

# Experiences, progress and lessons learned towards a national REDD+ strategy in Ecuador



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# Progress in the REDD+ readiness phase

## Overall view on other elements to be in place for REDD+ implementation

### National forest Monitoring System

- Forest monitoring through remote sensing and field verification of data
- Multi-temporal deforestation maps for national level
- National forest inventory
- Analysis of drivers of deforestation at national and local level

### Forest Reference Emissions Level

- Definition of data, information and methodologies for the development of a Forest Reference Emissions Levels, for continental Ecuador (excluding the Galapagos islands)
- FREL to be based on deforestation maps, forest inventory and consistent with methodologies to be used for the GHG inventories

### Safeguards Information System

- Definition of a national approach towards safeguards – establish the scope for each safeguard according to national policies, legal framework and sustainable development national priorities

**Stakeholders engagement and capacity building efforts at national and local level as crosscutting elements and enabling conditions**



# National approach 'Ecuador's vision for REDD+'

The need to clearly define REDD+ policy, legal and institutional framework

## Policy framework

- National strategy for climate change
- Climate change mitigation and adaptation as a state policy

## Legal framework

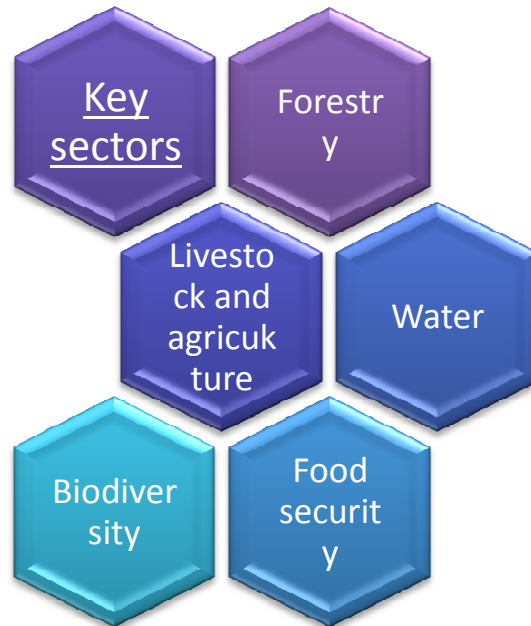
- Legal provisions for environmental services's use to be regulated by the Government – main focus on a non market approach

## Institutional framework

- Understate Secretariat for Climate Change
- Ministry of Environment as – National REDD+ Authority

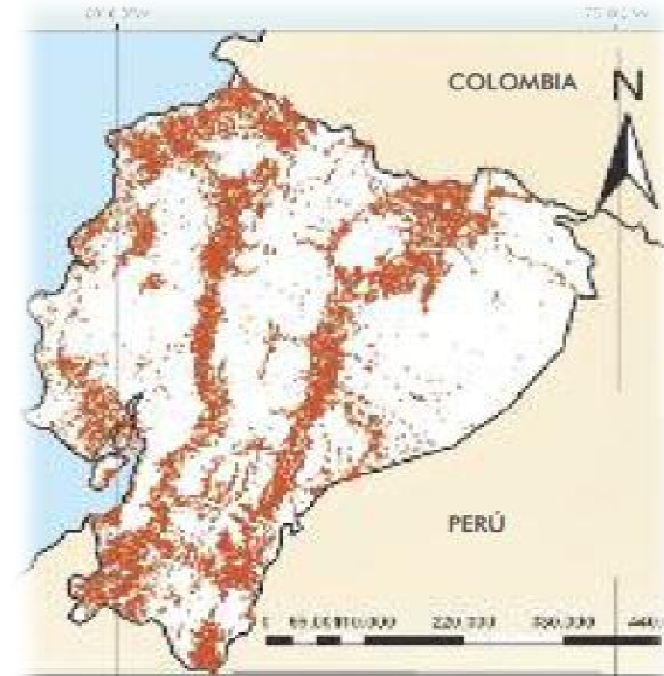
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## Strategic sectors for REDD+ performance



Aim to effectively integrate a REDD+ policy in other sectors based on drivers of deforestation and social and environmental key areas

*'REDD+ not as a goal but as a vehicle to achieve national development priorities in the land sector'*



Sector	t CO <sub>2</sub> eq
Energía	26.895.415,82
Agricultura <sup>a</sup>	23.270.693,00
Desechos	8.104.730,68
Cambio de Uso del Suelo y Silvicultura <sup>a</sup>	5.415.715,00
Procesos Industriales	2.754.590,34
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>66.441.144,84</b>



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*The need to link REDD+ with broader development policies and targets*

## Overall considerations – analysis criteria

- Consideration of drivers of deforestation at local level using spatial tools
- Identification of potential REDD+ measures and actions
- Geographical prioritization for the implementation of REDD+ measures and actions
- Economic analysis for REDD+ costs

## National policies related to REDD+

- Natural Heritage Governance Policy – including incentives policy for forest conservation and SFM (Socio Bosque)
- Policy for productive transformation in the Amazon
- Biodiversity and Environmental services related policies
- Food security related policies
- Land tenure related policies



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The need for the definition of an implementation approach towards a national strategy

REDD+ Activities to be fully measured, reported and verified at national level – national monitoring of forest coverage and changes, and emissions from deforestation



