Leveraging and Aligning Financing & Fiscal Frameworks for Jurisdictional Approaches to Green Development

**Experiences from REDD+ in Mexico** 

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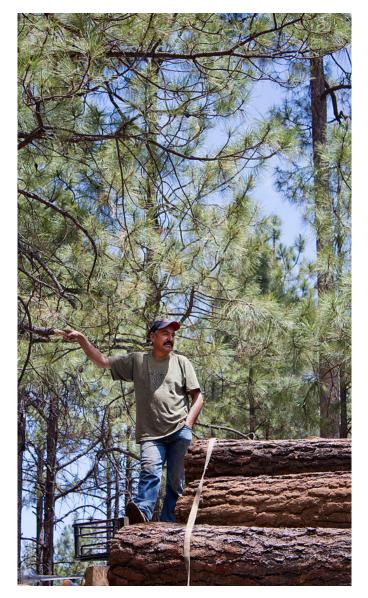
# **Snapshot of Mexico's forest sector**

- Forests represent **30% of Mexico's territory** (65 million hectares).
- **80%** of forests are owned by *ejidos* (social property regime) and **communities** which represent **8500** agrarian properties.
- **11 million people** (10% of Mexico's total population) live in forest areas.
- 12% of the population belongs to one of the 62 indigenous groups.
- Forest areas have very high levels of **poverty** (poor infrastructure, education and health services).
- The contribution of the forest sector to GDP has decreased to 1/5 in the last 20 years. In 1995 it was 0.74%, today is only 0.59%.
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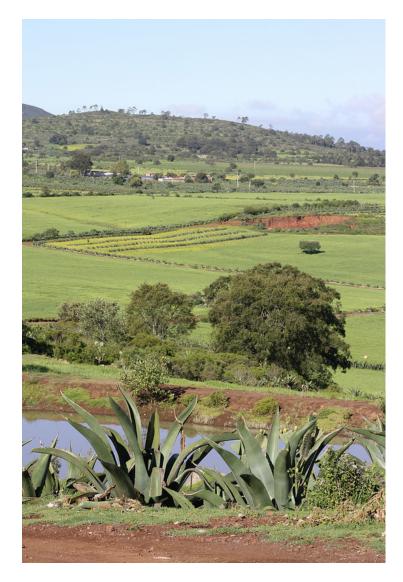
- The national **forest production** is not enough to satisfy the **domestic demand**. In 2012 it was only **26.5%**.
- Illegal logging is responsible of 8% of Mexico's deforestation, and it represents 30% of the annual volume of national timber production.
- Mexico loses **155,000 hectares** of forests every year (official data).
- GHG emissions from LULUCF between 1990 and 2002 were estimated in 89.86 million MtCO2e annually (14% of total). In 2010 were 46,892.4 MtCO2e (6.3%).
- The national target is to achieve **net zero deforestation in 2020.**



## Mexico identifies 3 categories of drivers of deforestation

- **Economic factors** associated with higher opportunity costs of agricultural activities and the high transaction costs for sustainable forestry.
- Institutional causes and sectorial policies with include the unwanted effects of subsidy programs in agriculture and mining, and the development of infrastructure, urban and tourism plans.
- **Social factors** linked to the lack of organizational and leadership skills among communities and *ejidos* for sustainable use of forest resources.

## Therefore, Mexico's REDD+ vision focuses on:



- Achieving REDD+ objectives through rural sustainable development.
- Nested approach with clear roles from the national, subnational and local levels.
- Promotion of community based landscapes approaches for implementation.
- Aligning policies and incentives at subnational and landscape levels.

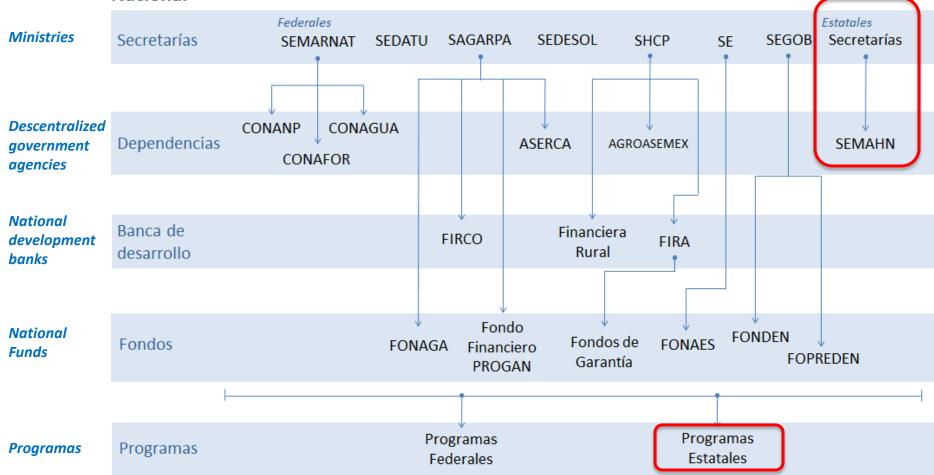
## To achieve that, the financial architecture is crucial

