FREL Module

Group Exercise: FREL considerations

Guidance document

1. Familiarise yourselves with your country:
    For the sake of this exercise, we pretend our country is Boganland!

    1.1. What make it unique?

    The following things make our country unique:
    -   We have a forest definition;
    -   There are 3 large islands in our country;
    -   The forest cover is more than 50% (very high);
    -   Our country is very large one (top 15 in the world);
    -   The deforestation rate in our country is very high.

    1.2. What characteristics will be important for REDD+ FREL construction?

    -   We have a forest definition;
    -   We have high capacity on remote sensing;
    -   We historical land cover data available for 2000, 2005, 2010;
    -   Emission factors incompleted (only AGB);
    -   We do have a lot of REDD+ project (very experienced);
    -   We do have REDD+ policies.

2. Consider the FREL technical elements for your country

    2.1. Is there an agreed Forest Definition?

    Yes!

    2.2. What would the scale of the FREL be (National, sub-national, nested projects)?

    Sub-national, because our country is very large, for piloting phase, it is much easier for being successful at sub-national scale, the we can scale up for the whole country. In addition, as said, we do have a lot of REDD+ projects going on, therefore, it is advantageous to make a FREL be a sub-national scale.

2.3. What would the scope of the FREL be (Activities, carbon pools);

Activities: Deforestation (con); Forest degradation – still on debate (pros).
Carbon pools: We do have AGB data, meaning that we can apply the Tier 3 for this.

2.4. What data could feed FREL construction (Historical activity data, emission factors)?

Land cover maps (2000, 2005, 2010), AGB data, information on logging, data from REDD+ projects.

2.5. Do you think National Circumstances will be important for modifying the historical FREL trend (stable economic growth, or expected increase in economic growth)?

- Our current circumstances is in need of stoping the logging, and clearing the natural forest for agriculture plantations.
- We should expect an increase in economic growth in our coutry for the near future because the rate is very high now (7%).

3. Based on the above, make a list of priorities for technical work for your country example that will allow you to construct a FREL for submission to the UNFCCC.

- Capacity building for NFI, for assessment of the forest degradation which is still in debate.
- Making more AEs because the current ones are not sufficient (only AGB).

4. Do you think the country may be able to submit a FREL to the UNFCCC in the next year, or is more technical work required?

Yes! Because we have strong motivated efforts and experiences, and more!