

Background and Overview:

REDD+ countries are requested to have all four elements listed in the Cancun Agreements in place to access results-based finance, including a REDD+ National and/or Action Plan (NS/AP) ([1/CP.16, paragraph 71\(a\)](#)). Such NS/APs are expected to describe how emissions will be reduced and / or how forest carbon stocks will be enhanced, conserved and / or sustainably managed.

As there is no UNFCCC on the NS/AP design process, some REDD+ countries have requested guidance and support from UN-REDD on this topic. Two regional South-South learning exchange workshops were organized in 2014, in Latin America and Africa. The outcomes of these workshops may be beneficial to countries in the A-P region.

Priority topics identified in the UN-REDD Programme’s Knowledge Management (KM) Action Plan include: The four elements of the WFR, REDD+ financing and financial mechanisms, developing systems for allocation of incentives, and engagement with the private sector.

The Asia-Pacific KM Action Plan seeks to, among other things: “Systematically capture, share and apply lessons learned from experience on REDD+ readiness/implementation; and facilitate peer assists, country connections and knowledge exchange events”.

The UN-REDD Programme’s second regional knowledge exchange event has been proposed to address “National REDD+ Strategy and/or Action Plan”. It will be held in Bangkok, tentatively on 29-31 July 2015.

Objectives, Outputs and Impacts:

Objectives:

- Enhance country understanding of key issues and good practices in the development of NS/APs; and
- Advise the UN-REDD Programme on the required support for NS/APs.

Outputs:

- A workshop summary and a Briefing Note on relevant experiences and lessons learnt on NS/AP development; and
- Videos or other digital materials, which will be posted on the A/P E-Knowledge platform.

Outcomes/Impact:

- Enhanced understanding for participating countries on:
 - Key aspects to take into consideration in planning a robust NS/AP design process (roadmap),
 - The analytical elements that may contribute to the strategic decision-making,
 - Strategic considerations to shape the country vision for REDD+, and
 - Elements that may be useful to include in a NS/AP.
- Improved technical support to countries from the UN-REDD Programme.

Approach:

All participants are invited to take part in the first two days of the event. On the third (half) day, we intend to offer “country clinics” to identify how the UN-REDD Programme can further assist participating countries. We hope that technical staff from governments can attend this third day, but welcome all participants who wish to attend. The event will target a limited number of countries. Countries from the region will be involved in two ways:

- **Participating Countries:**

Countries at an early stage in their REDD+ NS/AP development process are targeted, to encourage lesson learning and the adoption of best practices. Countries at similar stages will be better able to benefit from country to country learning on specific issues and challenges. Focusing on a few countries will allow more stakeholders to attend from each participating country. Proposed countries include: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Fiji, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

- **Resource Persons:**

Resource persons will be invited to share lessons learned and best practices. These resource people will mostly come from countries from the region (e.g. Malaysia, Nepal, Indonesia, etc.).

Additional resource persons will be sought from the Latin American region. In particular the following countries will be targeted:

- Brazil: REDD+ visioning and integration in their wider national development framework will be highlighted, as well as the decoupling between GDP and deforestation
- Ecuador: strengths of their design process, REDD+ visioning and integration in their wider national development framework will be highlighted; and

Participants

Three representatives are sought from each targeted country who actively participate, or are expected to participate, in the development of REDD+ NS/APs, including national REDD+ Focal Points.

Participants should include a representative of non-government stakeholder groups directly engaged in the development of the NS/AP, including from civil society.

Relevant experts of the UN-REDD Programme will be invited to attend. The design of the event will emphasize country-to-country exchanges, through presentations and discussion groups. Presentations by the UN-REDD Programme staff will be kept to a minimum.

Foci of the agenda:

- The NS/AP design process and roadmap;
- The analytical work supporting the design process and strategic decisions;
- The strategic considerations shaping the country vision for REDD+ and the choice of REDD+ Policies and Measures (PAMs);
- The NS/AP implementation framework; and
- Challenges in developing NS/AP and support expected from the UN-REDD Programme.

