



Update on REDD+ Readiness in Nigeria

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NIGERIA: a two-track approach to REDD+ readiness

- **Federal** Level: Capacity-building & strategic framework for REDD+ [national level]
- **Cross River State**: Intense REDD+ readiness & demonstration model for the country [sub-national level]



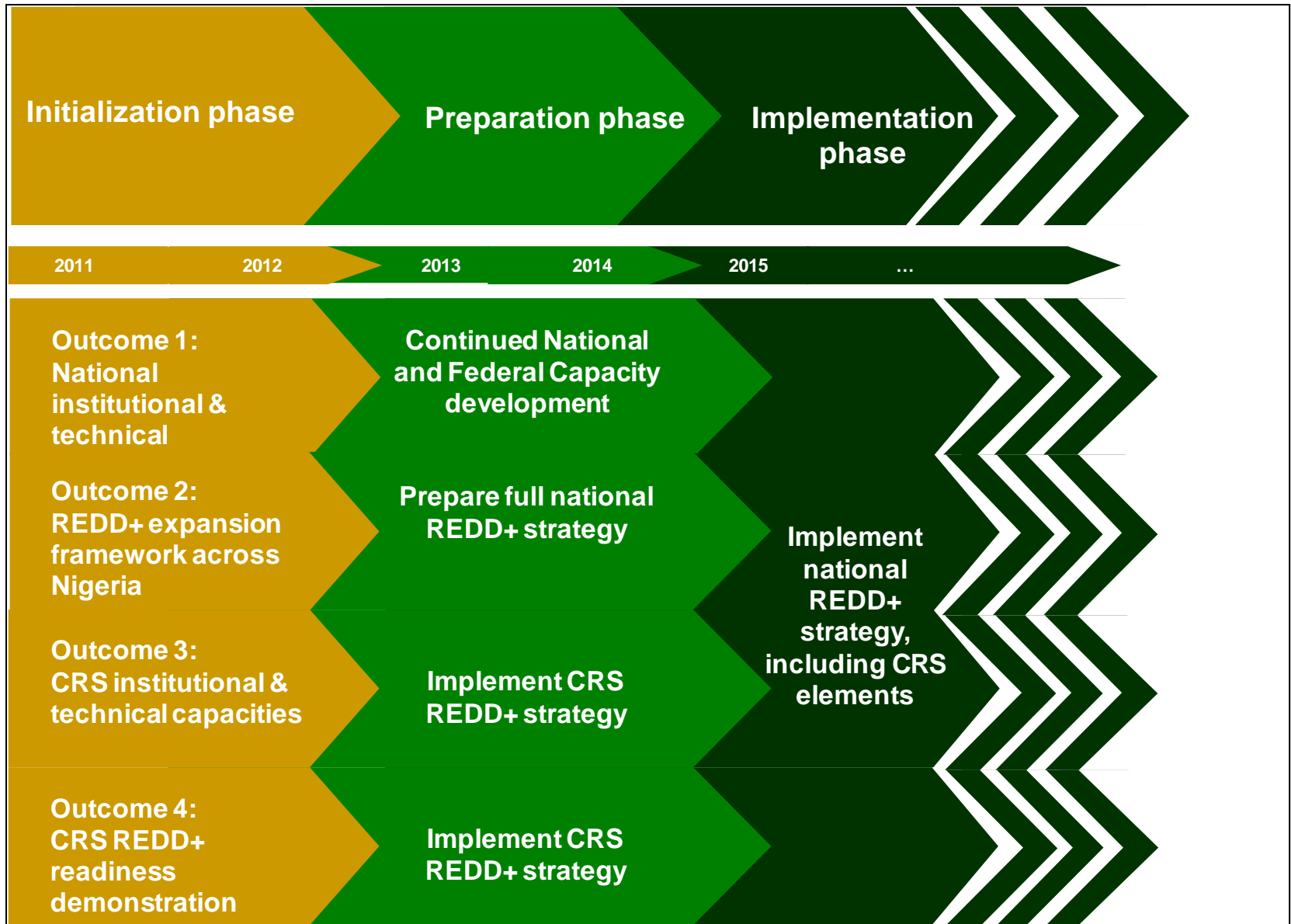
Context

- 2009: Nigeria engages in REDD+ and joins the UN-REDD Programme.
- ...2010: Nigeria lays the foundations for REDD+, including:
 - *Preliminary Assessment of the Context for REDD in Nigeria*; plus others.
 - Political commitment built.
 - Stakeholder engagements and dialogue, and community training.
 - REDD+ coordinating structures created (Federal & Cross River State)
 - UN-REDD scoping mission (October 2010)
 - Nigeria's REDD approach presented at Cancun climate summit.
- In November 2010, the 5th UN-REDD Policy Board “invited Nigeria to submit a full National Programme for consideration by the Policy Board at its sixth meeting in March 2011” (*UN-REDD PB-5 report, #14*).
- 2011: Nigeria presents REDD+ readiness proposal at the 6th