- **Sufficient**, **timely** and **long term** financing for REDD+ in Mexico requires to mobilize **public** and **private** resources (ex-ante and expost)
- Mexico recognizes that international funding for REDD+ (especially payment for results) can be instrumental to achieve the transformational changes the country needs to stop deforestation and complement public funding to guarantee the permanence of the emission reductions.
- To be able to secure funding, the National REDD+ Strategy needs to be **environmentally effective**, **socially inclusive** and capable to attract **private investment**.

# National financial architecture for sustainable rural development and climate change in Mexico

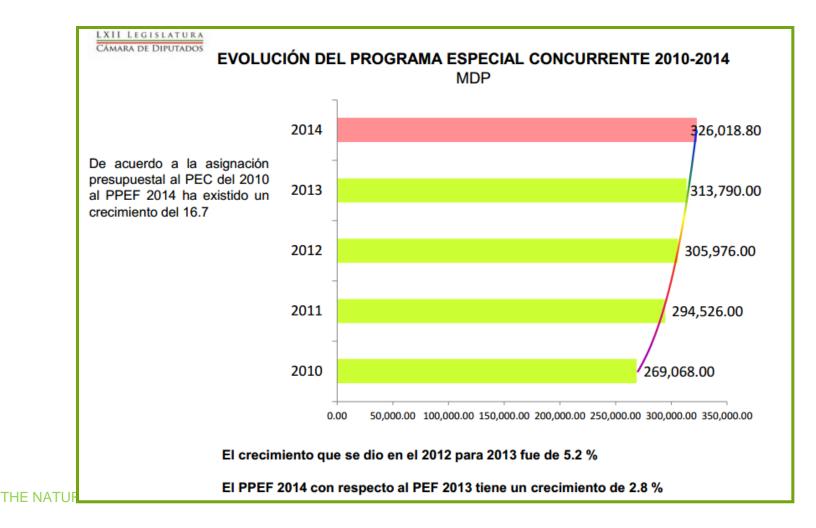
#### National Expenditure Budget

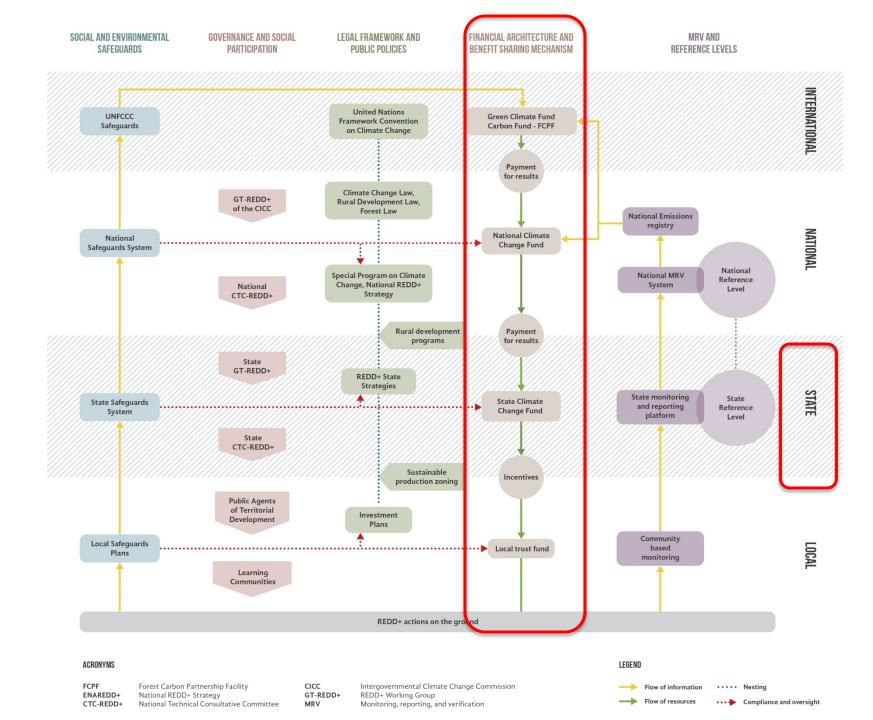
#### Presupuesto de Egresos Nacional



# The total of the rural development budget approved in 2014 was 24,149 million dollars.

• Only **4.5** % of this total budget comes from the **environmental sector** and only **2.15**% comes from the **forestry sector**.