Tentative Agenda

Day 1: Introduction to NS/AP		
8:00 - 8:30 am	<i>Registration</i>	
8:30 - 10:00 am	Welcome and Introductions (30 mins)	All
	Session 1: Introduction on NS/APs & Lessons Learnt from the Latin America Regional Workshop Presentation on UNFCCC requirements & generic elements and steps and key lessons learnt LAC and Africa (20 mins)	By Bruno Hugel
	Plenary Discussion (40 mins)	All
10:00 - 10:30 am	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Session 2: Planning the NS/AP Design Process Presentations on country experiences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ecuador (15 mins) Indonesia (15 mins) 	By Patricia Serrano By Heru Prasetyo
	Discussion Groups (60 mins)	All Counties
12:00 - 01:30 pm	<i>Lunch</i>	
01:30 - 03:00 pm	Session 3: Analysing drivers of DD and the “+”, and other analytical work Presentations on country experiences on analysis of drivers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nepal (15 mins) Multiple countries (15 mins) 	By Man Bahadur By Gabrielle Kissinger
	Discussion Groups (60 mins)	All Countries
03:00 - 03:30 pm	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
03:30 - 05:00 pm	Session 3 (continued) Presentations on other analyses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approaches to spatial planning (15 mins) Experiences on economic planning (15 mins) 	By Blaise Bodin By Lucy Emerton
	Expert panel on analyses of drivers and other issues (60 mins) (Representatives: Man Baradur, Heru Prasetyo, Leticia Guimaraes, Gabrielle Kissinger, Blaise Bodin and Lucy Emerton)	All
Day 2: NS/AP Design Process and Roadmap		
08:30 - 08:45 am	Recap of day 1	By Lucy Emerton
08:45 - 10:15 am	Session 4: Shaping the strategic vision for REDD+ Presentations on country experiences in developing a national vision for REDD+ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Malaysia (15 mins) Ecuador (15 mins) 	By Elizabeth Philip By Patricia Serrano
	Discussion Groups (60 mins)	All Countries
10:15 - 10:45 am	<i>Coffee Break</i>	

10:45 am - 12:15 pm	Session 5: Identification and Selection of PAMs Presentations on country experiences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brazil (15 mins) • Indonesia (15 mins) 	By Leticia Guimaraes By Gabrielle Kissinger / Heru Prasetyo
12:15 - 01:30 pm	<i>Lunch</i>	
01:30 - 02:30 pm	(Continue) Session 5: Identification and Selection of PAMs Expert panel (60 mins) (Representatives: Leticia Guimaraes, Heru Prasetyo, Patricia Serrano, Liz Philip and Gaby Kissinger)	All
02:30 - 04:00 pm	Session 6: Implementation framework for REDD+ implementation Presentations on country experiences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malaysia (15 mins) • Brazil (15 mins) 	By Elizabeth Philip By Leticia Guimaraes
	Discussion groups (60 mins)	All Countries
04:00 - 04:30 pm	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
04:30 - 05:00 pm	Session 7: Wrap-up – summary and next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrap-up – summary 	By Lucy Emerton
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plenary discussion 	All
Day 3 (Half day): Country Clinics on NS/AP		
08:30 - 08:45 am	Introduction to Country Clinics	By Bruno Hugel
08:45 - 10:00 am	Session 8: Country Clinics/Case study <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three country Clinics: Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal 	Three Countries
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A parallel case study presentation and discussion 	By Bruno Hugel and All
10:00 - 10:30 am	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
10:30 - 11:45 am	(Continue) Session 8: Country Clinics/Case study <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three country clinics Myanmar, Pakistan and Sri Lanka 	Three Countries
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Parallel case study presentation and discussion 	By Bruno Hugel and All
11:45 am - 12:00pm	Summary/Closing of the Event	Bruno Hugel
12:00 - 01:30 pm	<i>Lunch</i>	