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## Information Note on Prioritization, criteria and needs assessment

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San Jose, Costa Rica

## **Context and overview**

The definition of selection criteria and the resulting pipeline for the new phase of the UN-REDD Programme is to be guided and decided by the Executive Board, which will be established as of January 2016. However, in the spirit of consultation that prevailed throughout the design process of the 2016-2020 Programme, this session seeks to take stock of lessons of previous pipelining processes, identify potential considerations in defining criteria, and reflect on how such exercises can be best designed to contribute to the achievement of the new results framework and its associated targets.

As the Programme has already acquired extensive experience with readiness support and garnered a better understanding of steps and cycles related to the four elements of the Warsaw framework. As it engages in the 2016-2020 phase, the Programme evolves to include support to countries in addressing identified drivers and barriers, this new type of support requires in depth thinking and assessment to best determine how and where resources are to be allocated in order to achieve the targets and anticipated impacts. In view of that, the session will focus primarily on aspects related to Policies, Actions and Measures.

As such, and at a macro level, such a prioritization process could take into consideration progress along the four elements of the Warsaw framework, aspects of emission reduction potential, feasibility and ambition of selected PAMs, the support base enabling the large scale deployment of these measures across different stakeholders, as well as other dividends supporting national development priorities.

The session comprises two parts, a first introductory presentation by the Secretariat on portfolio-wide considerations, the different criteria and approaches applied by the Programme to build the project pipelines and the potential contribution of needs assessments to this process in the future. This presentation will connect some issues related to criteria in light of the new results framework, and may include experiences from other relevant REDD+ initiatives. The second part of the session consists of a panel discussion drawing on perspectives gathered through the country experiences in terms of connecting REDD+ to national priorities, progress against the Warsaw framework, and considerations when determining and prioritizing Policies, Actions and Measures that address drivers of deforestation and forest degradation or barriers to enhancement and conservation. As the programme will continue to support readiness in countries that need such assistance, the session will also explore how progress towards implementation can benefit a larger number of countries, therefore generating a new wave of countries that are ready to deliver emission reductions through the full array of REDD+ action considered under the UNFCCC.

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