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# Financial architecture mapping at the jurisdictional level for rural sustainable development (RSD)

**Objective:** to map funding sources and financial mechanisms aimed at RSD, identifying synergies and differences between them as well as opportunities to improve access and use of the funding.

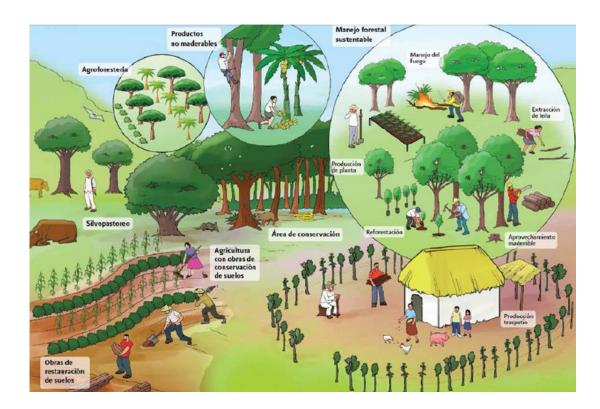
## **Chiapas Sierra Madre**

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## **Targeted** activities

- **1. Forest management** (community forestry , management of non -timber forest resources, soil and forest cover conservation and restoration)
- 2. Sustainable agriculture
- 3. Coffee production
- 4. Sustainable livestock management (voisin grazing and silvopastoral systems)
- 5. Ecotourism
- 6. Payment for environmental services



# Identified sources of financing in Sierra Madre

#### International

- <u>Bilateral</u>: USAID, AECID, BMU
- <u>Multilateral</u>: World Bank, IDB
- <u>UNFCCC</u>: GEF and Adaptation Fund

### **Private- public**

- Local mechanisms for PES through matching funds.
- Conservation Fund *El Triunfo* (FONCET).
- Semilla de Agua Fund

#### Private

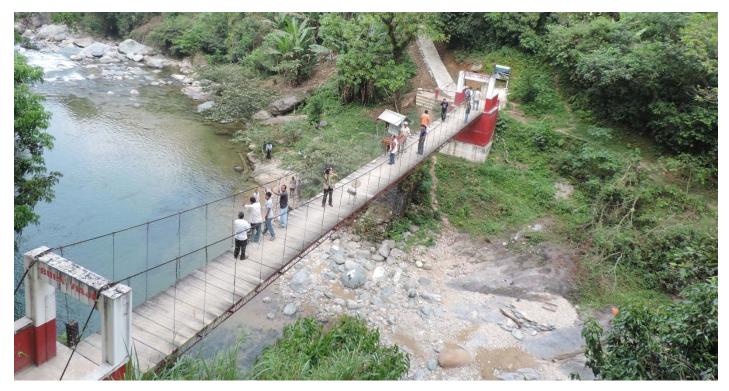
- Comercial banking, microfinancing institutions and saving funds.
- <u>Private foundations</u>: Carlos Slim, Fomento Ecológico Banamex, Fundación Gonzalo Río Arronte.

### Public

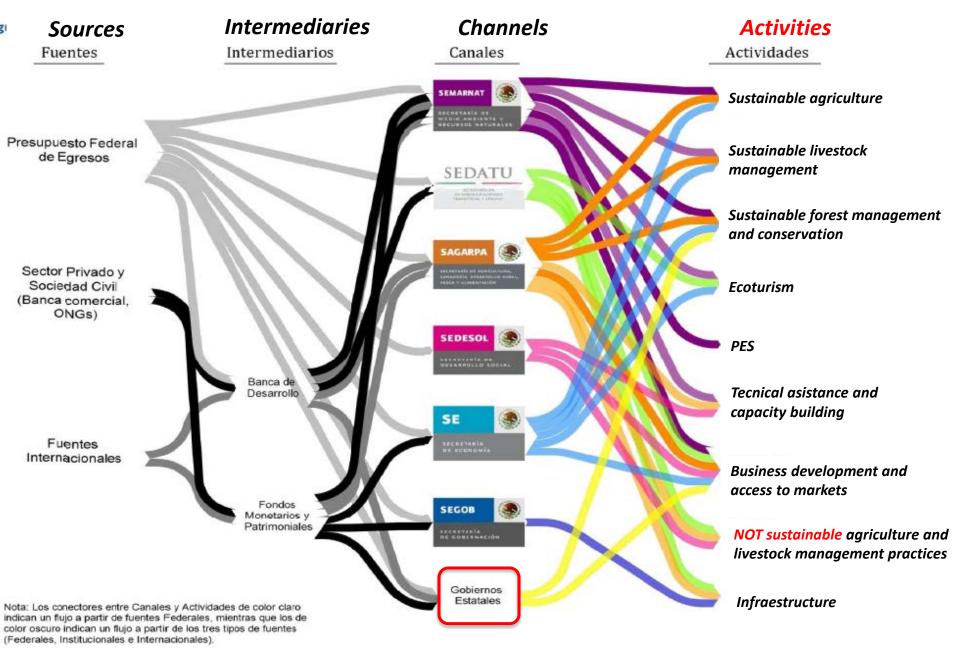
• More than 30 different subsidy federal programs.

