

UN-REDD is the UN knowledge and advisory platform on the forest solutions to the climate crisis. It helps its 65 partner countries to advance the implementation of the Paris Agreement, particularly Articles 5 and 6, in order to reduce deforestation, promote sustainable land uses, advance international cooperative approaches to climate mitigation and mobilise climate finance to turn the tide on tropical deforestation.

In the 2030 horizon, the UN-REDD goal is to help realise forests solutions to the climate emergency by avoiding carbon emissions and fostering carbon sequestration. As per IPCC report and UNEP's Emissions Gap Report, the forest potential has been estimated in the range of 5 GtCO₂e per year. In pursuing this international goal, UN-REDD will promote approaches that ensure the environmental integrity of carbon emissions reductions while supporting non-carbon benefits – from safeguarding biodiversity to supporting local livelihoods and promoting the rights of indigenous peoples.

RESULTS FRAMEWORK 2021-2025

OUTCOME 1 - FOREST SOLUTIONS REALISED

Forest-based GHG emission reductions and enhanced removals, of increasing quality (accuracy, certainty and permanence), achieved at a level of 1 GtCO₂e

Countries and jurisdictions implement REDD+ investment plans/programmes to deliver NDCs and to access international carbon financing

- Financing arrangements for REDD+ actions;
- Forest tenure and indigenous rights;
- Align and leverage REDD+ finance for COVID-19 recovery;
- Implementation arrangements for nested REDD+ systems;
- Integrate REDD+ into deforestation-driving sectors and their financing partners;
- Promote integrated land-use policy and planning.

Forest landscape restoration and low-carbon forest management accelerated

- Scale up investments in forest landscape restoration;
- Forest landscape restoration as local employment and income sources;
- National standards for sustainable and legal forest management.

Monitoring systems for high-quality and accurate emission data

- Ensure accuracy, permanence, environmental integrity and overall quality of results;
- Carbon accounting frameworks and policymaking;
- Normative guidance and technical assistance.

Deforestation-free commodity supply chains developed

- Reform and align fiscal incentives;
- Integrated REDD+ in business analytics;
- Redirect public and private capital;
- Public-private partnerships;
- Include deforestation-free standards in commodity platforms.

Safeguards addressed and reported throughout REDD+ actions

- Strengthen policies, procedures and institutional capacities;
- Monitor and report on step-wise improvements;
- Mainstream gender across REDD+ actions;
- Integrate indigenous peoples' rights.

OUTCOME 2 - FOREST SOLUTIONS REWARDED

USD 5 bn mobilised for REDD+ from results-based payment schemes, carbon markets and other transactions under Art. 6 of the Paris Agreement

RBP accessed for measured, reported and verified REDD+ results

- Assist in meeting eligibility requirements for, and access to RBPs from different sources;
- Input to the design of new RBPs programmes;
- Inclusive approaches to the equitable use of RBPs proceeds;
- Virtuous circles of high-quality mitigation results and payments.

Market transactions for forest carbon facilitated

- Support to meeting eligibility requirements for the ART-TREES, and for entry into emerging markets;
- Carbon market readiness assessments;
- Advise stakeholders on carbon rights and ER titles;
- Provide evidence-based inputs to standard-setting initiatives.

Private-sector forest carbon investments mobilised

- Advise private sector actors committed to invest in forest-based solutions;
- Facilitate partnerships between countries and the private sector for investments/offsets in forest solutions;
- Convene dialogues between project developers, investors, and governments.

OUTCOME 3 - FOREST SOLUTIONS ENHANCED

More than 15 countries enhance significantly the forest component of their NDCs in the 2020-2025 cycle, including quantitative targets

NDCs mitigation actions in the forest and land-use sectors assessed, accelerated and enhanced through time

- Enhance NDC forest-related scope and targets, linking to REDD+ policy and GHG data;

- Scope financing and investment opportunities for the implementation of NDC's forest components;

- Synergies between REDD+ finance and the implementation of NDC forest components;
- Stakeholder inclusion in NDC review and enhancement.

