ABOUT US

The **UN-REDD Programme** is the "United Nations Collaborative Programme 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.

The **REDD+ Academy** is a comprehensive response to capacity building needs identified by the countries receiving support from the UN-REDD Programme. The main aim of the REDD+ Academy is to empower potential "REDD+ champions" with the requisite knowledge and skills to promote the implementation of national REDD+ activities.
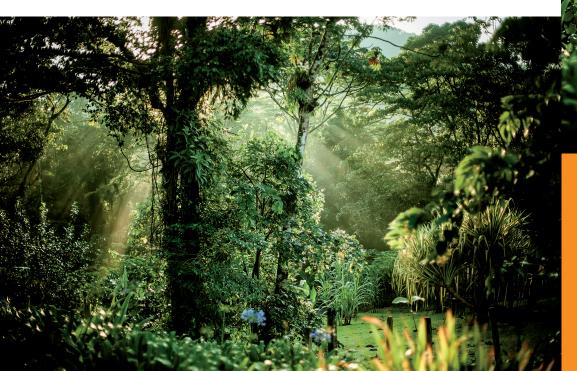
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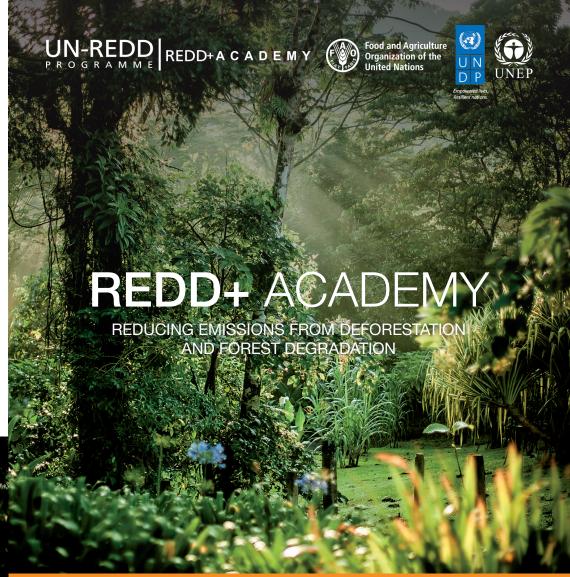
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WHAT IS REDD+?

Reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries (REDD+) is a mechanism under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). It indirectly creates a financial value for the carbon stored in forests by offering financial incentives to reduce emissions from forested lands and invest in low-carbon paths to sustainable development. Developing countries would receive results-based payments for results-based actions. REDD+ goes beyond simply deforestation and forest degradation, and includes the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks.

THE UN-REDD PROGRAMME launched the REDD+ Academy in order to match the scale of the global climate change mitigation challenge and enable systematic, focused capacity development to deliver REDD+ on the ground. Through a combination of regional and national REDD+ Academy training sessions, the REDD+ Academy is building capacity across the globe. In order to expand learning opportunities, the UN-REDD Programme in collaboration with UNITAR has developed the REDD+ Academy Learning Journal addressing twelve key topics in REDD+.

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MODULE 1: FOREST, CARBON SEQUESTRATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE
Learn about what's driving climate change, how climate change is connected to forests, and the potential of forests to help reach climate change mitigation targets. This module provides a general scientific overview that rationalizes REDD+ as an important approach.

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MODULE 2: UNDERSTANDING REDD+ AND THE UNFCCC
Discover where the idea for REDD+ came from and how it's been formalized in international negotiations, national actions and multilateral initiatives. This module sets the institutional framework for REDD+ and introduces the major rules of engagement.

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MODULE 3: DRIVERS OF DEFORESTATION AND FOREST DEGRADATION (DDFD)
Although circumstances vary, explore commonalities, especially at the regional level in terms of what processes, practices and policies are leading to deforestation and forest degradation. This module looks at how drivers can be identified, analyzed and prioritized within the context of REDD+.

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MODULE 4: NATIONAL STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS (NS/AP)
Delve into National Strategies and Action Plans, the cornerstone of REDD+ actions and investments, providing a framework to identify and prioritize REDD+ policies and measures. This module introduces the process of NS/AP development and describes cross-cutting issues such as stakeholder engagement, gender responsiveness, and national leadership and coordination.

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MODULE 5: NATIONAL FOREST MONITORING SYSTEMS (NFMS)
Discover why National Forest Monitoring Systems are a requirement of the UNFCCC for results-based payments and the role they play in supplying critical information on deforestation and forest degradation. This module discusses how NFMS can be designed and implemented and describes their role in reporting on greenhouse gas emissions and removals.

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MODULE 6: FOREST REFERENCE EMISSION LEVELS
Learn about Forest Reference Emission Levels and Forest Reference Levels (FREL/FRL), which set the benchmarks against which countries will eventually measure the climate change mitigation performance of REDD+ actions. This module presents the FREL/FRL guidance from the UNFCCC and unpacks FREL/FRL by activities and elements.

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MODULE 7: POLICIES AND MEASURES (PAMS) FOR REDD+ IMPLEMENTATION
Study different Policies and Measures that can be taken or mandated by Governments to implement REDD+. This module supports the identification, prioritization and implementation of PAMs through consideration of analytic tools, economic drivers and approaches to monitoring.

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MODULE 8: REDD+ SAFEGUARDS UNDER THE UNFCCC
Explore the potential of REDD+ to deliver multiple benefits beyond climate change mitigation, and learn about possible risks to people, livelihoods, ecosystems, and rights. This module presents the elements of safeguards identified by the UNFCCC and describes two key components: country approaches to safeguards and safeguard information systems.

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MODULE 9: REDD+ FINANCE
Learn why mobilizing financial resources for REDD+ requires a multi-pronged approach including meeting criteria for results-based payments under the UNFCCC and mainstreaming REDD+ within green economy planning. This module introduces the scale and scope of the global REDD+ finance challenge and presents possible avenues to shift the paradigm towards a new economy.

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MODULE 10: APPROACHES FOR ALLOCATION OF INCENTIVES
Determine why Incentive allocation systems (IAS), or benefit sharing mechanisms, are a critical tool in affecting stakeholder behavior in order to align actions with REDD+ objectives. This module introduces some of the key characteristics and presents design considerations for a REDD+ IAS.

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MODULE 11: INTRODUCTION TO STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT
Identify and learn how to engage stakeholders who have an interest or right in the forest and who will be affected, either negatively or positively by REDD+. This module looks at ways that stakeholders can be engaged in all phases of REDD+ including through the application of Free, Prior and Informed Consent and the establishment of grievance mechanisms.

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MODULE 12: GOOD GOVERNANCE
Discover how good governance for REDD+ is addressed by the UNFCCC and why it is a requirement for success when addressing the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, developing a national REDD+ strategy and implementing policies and measures for REDD+. This module outlines a number of tools that can be used to ensure good governance and introduces important accountability measures and governance factors.