

# UN-REDD PROGRAMME



## SOUTH-SOUTH EXCHANGE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN REGION

### Practical Experiences towards the Implementation of the Warsaw Framework for REDD+ Opportunities and Challenges Guadalajara, Mexico, August 11 – 13, 2015

#### 1. BACKGROUND

Countries in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) region are advancing in their preparation towards REDD+ implementation with different levels of progress in their alignment to the guidance established by the UNFCCC, particularly with respect to the Warsaw Framework (WFR), in order to obtain results based payments for REDD+.

A first exchange of experiences among countries of the region on the development of their National REDD+ Strategies and Action Plans was held in Quito, Ecuador, August 2014. The event provided a forum where LAC countries shared practical experiences on their preparation for the future implementation of REDD+. Also, this event allowed countries to brainstorm on possible ways to address the challenges and opportunities observed. As part of the follow-up made after the event, participating countries identified the need for additional exchanges specifically on the practical implementation of the four pillars of the Warsaw Framework, as well as on the development and finance options of results based payments.

According to the countries' different views on priority topics, the Warsaw Framework for REDD+ provides a common basis for discussing practical issues. In particular, the exchange of experiences on the ways and ideas encountered by countries to address the challenges and opportunities of implementing the framework.

The need to discuss these experiences in the region has recently become more evident considering that:

- Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico and Guyana have submitted their national reference emission levels to the UNFCCC and have developed experience in the review process
- There has been advancement in the definition of the legal conditions on the various results based payments agreements for REDD+ in which several countries in the region are involved
- Several countries have made significant progress over the past year in the development of their National Strategies and/or Action Plans.

In this context, the UN-REDD Programme<sup>1</sup> and the National Forestry Commission of Mexico CONAFOR<sup>2</sup>, considered relevant providing a follow-up space for learning and exchange of practical experiences among LAC

<sup>1</sup> The UN-REDD Programme is the United Nations collaborative initiative on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation (REDD) in developing countries. The Programme was launched in 2008 and builds on the convening role and technical expertise of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The UN-REDD Programme supports nationally-led REDD+ processes and promotes the informed and meaningful involvement of all stakeholders, including Indigenous Peoples and other forest-dependent communities, in national and international REDD+ implementation.

<sup>2</sup> The National Forest Commission (CONAFOR, by its acronym in Spanish) was created by presidential decree on April 4th 2001 and is a decentralized public institution which objective is to develop, facilitate and promote forest conservation, restoration and productive activities, as well as participate in the creation of plans and the implementation of the national sustainable development policies.

region countries. This time, the exchange intends to focus on progress towards implementation of the Warsaw Framework for REDD+ and the access to results based payments.

## 2. OBJECTIVES

- Provide countries in the region with a space for exchange of lessons learned on the progress and challenges on the implementation of the Warsaw Framework for REDD+
- Learn from country practical experiences about the relationships among the four pillars of REDD+ preparation, including its technical and legal aspects
- Identify possible solutions to the challenges faced by countries to advance in the preparation and subsequent implementation of REDD+.

## 3. AUDIENCE

The workshop is aimed at actors in countries of the region directly involved in the implementation of the Warsaw Framework for REDD+. The UN-REDD Programme will finance participation of up to three delegates per country. It is suggested that these delegations combine actors who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Oversee the development of the REDD+ agenda in the country
- Be responsible for at least one of the four pillars of Cancun (recommended to prioritize, as appropriate, responsible for the REDD+ National Strategy/Action Plan, for the development of the national reference emission levels and forest monitoring systems, as well as legal aspects)
- Act as focal point before the UN-REDD Programme or the UNFCCC
- Actively participate in the discussion and workspaces for the development of REDD+.

It is suggested that, if possible, delegations include a representative from the civil society and/or indigenous peoples. The invited countries are: Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic and Suriname.

## 4. METHODOLOGY

The proposal for this exchange is to work in thematic sessions in which concrete experiences and ideas from countries related to the implementation of the Warsaw Framework for REDD+ will be discussed. The thematic sessions will include two formats:

- **Thematic panels** in which specific countries will present their experiences on the subject, followed by time for questions and discussion.
- **Working groups** on specific topics, which may include analysis of case studies, followed by a report on plenary and discussions.

