

Interactive Session Background

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Context and background

In past Policy Board meetings countries have shared their REDD+ readiness progress and lessons by giving short, formal presentations. With a growing number of observer countries it is no longer practical for each country to make a short presentation. Further, the presentations were seen as a passive form of engagement. The UN-REDD Programme would like to move towards a more interactive form of engagement and exchange and one that creates space for all participants to contribute and learn in a less formal setting.

An interactive setting will allow participants to learn from each other through dialogue and conversations, as well as to discuss and draw common understanding of issues. Countries with particular experiences relevant to REDD+ (i.e. forest inventories, forest conservation policies, institutional arrangements and governance) will be provided with the opportunity to disseminate their experiences to other countries. Countries that are facing challenges on setting up the institutional arrangements for REDD+ will benefit from learning other countries' experiences on the same issues. Indigenous peoples and civil society representatives will have the opportunity to express their particular concerns and viewpoints among the PB members.

Thus, the interactive session will serve as a platform for horizontal knowledge sharing among the UN-REDD Programme Policy Board Members, aiming to contribute to the design and implementation of the national and global programmes.

Objectives

1. Reach better understanding of REDD+ readiness
2. To share lessons and experiences in implementing REDD+ readiness and distill opportunities and challenges
3. Promote leaning among and about the different countries participating from the UN-REDD Programme

Expected outcomes

1. Better understanding of what REDD+ readiness is
2. Discussion on country-specific REDD+ readiness experiences
3. Agreement on the opportunities that REDD+ offers
4. Identification of challenges and initial ideas of how to respond
5. Horizontal learning from specific forest and conservation experiences relevant to REDD+
6. Greater engagement and exchange among PB members

Participants: All PB members and observers

Session's duration: 2 hours

Methodology

This session is designed to replace traditional presentations by country with an interactive session that will permit countries to engage in a proactive manner. The group will be divided by language: English, French and Spanish speakers. Each group will pick a member or have a volunteer to present a question or challenge that the participant is facing while designing its country's REDD+ readiness programme or strategy. Questions or challenges may be country specific, however participants will be encouraged to choose issues held in common with other countries (i.e. IP/CSO engagement at different stages of REDD+ readiness, or designing robust national MRV systems). The group will then initiate a conversation where participants, based on their own experiences, discuss challenges, opportunities and potential solutions. Participation of each group member will be encouraged by facilitators. The group will be helped by the facilitator to, summarize the main findings. Participants can rotate and visit the other groups to participate in their discussions. Group work will be followed by a discussion in plenary to draw main conclusions and key findings.