OUTCOME 4 - CONNECTING ACTORS AND KNOWLEDGE FOR FOREST SOLUTIONS

A global, transformative nature-based solutions movement accelerates climate action

Knowledge on how to scale up REDD+ implementation to accelerate climate action

- Produce knowledge and communication products;
- Maintain an online repository and collaborative platform;
- Convene south-south, global and regional webinars and events;
- Service communities of technical practices.

Collective political and societal support to nature-based solutions

- Articulate forest solutions with COVID-19 recovery;
- Connect, convene and assist global champions and leaders;
- Include the knowledge of indigenous women, men, and youth in NBS;
- Facilitate dialogues between companies and governments;
- Support NBS networks;
- Conduct public advocacy campaigns.

Digital cooperation and frontier technologies for nature-based solutions

- Promote frontier technologies and big data within the NBS movement;
- Digital cooperation platforms;
- Partnerships between NBS networks and technology leaders;
- Technical solutions and tools for forest data;
- Assist overcome barriers to digital cooperation and virtual engagement among marginalized groups.

TRANSFORMATIONAL APPROACH

UN-REDD will focus its efforts in the next decade through three inter-related approaches:

INNOVATION

Advance global thinking around climate financing for forests by operating as a “spark hub”, fostering innovative policies, partnerships, and approaches to REDD+ mechanisms.

CONNECTION

Bring together policymakers, private sector and civil society around forest mitigation, resilience and adaptation solutions.

ACTION

Provide technical assistance and policy advice through a mix of tools, technologies, long-term commitments and targeted interventions.

INTERVENTION PRINCIPLES

SPEED

Greater speed in delivery will be based on mainstreaming a step-wise approach to delivery, a greater standardization of products that can be deployed more rapidly and a more fungible budget allocation model, whereby funds can be deployed based on emerging opportunities.

FLEXIBILITY

The Programme will regularly scan horizons for new opportunities for intervention in additional geographies and maintain the flexibility to shift staff and resources to those new areas without compromising results and impacts from existing commitments.

SCALE

UN-REDD will focus on forest-based solutions that are commensurate to the climate emergency. This means that technical assistance, innovation, policy advice and knowledge management will be planned and delivered in ways that are catalytic and yield impacts of scale.

GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The Programme will build on the current decision-making structure, with possible adjustments to gain speed and flexibility in operations.

Work plans will place greater emphasis on attaining target outcomes (GtCO₂e results, REDD + payments, for example) rather than specific activities.

OPERATIONAL MODALITIES

The new operational modality will focus on attaining the indicators of success with added flexibility, making work plans, country support and stakeholder engagement much more result-oriented.

UN-REDD will continue to engage in situations that require a committed presence for an extended period, but will also retain enough flexibility to be a catalyst for short-term opportunities.

The Programme will gain increased political traction at country level through the UN Resident Coordinator system.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

UN-REDD would have a “core budget” to maintain the Programme’s institutional capacity and technical expertise, and a separate “operational budget” to finance activities and operations.

UN-REDD will establish inter-agency teams to deliver support services and respond to emerging opportunities. Different products or opportunities will require different team compositions.

BACKGROUND

The present strategic framework is based on more than a decade of UN-REDD work and lessons on the forest-climate nexus at global, country and community levels. It aligns UN-REDD to the major international development undertakings in the 2020-2030 decade, when the Paris Agreement enters full implementation and the Sustainable Development Goals should be realised.

Key steps in the process so far are:

- **Oct 2018:** EB starts reflecting on the future of UN-REDD, post-2020, in a brainstorming session
- **Jun 2019:** dialogue continues, EB discusses options for the Programme in the coming decade
- **Dec 2019:** an earlier version of the proposed focus of the Programme's future is discussed and improved
- **Jun 2020:** *NOW!* updated, COVID-responsive, strategic framework is refined further by Board members. It will then be complemented by a monitoring and evaluation framework
- **2021:** transition year of further refinement through consultation with EB, partner countries and donors