Making Progress with REDD+: Applying Lessons Learned to Enhance Success

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Announcements

- **COP17 launch of the UN-REDD Programme Lessons Learned Series**

➢ First booklet: "UN-REDD Lessons Learned: Asia-Pacific" in **English** | **French** | **Spanish**

- **COP17 launch of the UN-REDD Policy Brief Series**

➢ First brief: "REDD+ and a Green Economy" in English (French and Spanish to come shortly)

- **Both publications are available on www.un-redd.org**

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Outline of Presentation

- **Overview of UN-REDD Programme – context**

- **Summary of REDD+ lessons learned from Asia Pacific**

- **Preliminary lessons from Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean**

- **Conclusion**

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UN-REDD Programme: Delivering as one UN

- **Established in 2008 by FAO, UNDP & UNEP**
  - **Response to UNFCCC Bali Action Plan**
- **Supports countries in their REDD+ efforts**
  - **Strong emphasis on capacity development**
- **Always envisaged working in partnerships**
- **Offers Joint Programming & Delivering as One UN**
- **On readiness collaborates with World Bank hosted FCPF, and other institutions working on REDD+ activities (FIP, GEF, UNFCCC Secretariat and CBD)**

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UN-REDD Profile

- **Focuses on national & international actions**
- **Leverages the UN mandate, presence & expertise**
- **Facilitates South-South collaboration**
- **Offers a development perspective: building on country development programmes**
- **Facilitates knowledge generation and sharing**

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Status of UN-REDD Programme

- **35 partner countries- 7 new requests to join**

- **To date, Policy Board has approved funding for 14 National Programmes with a combined budget of US$60 million**

- **US$48 million has been allocated to international actions such as MRV, stakeholder engagment, multiple benefits**

- **Eight partner countries now in implementation stage**

- **Total contributions to the Programme = US$139 million and US$14 million in pledges**

- **Four donors – Norway, Denmark, Japan and Spain**

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Asia Pacific

Lessons generated from 12 partner countries

Information, Monitoring and MRV:

- **Build on existing systems such as NFI systems**

- **Be realistic and cost-effective**

- **Participatory monitoring can supplement NFI and satellite data**

  – Limited to basic forest data (area, species, etc)

  – Can be cost effective, increase ownership and empowerment in terms of distribution of benefits

Asia Pacific

Most work done in Viet Nam

Benefit Distribution System:

- **All stakeholders to be involved in design process**

- **Apply principles of equity and good governance**

- **Link payments to performance**

- **Continued support and engagement requires evidence of future performance based payments**

Asia Pacific

Pacific Islands and Mongolia

Case Studies:

- **For Pacific Island countries:**
  - costs of REDD+ likely to exceed potential benefits
  - Weak capacity is major challenge
  - Regional approaches to develop mechanism for systems such MRV, BDS

- **Mongolia is first country with boreal forests to join Programme**
  - Boreal forests can be important for carbon storage

Asia Pacific

FPIC Piloted in Viet Nam and soon in Central Sulawesi

FPIC: Safeguards:

- **Not a single event – complexity of REDD+ calls for adequate time**

- **Innovative messaging and communication tools needed**

- **Use local facilitators**

- **Actions to reduce emissions need to incorporate FPIC into plans**

- **FPIC can catalyse greater participation**

Asia Pacific

Benefits Beyond Carbon

Multiple Benefits:

- **In some areas carbon alone may not be sufficient to implement REDD+**

- **Challenge is identifying synergies and trade-offs in multiple benefits of REDD+**

- **Absence of high quality and recent data could hamper decision-making**

- **Spatial analysis can be used to assist with decision-making to identify land use conflicts**

Asia Pacific

Initial Readiness:

- **A political process – recognize this dimension early**

- **Cross sectorial – national coordination critical**

- **Formal and informal mechanisms of consultation**

- **REDD+ readiness is more efficient and effective if harmonized with existing programmes, policies and laws**

- **Analyse existing activities of stakeholders with REDD+ readiness – gaps**

Asia Pacific

Based on Indonesia experience

National REDD+ Strategy Development:

- **Time allocated for inclusive process was too short**

- **Process could have benefited from data covering all parts of the country equally**

Africa

- **Knowledge needs to be captured, well-organized, clearly explained and shared broadly**

- **Coordination must happen at all levels (local to international) and across all scales for maximum impact**

- **Momentum and political will for REDD+ have been essential for the gains that have been achieved to date**

- **Integrating REDD+ into land use planning increasingly important**

Latin America

These are preliminary Lessons

- **Balance the time needed for effective engagement of Indigenous Peoples and the time pressure of the REDD+ agenda**
- **Build strategic partnerships for capacity development of all actors to deliver National Programmes**
- **Recognize diversity when addressing stakeholder needs**
- **Engage with multiple government sectors**

Conclusions

- **Awareness and capacity strengthening takes time**

- **Strong internal and external coordination necessary to achieve positive results**

- **Political will critical but need to translate that into concrete action**

- **Emphasize stakeholder partnerships that are empowering**

- **Clear, targeted and consistent communication on REDD+ is necessary to avoid misperceptions**

- **Land use planning critical**

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