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Analysis of Cancun Outcomes on REDD+

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Key elements of the Cancun Agreements



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- **Targets:** Affirmation of the 2 degree limit in temperature increase and agreement to consider a more ambitious 1.5 degree limit.
- **Mitigation:** Agreement to scale up efforts towards a global goal in 2011, including through NAMAs.
- **Adaptation:** Enhanced action and scaled up, predictable finance, technology and capacity building.
- **Finance:** Reaffirmed pledges, establishment of the Green Climate Fund, continuation of KP instruments, possible new instruments.
- **MRV:** Enhanced reporting for developed countries for action and finance, with international assessment and review. Biennial updates for developing countries.
- **Technology transfer:** A technology mechanism was established.
- **REDD+:** Basic definition of REDD+ mechanism.



Decision on REDD+ (1/CP.16 III.C)



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“Provided that adequate and predictable support is forthcoming, developing countries should aim to slow, halt and reverse forest cover and carbon loss.”

Developing countries are requested to develop:

- A national strategy or action plan
- A national forest reference level or subnational reference levels *as an interim measure*
- A robust and transparent monitoring system, subnational *as an interim measure*
- A system for providing information on how safeguards are being addressed



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Safeguards:

- Consistency with national forest programs, international conventions and agreements
- Transparent governance structures
- Respect for knowledge and rights of indigenous peoples and members of local communities
- Full and effective participation of relevant stakeholders
- Conservation of natural forests and biological diversity
- Address displacement of emissions
- Address permanence



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Scope

- Reducing emissions from deforestation
- Reducing emissions from forest degradation
- Conservation of forest carbon stocks
- Sustainable management of forest
- Enhancement of forest carbon stocks

Scale

- Accounting at the national level, interim subnational approaches allowed

Implementation

- Phased approach (planning & capacity building; implementation and further capacity building; MRV-able results-based actions).



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Financing:

First two phases funded through bi- and multilateral channels. Third phase (results-based) not yet decided.

SBSTA mandate:

- Identify LULUCF activities in developing countries, in particular those linked to drivers of deforestation and forest degradation; identify methodological issues to estimate resulting emissions and removals and assess the potential contribution of these activities to the mitigation of climate change (by CoP18)
- Develop modalities for monitoring systems and establishment of reference levels, and guidance on reporting how safeguards are being addressed (by CoP17)
- Develop, as necessary, modalities for MRV of anthropogenic forest-related emissions and removals resulting from the implementation of REDD+ activities (by CoP 17).



Other more “speculative”



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NAMAs:

- REDD+ as a NAMA. Will NAMAs allow subnational REDD+ actions?

Reporting:

- Biennial reports for REDD+?

Link to LULUCF

- Consistency between REDD & LULUCF accounting rules



Implications for REDD+ Global Initiatives



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- Cancun Agreements provide a robust basis to continue, expand and accelerate the readiness efforts.
- Aggressive timelines require that lessons be drawn quickly if they are to inform the process.
- Critical to promote consistency across national implementations in line with progress under the UNFCCC.
- Supporting countries to address growing expectations at the local level will be critical in the near future.



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