## 5. EXPECTED RESULTS

- Increased opportunities for knowledge sharing and fostering of South-South cooperation
- Participants have more information and knowledge to make decisions that will help them move towards the implementation of the Warsaw Framework
- Greater clarity to define next steps to work on the four pillars of REDD+ readiness, including its legal aspects
- Options and opportunities for the development of policies and measures for REDD+ and its integration into the regulatory and national policies framework identified
- Participants informed and equipped with additional elements to make decisions about their involvement in results based payment schemes, using the lessons learned from other countries.

## 6. EXPECTED PRODUCTS

- Identification of further South-South cooperation opportunities in the context of the implementation of the Warsaw Framework and follow up through communities of practice or other alternatives
- Video testimonials on lessons learned by participant countries on the implementation of the WFR
- Workshop report.

## DRAFT AGENDA

**Day 1: Tuesday, August 11, 2015**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Session/ Activity</b>	<b>Responsible/Participants</b>
8.30	<b>Registration of participants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UN-REDD Programme</li> </ul>
9.00	<b>Session 1. Opening and Welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening messages</li> <li>• Introduction of participants</li> <li>• Revision of agenda</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator</li> <li>• UN Resident Coordinator</li> <li>• National Authorities</li> </ul>
10.00	<b>Session 2. Possible relationships among the elements of the Warsaw Framework for REDD+</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Panel (countries TBD)</li> <li>• Discussion</li> <li>• Group exercise</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator</li> <li>• Rapporteur</li> </ul>
12.30	<b>Lunch</b>	
14.00	<b>Session 3. Integration of REDD+ policies and measures into national policies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Panel (countries TBD)</li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator</li> <li>• Rapporteur</li> </ul>
16.30	<b>Session 4. Legal aspects of REDD+ readiness</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction</li> <li>• Panel (countries TBD)</li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UN-REDD Legal Team</li> <li>• Moderator</li> </ul>
17.30	<b>Conclusions of the day</b>	

**Day 2: Wednesday, August 12, 2015**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Session/Activity</b>	<b>Responsible/Participants</b>
9.00	<b>Introduction to Day 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recap from previous day</li> <li>• Agenda of day</li> <li>• Announcements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator</li> </ul>
09.30	<b>Session 5. Challenges posed by the financing of REDD+ policies and measures and the management of various results based payments options</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation and introduction</li> <li>• Work groups</li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator</li> <li>• Rapporteur</li> </ul>

12.30	<b>Lunch</b>	
14.00	<b>Session 6. Technical annex on access to financing and lessons learned on the preparation of FRELS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Panel (countries TBD)</li> <li>Discussion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moderator</li> <li>Rapporteur</li> </ul>
17.00	Conclusions of the day	
19:30	Formal integration dinner	

**Day 3: Thursday, August 13, 2015**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Session/Activity</b>	<b>Responsible/Participants</b>
9.00	<b>Introduction to Day 3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recap from previous day</li> <li>Agenda of day</li> <li>Announcements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moderator</li> </ul>
09.30	<b>Session 7. Scope and implications of REDD+ safeguards framework</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introductory presentation</li> <li>Work groups</li> <li>Discussion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moderator</li> <li>Rapporteur</li> </ul>
11:00	<b>Session 8. Advances in the implementation of the recommendations of the Warsaw Framework on the NFMS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Panel (countries TBD)</li> <li>Discussion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moderator</li> <li>Rapporteur</li> </ul>
12.30	<b>Lunch</b>	
13.30	<b>Session 9. Analysis on the challenges for the implementation of the Warsaw Framework for REDD+</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work groups on topics to be defined according to challenges presented during the workshop sessions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moderator</li> <li>Group facilitators</li> <li>Rapporteurs</li> </ul>
16.00	<b>Session 10: Conclusion and closing remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conclusions per session</li> <li>Participants reflections and follow-up proposals</li> <li>Closing remarks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moderator</li> <li>Participants</li> <li>National authorities</li> <li>UN Resident Coordinators</li> </ul>
17.00	Closure	