

REDD+ negotiations and key milestones from Cancun to Durban

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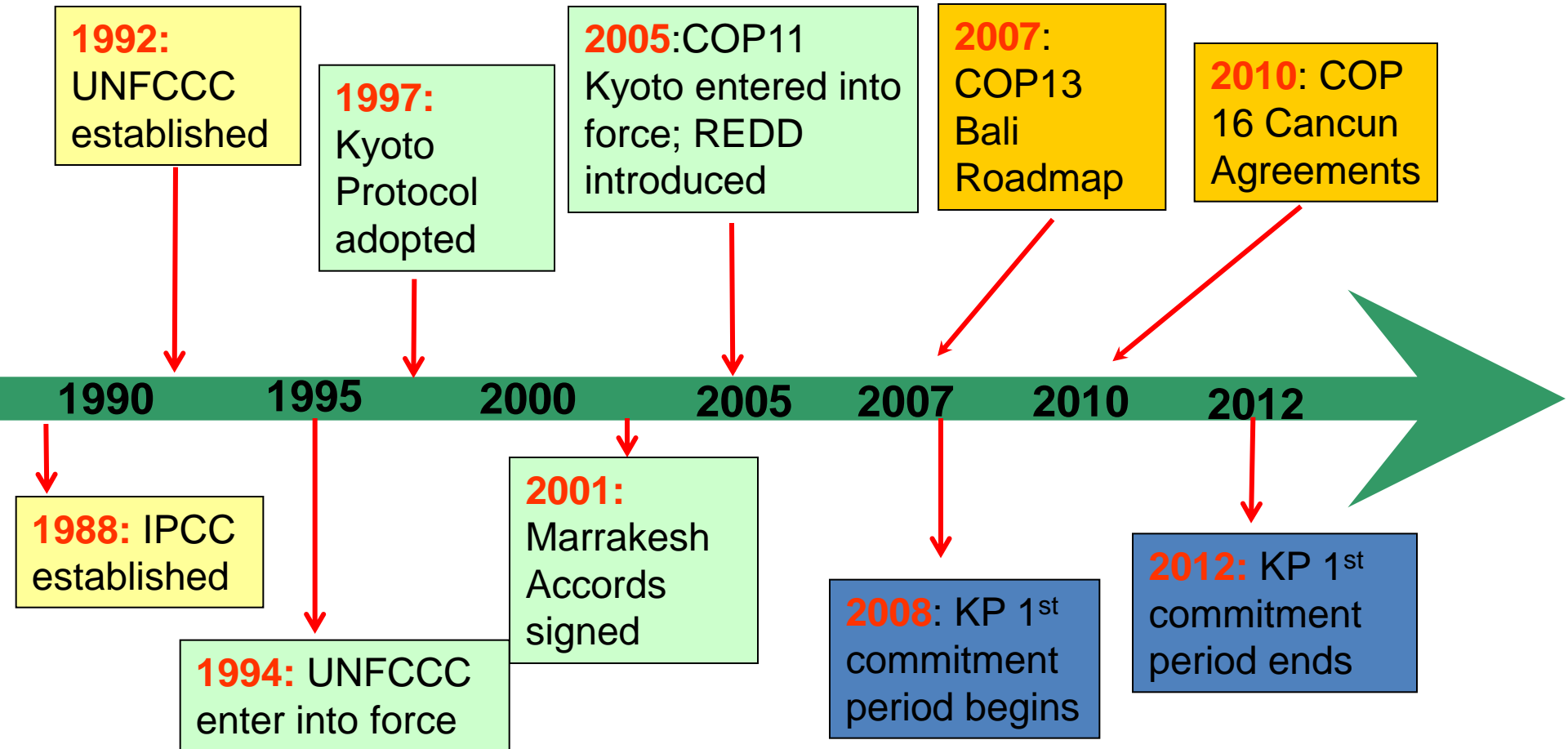




