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Technical Working Groups

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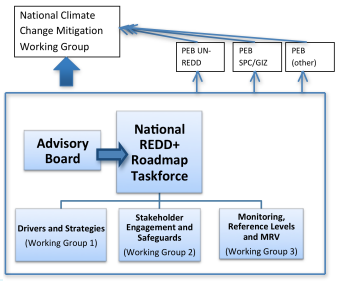
What are the Technical Working Groups?



- Focused technical teams to support the development of specific elements of the Roadmap and REDD+ process

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Operational Approach

- All three working groups will be a similar operational approach and responsibilities of members including:
  - Regular meetings (one a month?) these may coincide with meetings of the Taskforce
  - Conduct document reviews and provide feedback on draft documents
  - Share information with relevant stakeholders and the Working Group
  - Represent and consult with their constituencies to ensure that the views they present are both technically sound and representative of the people of the SI
  - Work with other stakeholders to support the development of approaches to REDD+
  - Attend training events to increase their technical understanding and capacity in REDD+

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What will they be looking at?

- **MRV and REL Group:**

1. National forest monitoring system (NFMS). Once developed, the NFMS will serve two functions:
   1. Monitoring of REDD+ activities: to assess whether REDD+ activities are resulting in positive outcomes. A key tool for this function is satellite remote sensing and analysis.
   2. Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions: to assess whether REDD+ activities are resulting in reductions in forestry emissions and enhancements of forest carbon stocks. Key tools for this function are satellite remote sensing, a national forest inventory and a national GHG inventory.
2. The second element is forest reference emission levels and forest reference levels (RELs/RLs). RELs/RLs are the benchmarks that the performance of REDD+ activities will be measured against. RELs/RLs will be central to determining the levels of positive incentives countries will receive for implementing REDD+ activities.

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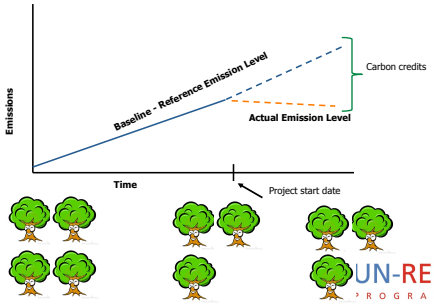
What is an REL



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MRV and REL group

- Key Elements of the work will look at:
  - GHG Emission
  - Satellite remote sensing and GIS
  - National Forest Inventory
  - Internaitonal guidance from the UNFCCC & IPCC

Outputs

- Analysis of information and capacity gaps in Forestry Inventory, remote sensing, and GHG Inventory,
- A plan of what actions need to be taken to address gaps and develop and effective system for MRV and REL setting

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Drivers and Strategies

Activities

- To look at what the existing and historic drivers of deforestation and degradation are – looking at both immediate and causal factors
- To review existing strategies in the sector
- To identify strategies to address drivers of deforestation

Outputs

- Background assessment of the state of forests in SI and forest governance
- Recommendaitons of strategies that could be used to address REDD+

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Stakeholder Engagement and Safeguards

Activities

- Identify different stakeholder groups relevant to the forest sector and REDD+, their capacities and levels of engagemet
- Identify a process of stakeholder engagement to be undertaken during the Roadmap and what could be done next
- Identify what are the risks and potential benefits for REDD+ and what safeguards are already in place at the national level and identify what needs to be done next
- Develop guidelines for how stakeholder engagement and safeguards should be addressed in the implementation of the Roadmap or through pilot sites

Outputs

- Guidelines for how stakeholder engagement and safeguards should be addressed in the implementation of the Roadmap or through pilot sites
- A plan for how these guidelines can be followed

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Recap

- Technical teams will support the work of the Taskforce in developing a naitonal REDD+ Roadmap
- They provide key technical support and advice in three areas:
  - Drivers and Strategies
  - Stakeholder engagement and Safeguards
  - MRV / REL
- They provide a forum for learning and training and a key forum for consultation
- They will meet regularly over the coming 6-12 months
- They will be critical to the development of the REDD+ Roadmap and this will be a key output of the groups

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