TANZANIA REDD+ STRATEGY: A GATEWAY FOR INVESTMENT IN REDD+ IMPLEMENTATION

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Presentation Outline:

- Tanzania REDD+ Initiative
- REDD+ Interventions: progress, opportunities and challenges
- Recommendations
Signed Climate Change agreement with Royal Norwegian Government in April 2008 and UNREDD joined force in 2009

Multi-disciplinary National Task Force and Secretariat established to facilitate REDD+ activities in readiness phase

Five Multi-disciplinary REDD+ Technical Working Groups formed to assist NRTF members in action plan development

REDD+ Strategy and Action Plan developed, Forest Resources Assessment done, Nine Pilot Projects on-going, Establishment of National Carbon Monitoring Centre, REDD+ Fund and Safeguards on-going
PROGRESS:
Interventions for Implementing and Financing REDD+

- TZ REDD+ Strategy offers opportunities of investment in forest carbon business to safeguards the forests and improve livelihoods of forest dependent community:
  - Government approved Strategy and Action Plan (March 2013) with 10 Key Results Areas which are entry point for public and private sectors engagement in REDD+ initiatives
  - Landscape/Regional approach developed to pilot REDD+ activities under the Public-Private Partnership
  - Pilot Projects are developing carbon projects for future carbon financing (AWF, JGI, CARE-Tanzania, TFCG/MJUMITA, WCS, MCDI)
Development of guidelines for REDD+ contracts on carbon credits in process

SUA has developed methods for carbon estimates under various vegetation types through CCIAM program

Analysis of Forest Resources Assessment data through NAFORMA and ZWBS to understand Forest stock, Estimating rates of Deforestation & forest degradation in process

Assessment of carbon stocks for various land cover types and historical forest area changes using national forest inventory data in process
Trees cut for carbon estimate at various vegetation types
OPPORTUNITIES: Intervention for Implementing and Financing REDD+

- Community willingness to participate in REDD+ program
- Potential large forest areas for REDD+ investment
- Private sector’s engagement in forest protection through Payment of Environmental Services
- Support from DPs and UNREDD in Mainstreaming REDD+ within key sectoral policies, programmes e.g. energy and agriculture.
- Norwegian support as from 2016 through performance based approach + Others interested Development partners to support REDD+ program in TZ: DFID, WB – FCPF
CHALLENGES:
Intervention for Implementing and Financing REDD+

- To reach and involve all stakeholders are pre-reqites, but difficult – nature of the country, infrastructure, resources
- Engagement of private sectors requires convincing calculations on economic benefits
- REDD+ concept is till new to wider stakeholders, their engagement requires more sensitization
- Slim government budget in forestry management activities
- Commitment and collaboration from other sectors
- Approved financial mechanism at Internation level
Recommendations

- Promotion of private sector engagement in REDD+ implementation need to be given priority and support
- Foster awareness raising
- Conclude negotiation on REDD+ implementation and financing options
- Support mainstreaming REDD+ in sectoral plans and programmes
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