

Challenges & Opportunities for the UN-REDD Programme

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Positioning and Perception of UN-REDD

- Challenge

- Some perceive (or prefer) UN-REDD to be bound to and follow UNFCCC decisions – this limits our operating space and hinders us from being proactive
- REDD+ community (and finance) sometimes appear isolated from wider development efforts
- Overlap with FCPF + High transaction costs for collab.
- How handle the delay in REDD+ regime development?

- Opportunity

- UN-REDD can be a bridge between UNFCCC and wider sustainable development policies
- UN system provides a platform for REDD+ implementation, emphasizing policy and technical advise services
- UN-REDD has a role also in phase 2 (and 3?) of REDD+

Making a difference in countries

- Challenge
 - Coordination (and competition) between agencies (and other actors) locally and globally – national programmes are not really “joint”
 - Often not well defined country leadership on REDD+
 - Fiduciary arrangements not always clear/effective
 - We lack enabling conditions for scaling up REDD+ at the country-level (are we to serve all UN-REDD countries? If so, how?)
- Opportunity
 - Build on UN role at country level for coordination
 - Coordinate with other resources for REDD+
 - Connect REDD+ to broader development efforts at country level

Operating as One-UN

- Challenge
 - “One-UN” is easier said than done
 - Agency procedures and regulations are difficult to harmonize
 - Very low delivery rate in many country programmes
 - Leadership is sometimes elusive
- Opportunity
 - One-UN spirit keeps UN-REDD going
 - UN-REDD brings experience to UN system on joint operations
 - UN-REDD (in the broad sense) is a driver for reform in agencies

Knowledge and Dialogue at international level

- Challenge
 - “Global Programme” is questioned by some parties
 - Competition between agencies on some topics and overlaps between work areas
 - Risk that guidelines and standards become UN-REDD specific and disconnected from agency mandates and procedures
- Opportunity
 - UN has a unique role in normative work – the Global Programme can build on this
 - Essential function to bring REDD+ to reality

Beyond the MPTF / Resource Mobilization

- Challenge
 - UN-REDD identity struggle – is the UN-REDD brand controlled by the PB or the agencies? (cf Tier 2)
 - How can the partnership hold together with a broader operating approach?
 - Low investment in/commitment to resource mobilization
- Opportunity
 - Very high potential of funding (GCF, FCPF, GEF, Bilaterals) with the Tier 2 approach
 - Strengthen focus on agencies' mandates and missions
 - Development of / Best practises for UN-WB collaboration

Programme Management

- Challenge
 - Unclear roles of SDG, CG, Secretariat
 - Reform of PB function
 - Increasing focus on internal procedures rather than substance and results
 - Need for better, results-based planning
 - Risk aversion
- Opportunity
 - Engage agency capacities more broadly (both on substance and operations management)
 - Re-establish agency leadership of UN-REDD, including by RC