Programme Description

- 4 outcomes, 14 outputs and 80 core/indicative activities
- Key readiness components addressed both at Federal level and in Cross River State.
- **Federal level:** focus on key structures and a strategy for engaging new states.
- **Cross River State:** intense REDD+ readiness, with grassroots engagement, to provide models and best practices for the rest of Nigeria.
- A harmonised federal-state structuring for REDD+.
- Budget: **US\$ 4 million**
- Timeline: **2012-2014 (2 ½ years)**
- The Programme is comprehensive, covering all REDD+ readiness components (co-financing to be mobilised as required). Environmental Safeguards, Principles and Criteria addressed in the revised document.

Overview of REDD+ readiness in Nigeria



Outcome 1. Improved institutional & technical capacity at the national level

Outcome 2. Framework for REDD+ expansion across Nigeria prepared

Outcome 3. Institutional & technical capacity for REDD+ in Cross River State strengthened

Outcome 4. REDD+ readiness demonstrated in Cross River State

Institutional arrangements

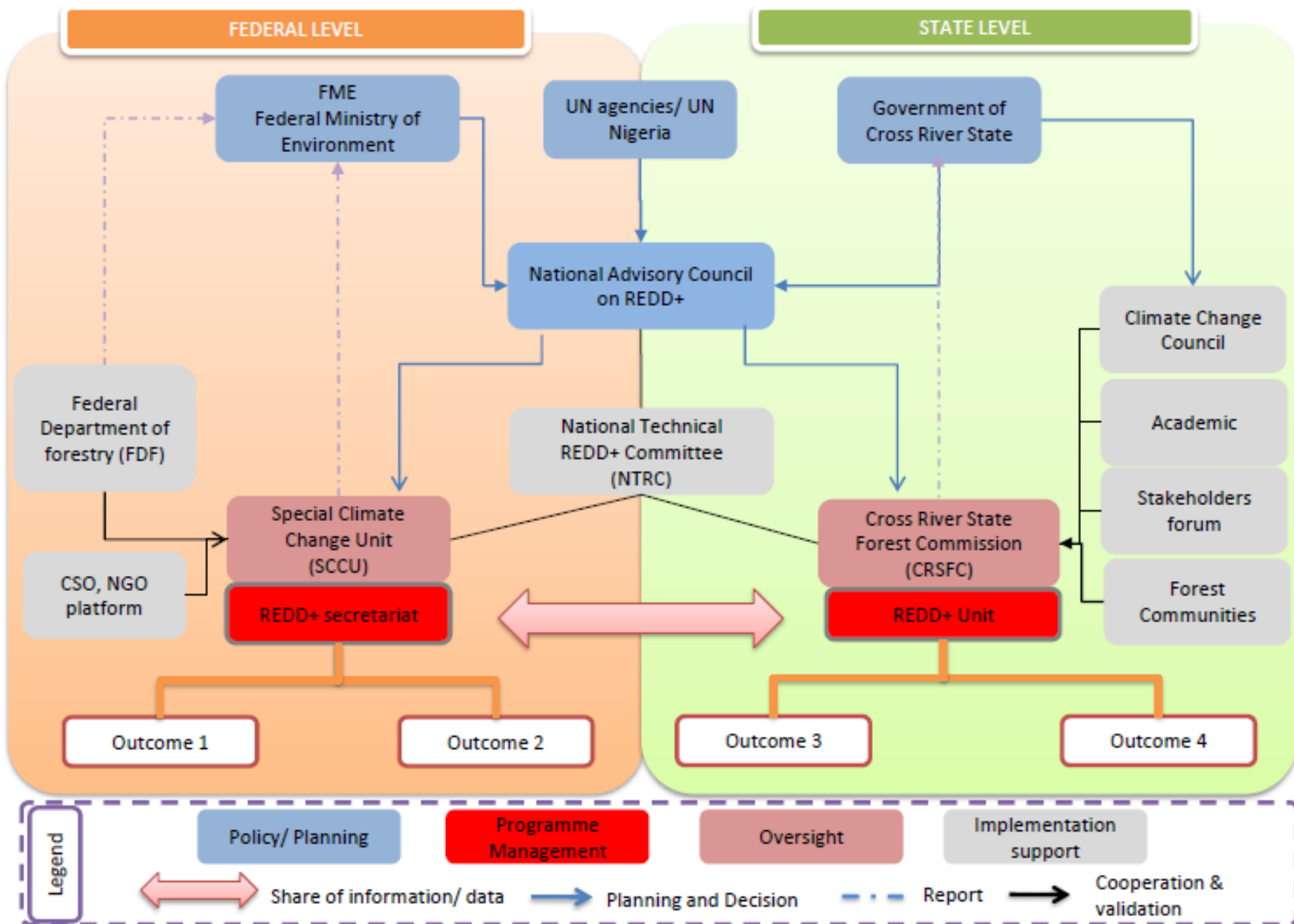
Federal

- National Advisory Council on REDD+
- National Technical Committee on REDD+
- Federal Ministry for Environment
- Special Climate Change Unit (SCCU)
- Federal Department of Forestry
- REDD+ Secretariat
- Federal stakeholders REDD+ platform (under creation, February 2011)

Cross River State (CRS)

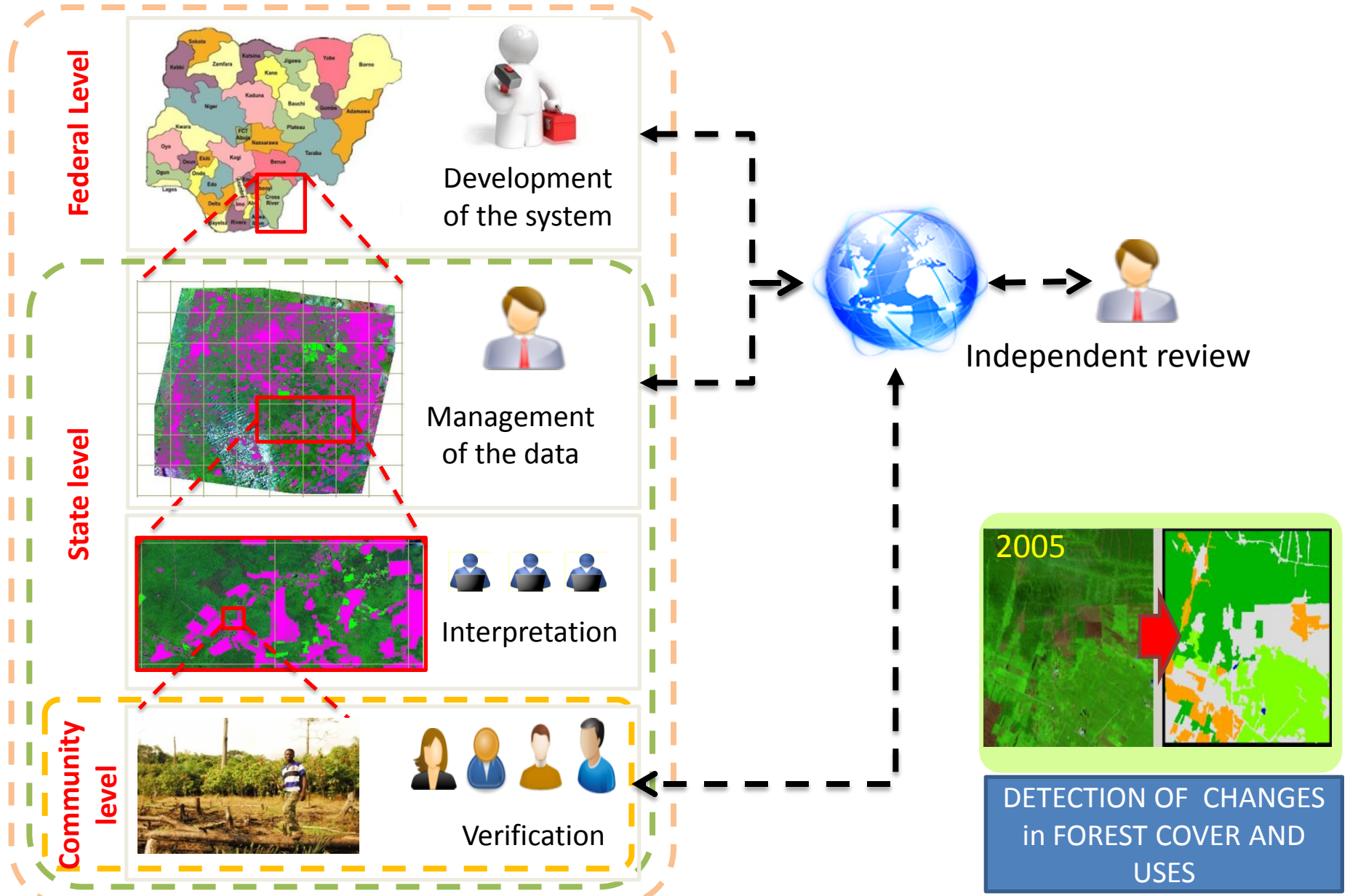
- CRS Climate Change Council (chaired by Governor)
- CRS Forestry Commission
- CRS REDD+ Unit
- CRS REDD+ Technical Committee
- CRS Stakeholders Forum on REDD+

