



Current status and outcomes of REDD negotiations under UNFCCC

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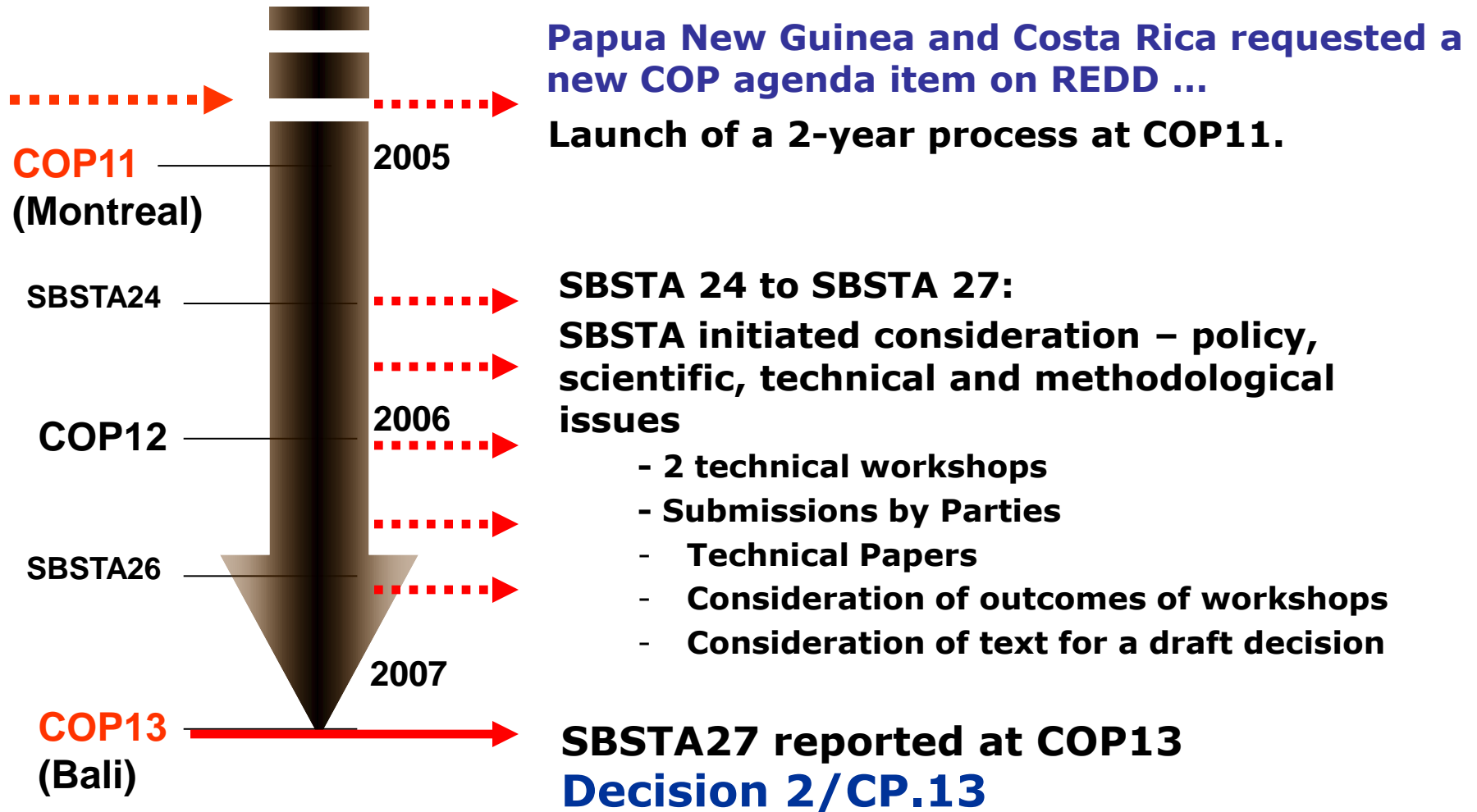
**International Seminar on Reducing Emissions from
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Outline

- Overview of the REDD process
- Outcomes from COP15: Methodological guidance on REDD
- Status of REDD+ issues under the AWG-LCA at Copenhagen
- Outlook for the future



REDD before Bali:



REDD+ FROM BALI TO COPENHAGEN

COP13

SBSTA28

**COP14/
SBSTA29**

SBSTA29

SBSTA30

COP15

2/CP.13(SBSTA)

- Work Programme on methodological issues (Submissions, Tokyo workshop)
- SBSTA identified the main methodological issues relating to REDD

