

Project Dates:

July 6, 2012-March 31, 2013

Sector:

Climate Change Mitigation

Countries:

- Burundi
- Cameroon
- CAR
- Chad
- Congo
- DRC
- Gabon
- Guinea
- Rwanda
- Sao Tome and Principe



NAMAs IN THE CONGO BASIN

Project Description

IISD and ÉcoRessources are working together on the Enhancement of NAMA Capacities in the Congo Basin region, a project undertaken with the financial support of the Government of Canada through the federal Department of the Environment.

The goal of this project is to improve understanding and enhance capacity on the selection, design and financing of NAMAs (Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Action) in the Congo Basin region.

Background

NAMAs are fast becoming the climate finance vehicle of choice for developing countries who wish to voluntarily implement greenhouse gas (GHG) mitigation actions in support of sustainable development. Developing countries, their development partners and other actors in and around the UNFCCC are operationalizing the concept to focus and leverage climate finance from domestic, international and carbon market sources.

To participate in such developments, governments, organizations and private companies in Congo Basin countries would benefit from additional capacities for NAMA development, seeking international funding support, and implementation.

Project Phases

- Definition of the parameters of a NAMA program for the Congo basin region (Phase I)
- Development of standardized Country Overviews of the context in which NAMAs are to be developed in each of the Congo Basin countries, with an extensive list of potential NAMAs for each country (Phase II)
- Delivery of a capacity-building workshop for Congo Basin country representatives (Phase III)
- In-depth reports for two Congo Basin countries assessing the needs and readiness of different sectors for the development of NAMAs (Phase IV)

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Quick Screen

We have created a Country Overview, or 'Quick Screen' process to identify a list of potential NAMAs for a country using a standardized set of criteria. The Quick Screen is a qualitative assessment that identifies potential NAMAs that have:

- Medium or high mitigation potential
- Alignment with government priorities
- Evidence of existing action
- Sustainable development (economic, environmental and social) co-benefits that outweigh any negative impact
- Possible climate resilience (adaptation) co-benefits

Deep Screen

Once the Quick Screen is complete, the 'Deep Screen' methodology can be employed to rigorously analyze the merit of the NAMA opportunities identified in the Quick Screen process.

The in-depth country analysis report, or NAMAs 'Deep Screen' exercise, will result in a detailed analysis of the NAMAs opportunities identified in the NAMAs Quick Screen in two selected countries. The Deep Screen will provide:

- Reference case GHG emissions
- GHG emission reduction potential
- Abatement costs
- Sustainable development and climate resilience co-benefits

Both screens are useful for identifying knowledge gaps, developing factsheets on high-priority NAMAs, and raising awareness of NAMA opportunities with development partners.

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