INSTITUTIONAL AND IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS



Proposed monitoring system for forest cover and forest cover changes

Aiming at a REDD+ results-based mechanism (phase 2)



Drafting process for the Nigeria REDD+ Readiness Programme

- Preliminary Assessment on REDD+ (2010) plus other studies provided the basic information and assessments.
- UN-REDD Scoping Mission in October 2010.
- Stakeholder consultations, trainings, international events.
- Joint Federal-CRS drafting committee created.
- UN-REDD Appraisal Mission in February 2011.
- Stakeholder appraisal & validation events, both in Cross River State and at Federal level (*official stakeholder statements on pp. 7-9 of the document*).
- **The proposal officially submitted by the UN Resident Coordinator, in draft form, together with minutes of the validation events. Re-presentation of proposal in October.**



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Forestry Commission Hqtrs.,
69 Target Road,
Calabar.

20th July, 2011.

The Vice Chancellor,
University of Calabar,
Calabar.

Dear Sir,

A REQUEST FOR A CALLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIP IN THE ORGANIZATION OF A REDD + UNIVERSITY WITH UNIVERSITY OF CALABAR

On behalf of the Nigeria UN-REDD (Reducing Emissions from deforestation and forest Degradation) Programme, I most respectfully request your approval of a collaborative relationship between the Climate Change Forum in your university and our REDD+ programme in the organization of a REDD+ university event from the 5th to the 9th of September, 2011.

The aim of the REDD+ University is to boost the Nigeria REDD readiness programme through the training of one hundred participants/stakeholders who will be taking part in the one week event. Experts on Climate change/REDD drawn from UNDP, UNEP and FAO would be on hand to take the participants through the basic issues on climate change and REDD+. At the end of the event, it is expected that participants would gain the critical awareness and knowledge to support the implementation of REDD activities in Nigeria.

The participation of University of Calabar in the event would benefit the University in the following ways:

1. Further strengthen the University's profile as a Federal Government of Nigeria Centre for climate change studies.
2. Knowledge and skills transfer from UN-REDD/Climate Change experts to participants from the University particularly members of the Forum.
3. Open the University to further collaborative relationship with the UN-REDD promoters (namely UNDP, UNEP and FAO) and others

PRAYERS:

In view of the above, I humbly request the Vice Chancellor to:

1. Approve the hosting of the REDD university, 5th to 9th of September in University of Calabar, Nigeria.
2. Allocate a hall and a secretariat to hold the event.
3. Authorize the co-endorsement of the certificate of participation by your University and our Programme

Thank you Sir.

Yours faithfully,

Odigha Odigha
Chairman/CEO
(CRS Forestry Commission) – Nigeria UN-REDD Programme



- Collaborative relationship in the organization of a REDD+ University with University of Calabar.
- Working to strengthen the capacity of institutions to support the REDD programmes and projects.
- This collaborative approach has informed the operation of REDD in Nigeria. E.g. CRS Collaborating with the Fed. Govt. Of Nigeria.

REQUEST FOR SUBMISSION OF FINAL DRAFT OF NIGERIA REDD+ READINESS PROGRAMME TO THE UN-REDD POLICY BOARD

We acknowledge the intense analysis, drafting and consultation work undertaken in the past few months to prepare a draft Nigeria REDD+ Readiness Programme, in order to submit on time, by the end of February 2011, for the sixth UN-REDD Policy Board. We appreciate the quick-start approach of the UN-REDD Programme, which has allowed Nigeria to advance on a REDD+ proposal in a flexible manner and in a short period of time, so to better respond to progress in the international climate change negotiations.

We confirm that broad-based stakeholder consultations and validation of the draft document were held recently, both in Cross River State and in the Federal Capital, resulting in a Statement of Cross River State Stakeholders and in a Communiqué of the National Validation Workshop. These communications confirm there is stakeholder support for the submission of the Nigeria REDD+ Readiness Programme, while providing valuable insights for moving forward.