•Extension of the Work Programme:

- Expert meetings on forest degradation and reference emission levels
- Consideration of draft decision text for COP15

SBSTA31 Report to COP15 – Decision on methodological guidance for REDD activities

1/CP.13 (BAP)

After submissions/proposals by Parties - REDD + important part of the Assembly Paper by Chair (end 2008)

Focus document by Chair (2009) – section on REDD plus

Negotiating Text at AWGLCA6
Revised NT - additional proposals by Parties to the Chair's text (June 2009)

Consolidation of text (August 2009)

Clearer and more concise text on REDD + (non-papers) (Sept – Nov 2009)
Consideration of draft decision text (Dec 2009)

Copenhagen Outcome



COP 15 Decision on Methodological Guidance - Main Elements – (result of the Work Programme under SBSTA)

- **COP adopted a decision** on “*Methodological guidance for activities relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries.*” ([decision 4/CP.15](#))
- Provides **methodological guidance**; guidance for **capacity-building** and **potential work** that may be needed to support REDD activities
- It also provides **general guidance** for the establishment of **forest reference emission levels and forest reference levels**. These levels should be established transparently taking into account historic data and adjusted for national circumstances.



COP 15 Decision on Methodological Guidance

- Main Elements -

(i) **Guidance that should be taken into account when implementing activities relating to decision 2/CP.13:**

- To identify drivers of deforestation and forest degradation and the means to address them;
- To identify activities within the country that result in reduced emissions and increased removals and stabilization of forest carbon stocks;
- To use the most recent IPCC guidance and guidelines, as appropriate, as a basis for estimating forest-related greenhouse gas emissions and removals, forest carbon stocks and forest area changes;
- To establish robust and transparent national forest monitoring systems and, if appropriate, sub-national systems as part of national monitoring systems, using a combination of remote sensing and ground-based forest carbon inventory approaches.
- Monitoring systems should provide estimates that are transparent and consistent, as far as possible accurate, and that reduce uncertainties, and results are available and suitable for review as agreed by the COP.



COP 15 Decision on Methodological Guidance - Main Elements -

(ii) **Guidance on capacity-building:**

- All Parties in a position to do so are encouraged to support and strengthen the capacities of developing countries to collect and access, analyse and interpret data, in order to develop estimates,
- Parties in a position to do so and relevant international organizations are invited to enhance capacity-building in relation to using the IPCC guidance and guidelines,
- The secretariat has been requested to enhance coordination of the capacity-building activities in the context of existing initiatives.

(iii) **Further work:**

- Work may need to be undertaken by the IPCC, in accordance with any relevant decisions by the COP
- Encouragement to develop of guidance for effective engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities in monitoring and reporting.



REDD+ under the AWG-LCA – During Copenhagen

- In Copenhagen, Parties started to consider a draft text for a decision on REDD+

(REDD+ refers to “Policy approaches and positive incentives on issues relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation; and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forest and enhancement of forest C stocks in developing countries” – para 1 (b) (iii) of the BAP)

- This draft text covered the important and core elements for implementing REDD+ activities, including:
 - Objectives, scope and guiding principles (e.g. country-driven, promotes co-benefits and biodiversity, actions consistent with conservation of natural forests, involvement of indigenous peoples and local communities, transparent forest governance)
 - Means of implementation (financing options for readiness and full implementation – funds, markets only, combination of markets and funds)
 - Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) of actions and support (e.g. establishing reference emission levels, national monitoring systems, use of IPCC guidelines, parameters to be MRV-ed)
 - Institutional arrangements (as part of broader financial framework, REDD+ under guidance of the COP, existing channels of finance)



REDD+ under the AWG-LCA – During Copenhagen

Parties were able to agree on a number of elements in the REDD+ draft text:

- The scope of REDD+ as part of mitigation actions in the forest sector;
- The core elements that need to be developed: a national strategy or action plan, national forest reference emission level and/or forest reference level and a robust and transparent national forest monitoring system;
- REDD+ activities be implemented in phases and choice of starting phase depends on specific national circumstances, capacities and capabilities of developing countries
- Addressing the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, land tenure issues, forest governance, gender considerations and safeguards and ensure full and effective participation of relevant stakeholders;



REDD+ under the AWG-LCA – During Copenhagen

Parties realized that not all the details could be agreed upon in Copenhagen and most of these details would have to be elaborated post-Copenhagen

Details needing further elaboration, either by the COP or the SBSTA include:

