

REDD+ SURVEY: NORWAY

Country background

Norway strongly supports the establishment of an effective incentive structure for REDD+ under the UNFCCC. Norway is prepared to allocate up to NOK 3 billion (approx. 500 million USD) a year for REDD+. To this end, the Government of Norway's International Climate and Forest Initiative works closely with committed tropical forest countries and international REDD+ initiatives such as the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility, the UN-REDD Programme and the Forest Investment Program. It also supports civil society organizations and the International Tropical Timber Organization in their REDD+ efforts. Norway only works bilaterally with a few countries, such as Brazil (through the Amazon Fund), Tanzania and the Guyana REDD+ investment Fund, to pilot large-scale models for performance-based REDD+ payments in countries with different national circumstances.

The Climate and Forest Initiative has three goals:

- 1 To work towards the inclusion of emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in a new international climate regime.
- 2 To take early action to achieve cost-effective and verifiable reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.
- 3 To promote the conservation of natural forests to maintain their carbon storage capacity (while recognizing the multiple benefits of natural forests)

For more information on Norway's International Climate and Forest Initiative, please visit <http://www.regjeringen.no/en/dep/md/Selected-topics/climate/the-government-of-norways-international-.html?id=548491>.

Financing commitments and expenditures

Allocated financing	Expenditure to date (US millions of \$)	Interim financing commitments (US millions of \$)	Post-2012 financing (US millions of \$)	Type of financing (e.g. loan or grant)	Details (including details of the activities being financed and the financing agreement, as appropriate)
	Up to 2010	2010 to 2012	Post 2012		
World Bank FCPF Readiness Mechanism	20.2	10	To be determined	Grant	Norway plans to continue to support the FCPF Readiness Fund depending upon progress in supporting countries' readiness efforts. No pledges yet made for future funding.
World Bank FCPF Carbon Finance Mechanism	10	To be determined	To be determined	Grant	Norway plans to continue to support the Carbon Fund. It could consider supporting the carbon fund with substantial resources if it allowed for piloting of "proxy-based" results-based funding on a national scale. No pledges yet made for future funding.
World Bank FIP		150	To be determined	Grant	USD 50–150 million pledged 2010–2012. 50 million committed for 2010. Funding in 2011–12 dependent upon (i) the significant participation of other donors; (ii) operational progress of the program (whether the program maintains a focus on REDD+ and demonstrates a clear link to readiness activities and results-based carbon finance); and (iii) outcome of UNFCCC deliberations on financing for REDD.
UN-REDD Programme	52	30	To be determined	Grant	Disbursed USD 52 for 2009. Approx USD 30 million pledged for 2010. Probable allocations will be in the same range for subsequent years—but no pledges or commitments made.
GEF*					

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Financing commitments and expenditures *continued*

Allocated financing	Expenditure to date (US millions of \$)	Interim financing commitments (US millions of \$)	Post-2012 financing (US millions of \$)	Type of financing (e.g. loan or grant)	Details (including details of the activities being financed and the financing agreement, as appropriate)
	Up to 2010	2010 to 2012	Post 2012		
Congo Basin Forest Fund	31	52	To be determined	Grant	Agreed amount of NOK 500 million (approx. USD 83 million). Approx 31 disbursed so far—approx. 52 estimated for 2010–2011.
(Please list any other funding mechanisms/research partnerships/NGOs that you are financing on REDD+)					
ITTO REDDES	approx 4	approx 4 (with further funding to be determined)	To be determined	Grant	Approx USD 4.16 (NOK 25 million) disbursed/allocated for 2009 and 2010. Further funding to be decided upon.
Guyana REDD+ Investment Fund (multi-bi)		Up to 30 million pledged for 2010	See details	Grant	Up to 250 million up to 2015, based on results.
Civil Society Funding Scheme	30	approx 80	To be determined		Disbursed approx 30 USD for 2009. Approximate numbers 2010–2012
Total bilateral financing [†]	124.69	510.95	455 (estimate)	Grant	Brazil, Mozambique and Tanzania
Total financing allocated:	271.89	866.95	455 (estimate)	Grant	
Unallocated financing:		**approx. 633	*** (see footnote)	Grant	
Total financing pledge:		**Up to approx. 500 million USD a year	*** (see footnote)	Grant	

* Footnote “GEF”: The Norwegian contribution to GEF in the current period is NOK 57 million per year (approx USD 9.5 million). According to GEF estimates (www.thegef.org/gef/sites/thegef.org/files/publication/forestry.pdf) about 20% of GEF funds are REDD+ related, and the Norwegian contributions to REDD+ could therefore be estimated to approx. NOK 10.7 million /yr. Allocations for the next period are currently being negotiated, and will probably not decline in the next period. These estimates are however only estimates.

** Footnote “Unallocated financing:” Norway has pledged up NOK 3 billion (approx. USD 500 million) per year for REDD+ efforts. The breakdowns for the allocations have not been subject to government decision, but the strategy of Norway aims to continue support to REDD+ through the already existing initiatives and the REDD+ partnership, as well as supporting results-based REDD+ in a few partner countries.

*** Footnote “post-2010 financing”: Norway is committed to REDD+ also post-2012, but no government decision for this period has been made.

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Bilateral financing expenditure and commitments

REDD country and activity	Expenditure on project activity to date (US millions of \$)	Interim financing (US millions of \$)	Post-2012 financing (US millions of \$)	Financing/ activity category*	Loan/ grant/ other (specify)	Details (please provide details of the activities, including the scale (i.e. national/project level) and if the agreement is with the national Government)	Partners (please list any funding or implementing partners, including NGOs)
	Up to 2010	2010 to 2012	Post 2012				
Amazon Fund	Committed approx 117	Committed up to approx 150 for 2010, based on results. Total estimated approx 450 (estimate, since contributions are results based. See details)	approx 430 (estimate, see details)	4	Grant	Norway has pledged result-based financing to the Amazon Fund until 2015. The payments are based on the results in reduced deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon, and could amount to USD 1 billion.	
Guyana REDD+ Investment Fund (GRIF) (multi-bi) (see table 1 for details)	(see table 1 above for details)	(see table 1 above for details)	(see table 1 above for details)	(see table 1 above for details)	Grant	(see table 1 above for details)	
Tanzania	approx 7	approx 50 (see details)	approx 25 (see details)	2 and 3	Grant	Pledged up to NOK 500 million (approx. USD 83.3 million) for five years 2009–2013. NOK 25 million (approx. USD 4.16 million) of the up to 500 million are dedicated to the work of the UN-REDD Programme in Tanzania. Approx. USD 7 million were disbursed in 2009, the other divisions between time periods based on NOK 100 million/year.	
Mozambique	See details: Component A: 0.06 Component B: 0.63 Total: 0.69			1		Component A: Support for the FCPF R-PP (USD 58 000/NOK 350,000) Component B: Support for South-South cooperation between Brazil and Mozambique. (NOK 3,800,000: 2009–10)	
Total Financing:	124.69	500 (estimate)	455 (estimate)				

* Categories of financing/activities include:

Category 1: Development of national REDD+ strategies and action plans, including consultation.

Category 2: Implementation of national REDD+ strategies and capacity building activities, including development of MRV systems and regulatory reforms.

Category 3: Demonstration activities.

Category 4: Performance-based payments for emissions reductions.

Currency conversion rate: USD 1.00 = NOK 6.00