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Climate Policy Timeline





UNFCCC objective

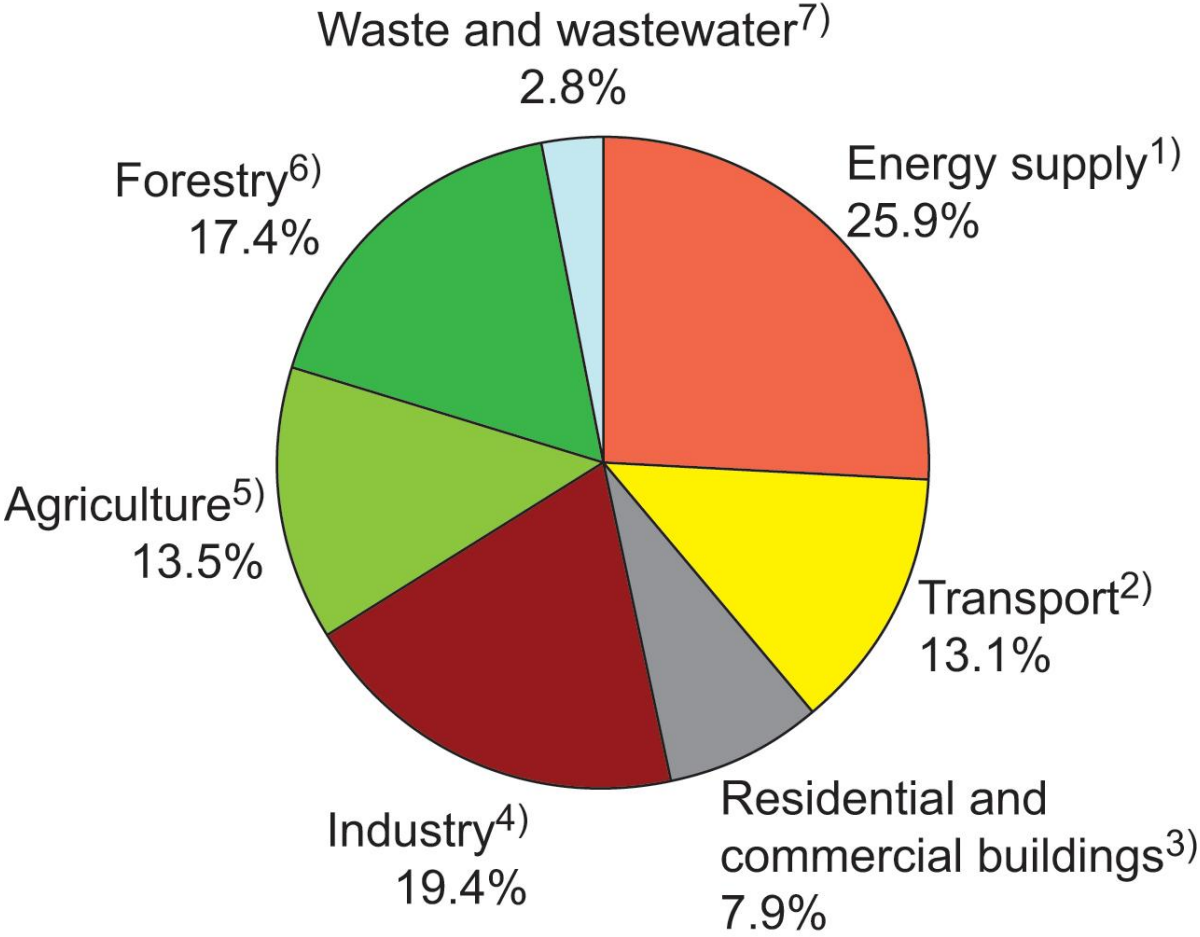
- “Stabilize GHG concentrations at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic (human-induced) interference with the climate system”
- “Such a level should be achieved within a time-frame sufficient to allow ecosystems to adapt naturally to climate change, to ensure that food production is not threatened and to enable economic development to proceed in a sustainable manner”



Kyoto Protocol and its mechanisms

- Treaty under the Convention. Sets binding targets for 37 industrialized countries and the EU (Annex 1 parties) for reducing GHG emissions
- Emission reduction targets to be met through national measures & flexible mechanisms (ET, JI, CDM)
- Some concerns:
 - Not all parties ratified
 - Targets were not ambitious enough
 - CDM had limitations (methodologies, scope, forest sector)