- Elaborate a work programme to identify LULUCF activities in developing countries that are linked to drivers of deforestation and assess their potential contribution to mitigation;
- Develop modalities for setting reference emission levels and establishing national forest monitoring systems;
- Develop modalities for MRV emissions and removals, forest C stocks, changes in forest C stocks and area from REDD+ activities;
- Develop modalities for MRV of support provided



REDD+ under the AWG-LCA – Status at the end of Copenhagen

Key issues that still need to be resolved in the draft text:

- Financing for REDD+ activities. There is general agreement that readiness activities need to be promoted and supported, possibly through fund based approaches. Financing for full implementation of REDD+ still under consideration (funds, market or a hybrid) and is linked with overall financial architecture for mitigation actions by developing countries
- Whether REDD+ would be part of NAMAs or a stand-alone framework/mechanism. Have links with financing, MRV of actions and institutional arrangements
- The inclusion of subnational level actions/ activities with implications for MRV, setting of reference emission levels and monitoring systems, design of strategies or action plans. Most Parties that support subnational actions see it as an interim step towards national level implementation.



REDD+ under the AWG-LCA – Status at the end of Copenhagen

AWG-LCA concluded its deliberations and forwarded the negotiation text still with brackets to the COP. (FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/L.7/Add.6)

The progress made at informal consultations under the COP, conducted by the facilitators, is now reflected in a COP document (FCCC/CP/2010/2). Status of REDD+ in Annex V of this document.

The draft text reflects the progress made by Parties at their final informal consultations before the close of the session.



Outlook for the future

Methodological and capacity-building related work under the SBSTA (undertaken by the secretariat)

- Initiate, undertake and report on steps for enhancing coordination of activities and capacity-building activities in the context of existing initiatives relating to REDD, as mandated by the COP.
- Continue liaison and collaboration with existing initiatives relating to REDD and capacity-building on REDD GHG inventories
- Support the Chair of the SBSTA in his efforts to explore ways of facilitating the coordination of activities relating to 2/CP.13



Outlook for the future

REDD+ under the AWG-LCA

- Draft decision on REDD+ remains bracketed at the end of Copenhagen (in annex V, FCCC/CP/2010/2).
- The COP extended the mandate of the AWG-LCA to continue its work with a view to presenting the outcome of its work to the COP for adoption at its 16th session (decision 1/CP.15)
- As the basis for its work at the next session, the AWG-LCA may wish to consider the texts in FCCC/CP/2010/2 along with the texts in FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/17 (AWG-LCA 8 report).
- Most Parties are of the view that the package of decisions relating to elements of the Bali Action Plan (shared vision, mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology transfer, capacity-building) needs to be agreed and adopted together by the COP
- The Chair of the AWG-LCA will be seeking the views of Parties on a possible mode of working to advance the work at the upcoming sessions.



Outlook for the future

- The Bureau of COP15 and CMP5 decided to convene the first round of formal UN Climate Change negotiations on 9 to 11 April 2010 in Bonn (AWG-KP 11 and AWG-LCA 9)
- Two major negotiating sessions are currently scheduled for 2010:
 - 32nd session of the Subsidiary Bodies (SBSTA and SBI), 31 May to 11 June in Bonn
 - COP 16 and CMP 6, 29 November to 10 December in Mexico
- April meeting would also consider the work plan for 2010 (whether more meetings are needed before Cancun, Mexico)



Ongoing work

- The REDD Web Platform -

- The COP, in decision 2/CP.13, requested the secretariat to develop a Web Platform where information (e.g. on ongoing efforts, actions and demonstration activities, resources to support efforts, capacity-building activities, methodological approaches) submitted by Parties, relevant organizations and stakeholders will be made available.
- Information on the following aspects of REDD can be found on the Platform:
 - Technical assistance
 - Demonstration activities
 - Country Specific Information
 - Methodologies and tools
 - Interesting links to related sites
- COP15 invited Parties to share lessons learned and experiences gained in the application of methodological guidance recommended in its decision and in the annex to 2/CP.13 through the Platform



Useful Links

- **Information on REDD under the SBSTA process**

http://unfccc.int/methods_and_science/lulucf/items/4123.php

- **REDD Web Platform (*where Parties, organizations and stakeholders share and exchange information on REDD*)**

http://unfccc.int/methods_science/redd/items/4531.php

- **Updates, documentation and information from the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA)**

<http://unfccc.int/meetings/items/4381.php>

- **Outcomes of COP15, decisions adopted and documentation**

http://unfccc.int/meetings/cop_15/items/5257.php





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