

Call for Chapter Proposals

REDD+ Governance in Africa: Practical design and implementation options

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Forest degradation and deforestation are major causes of global environmental change. The combined emissions from deforestation and degradation account for an estimated 20% of global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation (REDD+) is a global agreement on climate change mitigation through reduction in GHG emissions and increases in GHG removals. REDD+ also seeks to provide socio-ecological co-benefits (e.g. biodiversity protection, pro-poor development, human rights and enhanced forest governance). African countries facing high levels of deforestation and forest degradation (e.g. DR Congo, Ghana, Mozambique and Tanzania) are engaged in REDD+ to address deforestation and pursue low carbon development paths. Therefore, these countries are engaged in a number of multilateral and bilateral agreements on forest governance and management. These engagements and development provide a foundation for the implementation of REDD+ in Africa as these countries have put in place fairly innovative institutional and policy frameworks for sustainable forest governance and management.

On the other hand, conventional and emerging challenges such as weak forest governance, nebulous mechanisms for equitable benefit sharing, and ineffective enforcement of forest laws and regulations are likely to affect the effective implementation of REDD+ across Africa. This book thus seeks to document the practical experiences and lessons learnt in developing and implementing REDD+ programmes in Africa. These experiences and lessons are critical to guiding an effective development and implementation of REDD+ programmes in African countries desiring to implement REDD+ programmes while providing a rich pool of reference for countries in the preparation phase to draw on. The editors invite chapter proposals (abstracts) offering both theoretical and practical contributions, with the aim of advancing academic discourses and thinking, policymaking and implementation from REDD+ negotiators, carbon market actors and sustainable finance experts, project developers, scholars, researchers, and other leading experts. The contributions should be on but not limited to the following thematic areas with particular focus on Africa:

- **REDD+ rationale and governance framework: theory and concept**
 - The nexus between deforestation, forest degradation, climate change and the rationale for REDD+
 - The Warsaw Framework and effective REDD+ governance
 - Stakeholder participation: consultation and engagement, and gender mainstreaming;
 - Institutional and legal frameworks for REDD+ implementation (institutional arrangements and coordination, tenure, carbon rights, emission reduction rights, benefit sharing);
 - Modalities for national forest monitoring systems; and measuring, reporting and verification (MRV);
 - Models and approaches for safeguards and information system; and feedback and redress mechanism;
 - REDD+ financing options (private sector, emission reduction and the role of carbon markets);

- **Experiences and lessons from selected REDD+ countries in Africa**
 - National case studies and localized experiences on:
 - Stakeholder participation (participation in REDD+ decision-making; practical approaches and tools to determining and effectively engaging relevant stakeholders; and overcoming pitfalls to stakeholder participation);
 - Approaches and design of institutional and legal/policy frameworks for REDD+ implementation;
 - Benefit sharing mechanisms for REDD+;
 - National forest emission monitoring system (challenges, practical approaches and tools to designing effective forest emission monitoring system);
 - Safeguards and information system/feedback and redress mechanism including human rights and gender mainstreaming in REDD+ design and implementation;
 - Transparency and accountability in REDD+ design and implementation; and
 - REDD+ finance beyond the pilot phases:
 - Unlocking private sector finance for REDD+
 - Emission reductions and the role of carbon markets
 - Risk and risk management in private sector investment in REDD+

Chapter proposals of 200 words covering specific issues and research themes outlined above including keywords (maximum 5 words), research methods/approach, and preliminary findings; short author(s) bio (including affiliation and contact details) should be submitted to Dr. Michael Addaney, michael.addaney@uenr.edu.gh and copy Mr. William Dumenu, wdumenu@csir-forig.org.gh. Deadline for abstract submission is Friday, 15th October 2021. Decisions on abstracts will be communicated by Friday, 29 October 2021. Full draft chapters (5000-6000 words including reference list) of accepted abstracts are expected by Sunday, 30 January 2022. All accepted full chapters will be subjected to a two-stage single-blind peer review process before final inclusion in the book.