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Integrating REDD+ within a green economy transition

An overview

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1. A rationale to integrate
2. Progress made to date
3. An enabling environment
4. Looking forward





1. Rationale: core principles

- Aims to correct the undervaluation of ecosystem services
 - Supports a shift in the development pathway by decoupling human development from unsustainable resource use
 - Raises levels of environmental protection beyond that which currently exists
 - Recognises social equity considerations
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Takeaway message #1

Clear links exist between REDD+ and green economy objectives, both of which call for a change in the business-as-usual economic development to slow the loss of natural capital



1. Rationale: ecosystem services

Climate change mitigation is at the heart of REDD+

- Benefits are of avoided damages from climate change, estimated as US\$23/tC
- But, recognising costs of delivering REDD+ can be high
 - Capacity building
 - MRV
 - Opportunity costs

Enhancement of other ecosystem services, for example:

- Watershed protection
- Forest products
- Cultural values
- Biodiversity

- Potential contribution to human adaptation to climate change

1. Rationale: social benefits

- REDD+ processes are leading to changes in forest governance
 - Clarifying property rights
 - Strengthening participation
- Activities could also contribute to increased employment and income
 - Protecting existing contributions to the economy
 - Generating new opportunities in the formal and informal sector



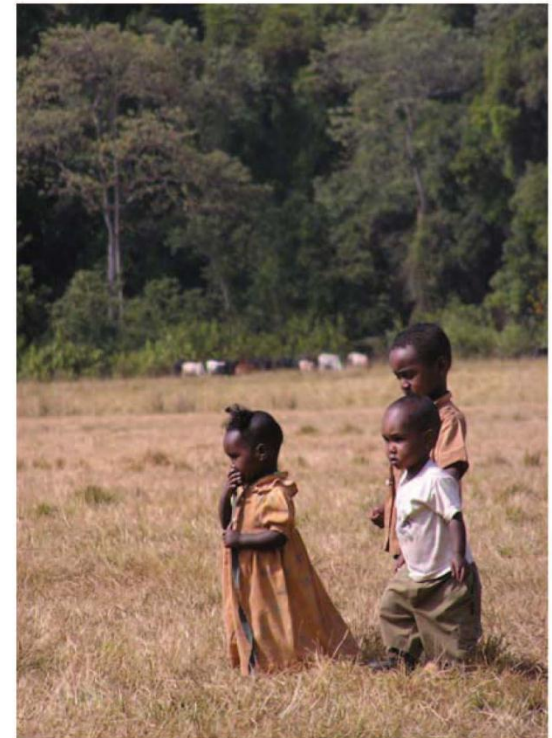
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Takeaway message #2

Integrating REDD+ within a green economy transition could maximise synergies in policy and planning, as well as reduce the transaction and implementation costs of pursuing each independently

2. Progress: country-level

- Motivations for progress differ:
 - Driven by the REDD+ agenda
 - e.g. DRC's REDD+ to a green economy scenario planning
 - Driven by green economy agenda
 - e.g. Forests within Ethiopia's Climate Resilient Green Economy strategy
 - Driven by neither debate





2. Progress: international-level

- International organisations, e.g.:
 - UN-REDD Programme
 - UNFF
- Private sector, e.g.:
 - Certification schemes
 - Commodity round-tables
 - Consumer goods forums

UN-REDD Programme

Outcome 6: Green economy transformation and REDD+ strategies are mutually reinforcing

- 6.1: Making a strong business case for REDD+
- 6.2: Technical advice in support of investment options and strategies for REDD+
- 6.3: Technical advice and support for addressing drivers of deforestation and forest degradation in the context of a green economy

Takeaway message #3

Progress can be made without dwelling on terminology, and lessons can be learned from initiatives undertaken over the last few decades



3. Enabling environment

- Limited direct experience
- However, enabling environment for integrating REDD+ in a green economy transition likely to contain recognisable elements

**Strong knowledge base
and tools for planning**

Good political will

**Appropriate forest
governance**

**Policy alignment and
cross-sectoral
coordination**

Adequate finance

Takeaway message #4

Enabling conditions are not necessarily sequential and bring challenges and opportunities. Efforts should build on the infrastructure in country and progress can be made before an optimal environment is in place



4. Looking forward

A rationale for integrating REDD+ in a green economy transition exists.

Progress has been made and opportunities exist despite challenges in creating an enabling environment.

More needs to be done on the '**how**' and we can ask ourselves:

- 1. How can lessons from REDD+ be distilled to create the enabling conditions for an integration?**
 - 2. Who should drive this process of integration?**
 - 3. What role can the international community play?**
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