## Intermediaries that channel the funds

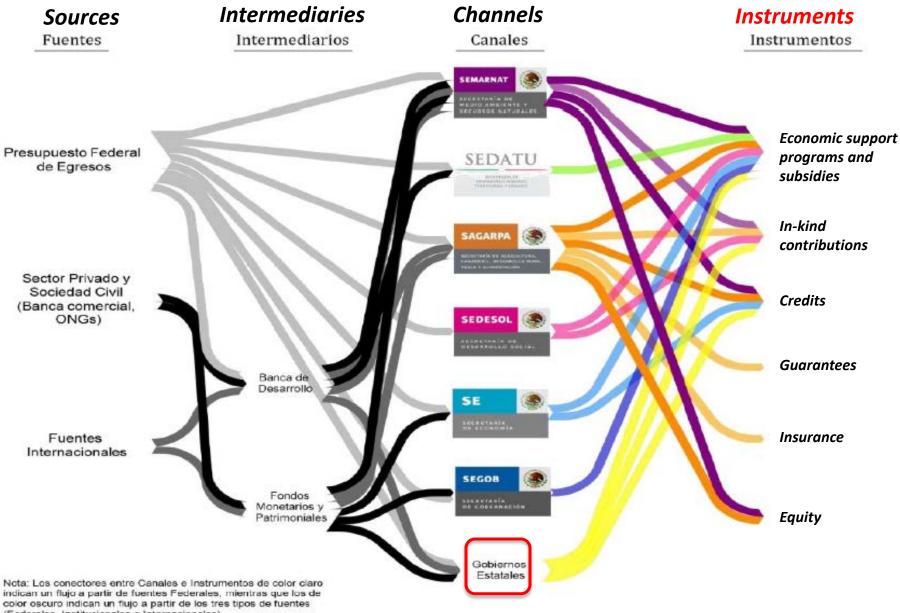
- <u>National and international development banks</u>: NAFIN, FND y FIRA.
- <u>Funds</u>: Fondo Forestal Mexicano, Fondo Financiero PROGAN, Fideicomiso Fondo de Fomento Agropecuario en los Estados (FOFAES).



## **Results: financial flows for specific activities**



## **Results: financial flows targeted to instruments**



<sup>(</sup>Federales, Institucionales e Internacionales).

## **Beneficiaries**

- Farmers
- Ranchers
- Beekeepers
- Aquaculture producers
- Fruit producers
- Ejidos
- Forest communities
- Small scale enterprises
- Indigenous peoples
- Women
- People without land rights



# **Highlights of this mapping**

- This mapping shows a **snapshot** of the funding landscape for RSD at the time of the study, but fails to provide a perspective on the **future flows** since they depend mostly on **annual budgets**.
- More than **30 federal programs** that impact directly and/or indirectly on RSD were identified.
  - However, there is a wide disparity of resources distributed among the municipalities of the Sierra Madre de Chiapas.
    - Budgetary restrictions?
    - Lack of capacity to implement programs?
    - Political priorities?
- The main funding sources and financing mechanisms at federal and state level maintain a **sectorial approach** and rarely include a **landscape perspective**.
- There is limited presence of **commercial banking**. It is mostly through **microfinance institutions**.
  - Low credit worthiness particularly for small scales producers, creating greater dependence on subsidies with depend on federal budget availability.

## **Challenges for jurisdictions**

- Work collaboratively between ministries in an integrated approach and **long-term financing**, according to the needs of producers.
  - Integrated rural development and climate change planning at state level
- Integrate small scale projects into a landscape level approach through landscape investment plans
- Strengthen local capacity through greater coverage and administrative capacity of **technical advisors** *this could almost triple the number of projects supported.*

## **Challenges for jurisdictions**

- Assure the **equitable allocation** of funds and **benefit distribution** 
  - between different scales and types of projects
  - inclusion of women, indigenous peoples and young people
  - develop clear and efficient **resource allocation criteria**
  - strengthen transparency and accountability mechanisms
- Reduce **uncertainty** and its effects on the potential for additional funding (particularly the private sector)
  - support landowners and communities to resolve disputes and regularize land tenure
  - develop **risk management capacities** at the state and local level
  - implement safeguards mechanisms as risk management mechanisms
  - develop innovative approaches to guarantees for credits to increase credit worthiness

## Terima kasih!, Thank you!, ¡Gracias!



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