may allow the REDD Working Groups to expand their range of available expertise - a critical human resources issue in all provinces - and to support more sustained project work on the ground thus raising their profile in government and influencing priorities for action in the sectoral line agencies.

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### *Institutionalise Province REDD Projects.*

- *There is a need to optimise the opportunities provided by current REDD Projects to build professional capacity within government agencies.*

In order to up-scale and broaden REDD projects through government initiatives as part of a low carbon economy it is essential for governments to build their capacity to lead and coordinate REDD project activities. Of the range of activities being pursued in the GCF Provinces, the most common model is that they are being run as projects with limited “on-budget” involvement by local governments. i.e., expertise is being provided to the provinces by the projects but not necessarily building the expertise in the provinces to work independently.

### *Emphasise that REDD projects may enhance local livelihoods*

- *Develop a regional government focus on the social aspects of REDD Projects.*

While national government agencies are focusing strongly on the technical aspects of REDD, e.g. MRV, province and district governments are best placed to understand how local institutions will influence the distribution of REDD project payments to enhance livelihoods. There is a good opportunity for GCF member provinces to lead the development of this critical part of the carbon credit supply chain. Regardless of capacity to manage MRV issues, changes in deforestation rates will not occur unless these local social issues are widely appreciated.