



National REDD+ Strategies Information & Knowledge Sharing Session

Lima, Peru
Monday 7 July 2014
1 hour 30 minutes session

Background, Session Objectives & Outputs

Background

REDD+ has rapidly gained international acceptance with major interest from developing countries as it is not only acts as a key pillar for addressing climate change mitigation under the UNFCCC but also as a new window of opportunity for financial resource mobilization for development. Unlike other mitigation sectors, REDD+ presents unique characteristics; in particular, REDD+ is cross-cutting in its scope, encompassing issues of land-use planning, alternative livelihoods, and the deployment of policies and measures in and beyond the forestry domain.

In view of the complexity of the REDD+ mechanism, the design of the national REDD+ strategy becomes a crucial task. In fact, national REDD+ strategies are the key-stone for the REDD+ mechanism, as the policy nucleus that should assemble such multiple sectors and components, in a coordinated manner, anticipating impacts and ensuring a transformational spirit. The REDD+ strategy is the anchor for the REDD+ system, with the other three required pillars being linked or even subsidiary to the REDD+ Strategy.

Results based payments have been shown to be a powerful lever to incentivise greenhouse gas mitigation. The REDD+ mechanism utilises this approach to promote countries to protect national forests. This is supported by the UNFCCC COP19 “Warsaw Framework for REDD+” which backed the package by initial pledges of USD 280 million¹. In the Warsaw framework, the Decisions 9 and 10 relate specifically to results-based finance for REDD+:

- Decision 9/CP.19: Work programme on results-based finance to progress the full implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70
The COP in this decision, inter alia:
 - Reaffirms that results-based finance may come from a wide variety of sources, public and private, bilateral and multilateral, including alternative sources
 - Encourages financing entities, including the Green Climate Fund in a key role, to channel adequate and predictable results-based finance in a fair and balanced manner, and to work with a view to increasing the number of countries that are in a position to obtain and receive payments for results-based actions
 - Decides to establish an information hub on the REDD Web Platform, to publish information on the results and corresponding results-based payments
 - Requests the Standing Committee on Finance to consider the issue of financing for forests in its work on coherence and coordination
 - Recognizes the importance of incentivizing non-carbon benefits for the long-term sustainability of the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70

- Decision 10/CP.19: Coordination of support for the implementation of activities in relation to mitigation actions in the forest sector by developing countries, including institutional arrangements
The COP in this decision, inter alia:
 - Invites interested Parties to designate a national entity or focal point to serve as liaison with the secretariat and bodies under the Convention, on coordination of support, and may also be nominated to receive and obtain results-based payments
 - Recognizes that in order to address issues related to the coordination of support, a number of needs and functions were identified
 - Encourages national entities/focal points, Parties and relevant entities financing REDD-plus to meet, on a voluntary basis, to discuss the needs and functions identified to address issues relating to coordination of support; with the first meeting to be held in conjunction with SBI 41 (December 2014)
 - Requests the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at the latest, at its forty-seventh session (November-December 2017) to review the outcomes of these meetings

¹ https://unfccc.int/key_steps/warsaw_outcomes/items/8006.php



Aim

Drawing on lessons learned from existing National Programmes and aiming to bring in experiences from partner countries that have taken different paths in implementing REDD+, the session aims at answering one critical question:

“Have REDD+ strategies been conducive to results based payments: lessons learned and good practices?”

Objectives

The session will take place in the shape of a panel with each country introducing their thinking and their approach to grounding REDD+ in broader development processes. The objectives will be to tackle questions such as;

- What are the challenges in the transition from readiness to implementation?
- What is the (i) sequence of activities and (ii) critical pre-requisites for performance based payments?
- How can REDD+ strategies be embedded in broader national development processes?
- How can the interface with other sectors driving deforestation be ensured?
- How can **iterative** and **incremental** strategies be developed in order not to delay action on emission reduction?
- Can multiple waves of payments be associated to different layers of actions?

Outcomes

The outcomes to this session will be;

- an understanding of varied and unique approaches of how National REDD+ strategies can be conducive to results based payments through country-specific stances,
- an understanding of the common obstacles in and necessary steps to achieving performance based payments,
- how National REDD+ strategies may be adapted and enhanced to best accomplish performance based payments.

Session Participants

Moderator

Mr Pierre-Yves Guedez

Panelists

Sri Lanka	Mr Anura Sathurusinghe	Conservator of Forests at Forest Department
Zambia	Mr Ignatius Makumba	Director of Forestry
Peru	Mr Gustavo Soares de Freitas	Coordinator of the national programme of forest conservation for climate mitigation

Rapporteur

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Information Session Flow

Time	Contents and method	Speaker
5 Minutes	Brief introduction to topic and panelists	Pierre-Yves Guedez
20 Minutes	Presentation on Zambia’s National REDD+ Strategy	Ignatius Makumba
20 Minutes	Presentation on Sri Lanka’s focus on drivers	Anura Sathurusinghe
20 Minutes	Presentation on Peru’s National REDD+ Strategy	Gustavo Soares de Freitas
25 Minutes	Moderated discussion and Q&A session	Pierre-Yves Guedez

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PROGRAMME

The United Nations Collaborative Programme
on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and
Forest Degradation in Developing Countries



Links for more information

<i>Site</i>	<i>Source</i>
Full list of all UNFCCC decisions related to REDD+,	UNFCCC
Warsaw Framework for REDD-plus	UNFCCC
The Little Redd Book	The Redd Desk
Lessons learned from the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility and the BioCarbon Fund	World Bank Carbon Finance Unit UNFCCC