Global GHG sources by sector



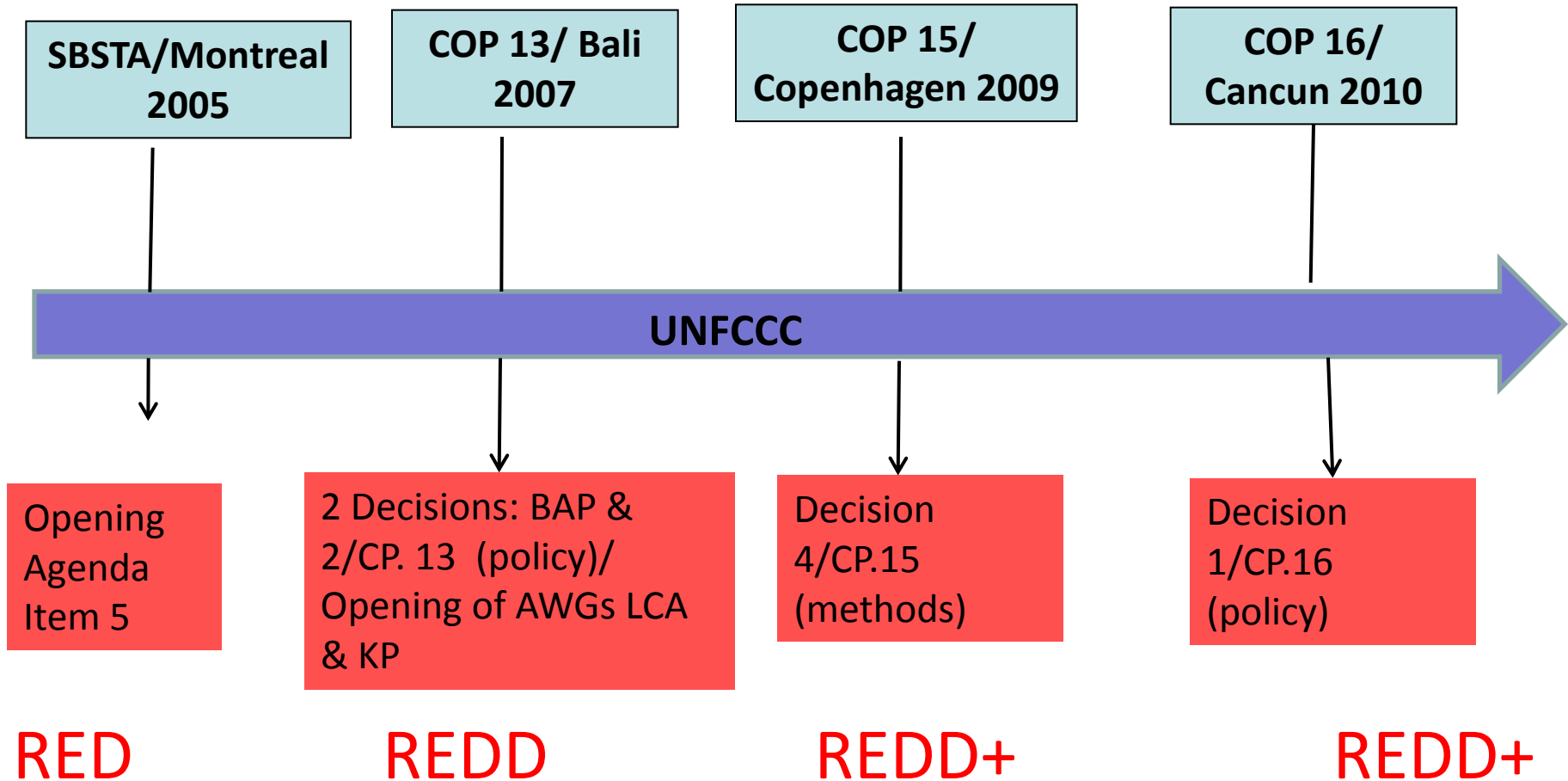
Source, IPCC 2007



Why REDD+

- Global deforestation: 13 million ha/yr for 2000-2010 (FAO 2010)
- Emissions from deforestation since 1990s at 5.8 GtCO₂/yr (IPCCC, WGI, AR4)
- REDD: forest mitigation option with largest and most immediate C stock impact(IPCC WGIII, AR4)
- 20% of the problem must become 20% of the solution
- Area of convergence between industrialized countries and developing countries: win-win
- Entry point to move into low carbon development strategies
- REDD+ could provide multiple benefits beyond carbon, addressing poverty and biodiversity conservation

REDD+ evolution under the UNFCCC





REDD+ in Decision 1/CP.16

Scope

- (a) Reducing emissions from deforestation;
- (b) Reducing emissions from forest degradation;
- (c) Conservation of forest carbon stocks;
- (d) Sustainable management of forest;
- (e) Enhancement of forest carbon stocks;

Scale

National with sub-national as an *interim measure*

Phased approach

- Developing strategies /action plans, policies and measures & capacity building
- Implementation of strategies, policies and measures
- Result-based actions fully measured, reported and verified



REDD+ in Decision 1/CP.16 Elements

Elements

- 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



REDD+ in Decision 1/CP.16 from Cancun to Durban

- By **COP 17** LCA is requested to:
 - Explore financing options for the full implementation of REDD+ results-based actions
- By **COP 17**, SBSTA is requested to:
 - Develop modalities relating to reference levels and forest monitoring systems
 - Develop guidance relating to safeguards
 - Develop modalities for MRV anthropogenic forest-related emissions by sources and removals by sinks, forest carbon stocks and forest area changes resulting from the implementation of REDD + activities



REDD+ in Decision 1/CP.16 cont.- SBSTA work programme

By **COP 18** SBSTA is requested to:

- Identify drivers of deforestation and forest degradation
- Estimate emissions and removals resulting from these activities
- Assess their potential contribution to the mitigation of climate change



Conclusions

- REDD+ progressed quickly in the negotiations
- Big items still unclear: future of KP, legal form of the new agreement
- Cancun agreements set the basis to implement and expand REDD+ readiness efforts
- REDD+ and NAMAS?, financial mechanism?
- Ambitious SBSTA and LCA agenda can be affected by delays in the political discussion
- High expectations in REDD+ countries that need to be managed and addressed

Thank you!



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