Results based finance for national performance – to be channeled using specific finance architecture for REDD+ results finance



Step wise approach for REDD+ implementation for results based activities – 'Emissions reductions from deforestation'



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Measurement, Report and Verification for Emissions Reductions from deforestation, at national level

REDD+ results based finance to be invested in:

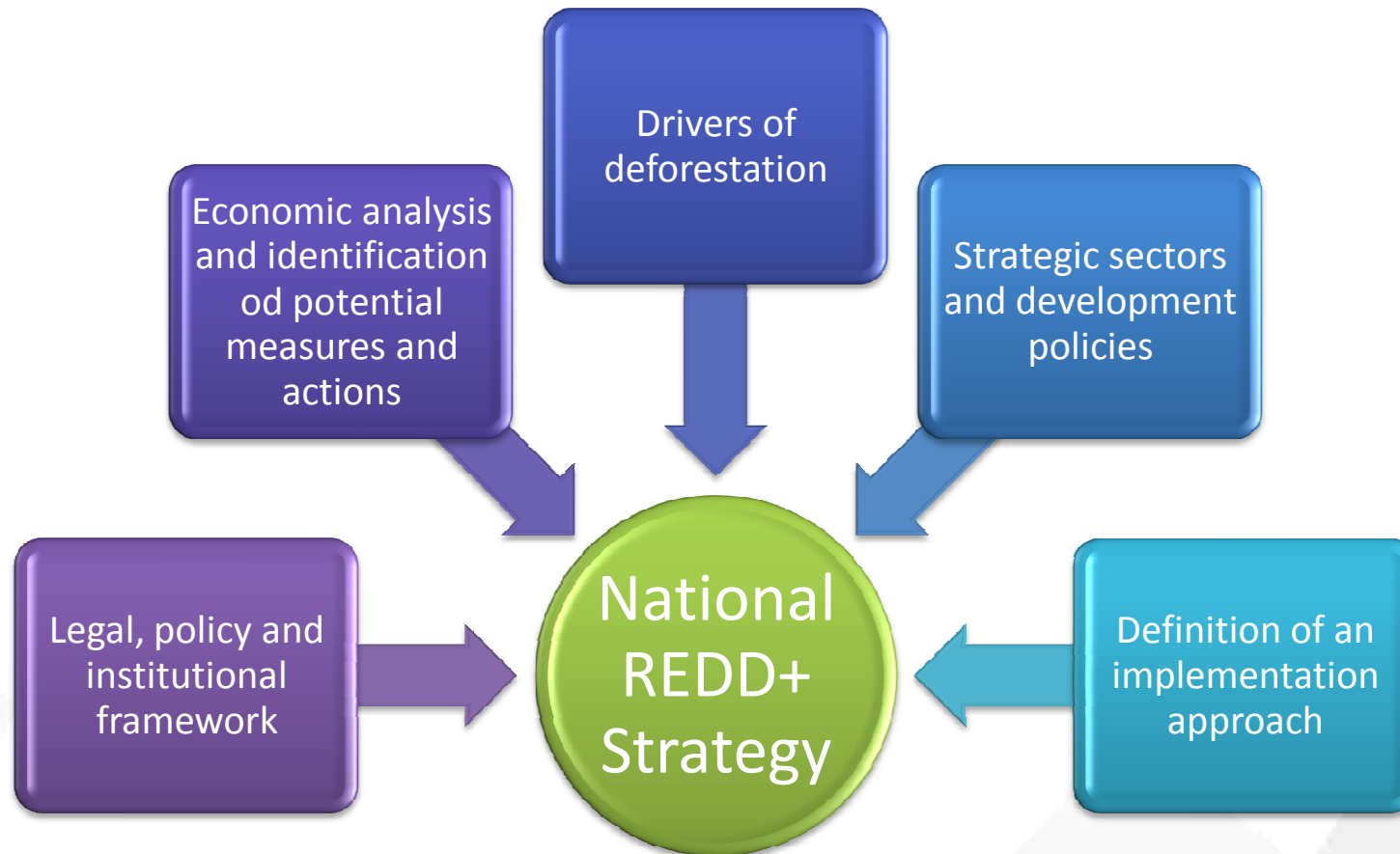
Strengthening of sectorial policy measures

REDD+ like actions to be implemented on the ground

Climate Change Mitigation in the land sector with a landscape approach

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## The definition of a national strategy



Supported by a NFMS, SIS and a REL in the context of results based finance





# National approach 'Ecuador's vision for REDD+'

## Main challenges and lessons learned in the definition of a national approach towards a REDD+ strategy

- ❑ The need for **effective articulation of REDD+ as part of sectorial policies**, to ensure a balance between REDD+ objectives and sectorial policies' objectives – long term sustainability of a REDD+ policy
- ❑ Existing **uncertainties regarding actual REDD+ results based finance options** – REDD+ is seen as policy that requires high investments and costs (ex ante)
- ❑ The **lack of understanding of the official REDD+ context at both national and international levels**, among key stakeholders promoted high expectations on REDD+ finance but also rejection from certain groups
- ❑ The **need to strengthen and build capacities** (including but not limited to technical capacities) with key stakeholders and in relevant institutions related to REDD+ implementation as a national policy – key partners

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