We hence request that, in line with UN-REDD Programme guidelines, a Final Draft is submitted to the UN-REDD Policy Board as soon as it is available.

Signed in Abuja on 22nd February 2011


Honourable Mr. John Odey
Federal Minister of the
Environment

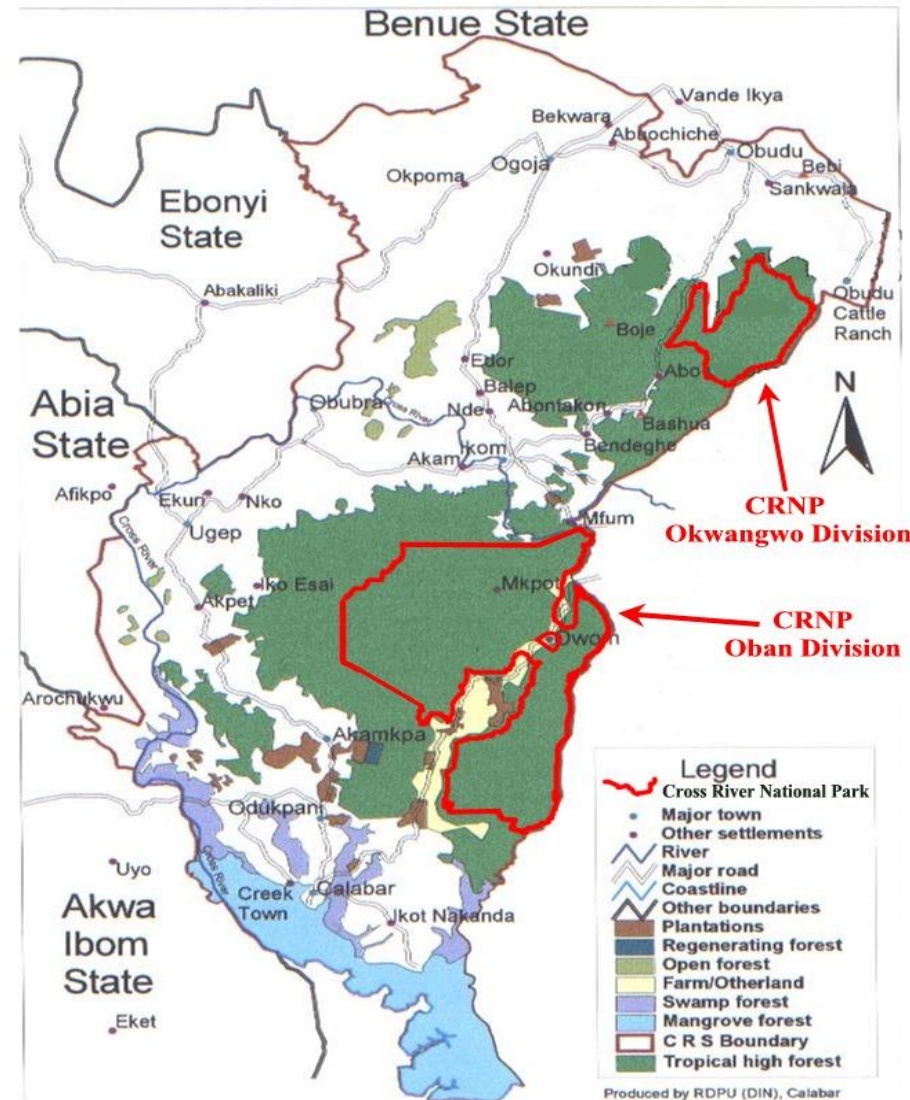

Mr. Daouda Toure
U.N. Resident Coordinator


His Excellency Liyel Imoke
Governor of Cross River State





Development and implementation of biodiversity assessment and monitoring plan to be jointly carried out.



- Since PB-5, Nigerian stakeholders, with UN-REDD support, have worked intensively to **prepare, consult & validate** a national REDD+ readiness programme. All activities going on smoothly between CRS and FGN.



- Nigeria is **ready to start implementing** its REDD+ Readiness Programme in order to have an active REDD+ process at the time of COP-17 in South Africa.
- The **UN-REDD Programme** is the only international platform for REDD+ support in Nigeria.



Our Strengths

- High degree of political support and leadership
- Significant high carbon habitat and rich biodiversity
- Valuable community forestry examples
- Significant NTFP potential and tree crop farming
- Ecotourism potential
- Large potential client base for purchase of future credits



Thank you!!!

