



REDD+ FOR THE GUIANA SHIELD

Technical Cooperation Project



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OUTCOMES ON REDD+

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Context of negotiations

- Urgency for strong mitigation action
 - Devastating impact of super-Typhoon Haiyan in Philippines
 - Findings of the IPCC Working Group 1 report →
 - Projection of +4°C by 2100 with a BAU scenario (+60cm of sea level elevation)
 - Most optimistic scenario: +2°C is emission global peak is reached in 2020 and if XXIe century shows negative emissions (technologies to capture and store CO₂)
- So far expressed level of ambition reductions by developed countries (2CP of KP) insufficient to keep the global warming within +2°C
- Availability of finance:
 - Developed countries commit to provide US\$100 billion per year by 2020 (Copenhagen agreement)
 - But the Green Climate Fund is not yet operational and almost an “empty shell” (few billions promised by EU, Norway, etc.)
 - Adaptation fund still need to be fed
 - Low carbon price on the market
 - Developing countries requires more calling for clarity and predictability



Context of negotiations

- COP 19 in Warsaw is seen as the half-way point between Durban agreement in 2011 and the negotiation of a post 2020 instrument by 2015.
- Complexity of the negotiation process:
 - Negotiating groups and items in parallel continue to increase;
 - Proliferation of UNFCCC Committees, bodies, etc. → increase budget of the UNFCCC (50% increase of the Secretariat budget)
- On REDD+:
 - Regular advancements since Copenhagen, through SBSTA discussions
 - Points that still had to be discussed in Warsaw:
 - MRV (and its link to NAMAs IAC), REL/RFL
 - **Finance**
 - Other points: non-market approaches, non carbon benefits, etc.



REDD+ Decisions

- **SBSTA:**

- Decision on National Forest Monitoring Systems Modalities
- Decision on timing and frequency of presentations of the summary of information on how all (social and environmental) safeguards (for REDD+) are being addressed and respected
- Decision on drivers of deforestation and forest degradation
- Decision on guidelines and procedures for the technical assessment of submissions from Parties on proposed forest reference emission levels and/or forest reference levels
- Decision on modalities for measuring, reporting and verifying

- **SBSTA/SBI:**

- Work programme on results-based finance to progress the full implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70

- **COP:**

- Coordination of support for the implementation of activities in relation to mitigation actions in the forest sector by developing countries, including institutional arrangements



National Forest Monitoring Systems

- NFMS be guided by the most recent IPCC guidance and guidelines adopted or encouraged by COP for developing countries
- NFMS provide data that are transparent, consistent and suitable for MRV REDD+ as well as consistent with MRV for NAMAs
- NFMS should be built on existing systems, assess different types of forest, be flexible, reflect the phased approach for REDD+ and may provide information related to safeguards



Information on safeguards

- The information to be provided by developing countries in their national communications or on the REDD web platform on the UNFCCC website
- Provision of information is to start at the time of the implementation of REDD+ activities and be done at the same frequency as the submission of the countries national communications on a voluntary basis included on them or via the REDD web platform on the UNFCCC website.



Drivers of deforestation

- The decision encourages continued work to reduce the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation and to share the results of the work, including on the REDD web platform of UNFCCC website



REL/FRL

- Adopted guidelines and procedures for the technical assessment of voluntary submitted reference levels by developing countries.
- The decision lists :
 - the information to be submitted by countries and assessed by an assessment team, the composition of the assessment team (one LULCF expert from a developed country and one from the developing country),
 - the periodicity and timing of the assessment and of the preparation of the assessment report.
- Invites Parties and relevant international organizations to support capacity-building for development and assessment of RLs



MRV

- Decides that the data and information used by Parties to estimate forest related emissions and removals, forest carbon stock, and forest area and carbon stock changes resulting from implementation of REDD+ activities should be :
 - consistent over time and with the established REL/FRL and
 - should be provided by Parties voluntarily in a technical annex in their biennial update reports (BURs), and expressed in tCO₂e/year.
- Decides that upon request of a developing country Party to receive payments for results-based actions:
 - two additional LULUCF experts should be participating in Technical team of Experts for ICA (one from developing country, one from developed country)
 - The ICA will carry out an analysis of the technical annex and prepare a report, indicating areas for technical improvement and capacity-building needs.



Results-based finance

- Finance channel (fair, balanced, targeted alternative approaches)
- Actions of countries seeking results-based payments must be fully MRV-ed
- Countries must have the full REDD+ package (strategy, REL/RL, SIS and NFMS)
- Establish an information hub on the REDD web platform on the UNFCCC website and request the Secretariat to insert countries' information on it (technical meeting to be organized to decide which information to include on the web platform and the format for insertion)
- Request the Standing Committee on finance to consider ways and means to transfer payments for results-based actions and the provision of financial resources for alternative approaches.



Coordination of support for forest mitigation actions

- Parties to designate a national entity or focal point for liaison with UNFCCC Sec or bodies under the Convention
- Focal Points meet together annually in June meetings of subsidiary bodies, but with the first meeting in December 2014;
- SBI to review in Dec. 2017 the outcome of these meetings and consider need for alternatives for the coordination of support for implementation of REDD+ activities



Conclusion

- Formal rules for REDD+ - The Cancun requests in terms of REDD+ program of work is reached.
- Some questions to be further discussed – calls for submission:
 - Safeguards Information Systems
 - Non-market based approaches
 - Methodological guidance for non-carbon benefits approaches in REDD+
- Other announcements:
 - Initiative for Sustainable Forest Landscape (ISFL) – new multilateral facility managed by World Bank to promote reduced GHG emissions from land sector (REDD+, sustainable agriculture, smarter land use planning and policies) – 280 MUS\$ (Norway, US and UK)





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