

CAMBODIA REDD+ PROGRAMME

UNFCCC negotiations with focus on REDD+

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UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) – 1992

Kyoto Protocol – 1997

- 1st commitment period
 2008-2012
- 2nd commitment period
 2013-2020

Durban Platform

- 2020 agreement by 2015
- Ambition before 2020

Pledges under the convention

- Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI)
- Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA)

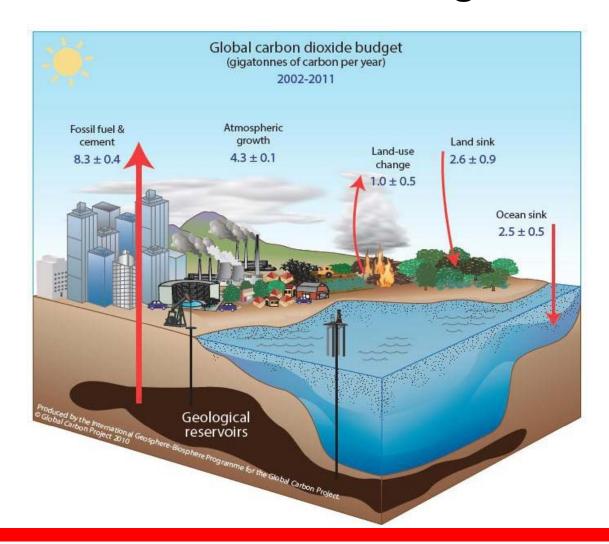


Kyoto Protocol

- National emission reduction target involves all anthropogenic emissions compared to emissions in 1990 (with a few exceptions) from five sectors: Energy, Industry, Transport, Agriculture, Waste
- Land Use, land Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF) is treated different. Some activities are voluntary and forest activities are not compared to 1990 emissions and removals



The land use sector is significant





Kyoto Protocol



- Flexible mechanisms
 - Trading of emission rights
 - Joint Implementation
 - Clean Development Mechanism (CDM)

CDM includes afforestation and reforestation



Land Use Land Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF)

- Only sector with both emissions and removals
- Very difficult to separate anthropogenic and nonanthropogenic emissions and removals
- Ecosystems can be carbon saturated
- Slow removals fast emissions
- Countries have very different forests which made negotiations very difficult
- Closely related to REDD+



COP11 2005 in Montreal

 Papua New Guinea and Costa Rice raises RED to the COP agenda – later the Coalition of Rainforest Nations was established



Before COP11

- RED was discussed already in 1997 (Kyoto Protocol) but with lots of concern about the project approach:
 - leakage (displacement of emissions);
 - permanence (reversals) and;
 - additionality



COP12 2006 in Nairobi



- The Congo Basin countries worked hard to include degradation into the RED
- Brazil and others were skeptical due to the added complexity



COP13 2007 in Bali

 First REDD decision – calls for demonstration activities and provides indicate guidance

Include the second D (degradation)

 India supported by China wanted to add the (+). The Bali decision separate the activities with a semicolon



COP13 2007 in Bali



 REDD received a lot of attention in Bali, Norway pledged significant financial support, the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) was launched, NGOs and IPs were starting to become very active



After COP13 2008

- UN-REDD was launched
- A number of important studies high-lighted the importance of mitigation by reducing emissions from deforestation
 - Stern Review Report
 - The Eliasch Review
- Heads of State meet to discus REDD





Cambodia REDD+ National Programme

COP15 2009 in Copenhagen

- Very large meeting 40.000+ participants
- Copenhagen Accords REDD and forest plays a prominent role in this text, two appendixes with pledges of actions, - blame game in the end – impossible to reach a binding agreement
- Fast start finance pledge 30 billion US\$ 2010-2012, 100 billion in 2020
- Important methodological decision on REDD(+)



After COP15 2010

 The Interim REDD+ Partnership was established after initiative from France and Norway



COP16 2010 in Cancun

- Important REDD+ agreement, five activities all equal, framework for implementation, principles and safeguards.
 - -finance still missing (fund or carbon market)
- Confirmed many of the compromises reached in Copenhagen – Green Climate Fund
- LULUCF decision on a review process for proposed reference levels for forest management



COP17 2011 in Durban

- Durban Platform by 2015 agree a binding agreement applicable to all from 2020 – equity – a spectrum of commitments – key terms
- Ad Hoc Working Group on Durban Platform (ADP) was established
- REDD+ decision on
 - guidance on systems for providing information on how safeguards are addressed and respected and
 - modalities for forest reference emission levels and forest reference levels
- LULUCF agreement under the Kyoto Protocol



LULUCF agreement

- Mandatory accounting for forest management compared to an agreed reference level (like REDD+) – some flexibility in setting the reference level
- Accounting for agriculture soils is still voluntary
- Provisions to deal with natural disturbance could also be relevant for REDD+
- Harvested Wood Products (HWP) introduced as a carbon pool



After COP 17

- The Green Climate Fund is placed in South Korea
- Canada decides to step out of the Kyoto Protocol
- Russia, Japan and New Zealand will not take reduction commitments under the second commitment period of the KP



COP18 2012 in Doha

- Kyoto Protocol eight year commitment period
- No access to CDM for Annex 1 Parties with no Kyoto Protocol commitments
- Financing post 2012 not solved
- REDD+ honeymoon is over



REDD+ difficulties

 Agreement on National Forest Monitoring systems and MRV failed in Doha due to disagreement about independent verification of results - linked to the overall 2015 negotiations



REDD+ difficulties

 REDD+ financing is not likely to be solved before the overall financing is solved and this is most likely to happen when an international climate agreement will be agreed in 2015

Unclear how the GCF Board will treat REDD+



REDD+ in 2013 and 2014

- National Forest Monitoring and MRV
- Frequency of submission with summary information on safeguards
- Process for review of reference levels
- Something on drivers difficult because SBSTA is not about policy
- REDD+ financing



Open issues

- Non-carbon benefits
- Will sub-national implementation be recognized as phase two only
 - possible issues regarding to permanence and displacement of emissions



The future

 How will a global agreement applicable to all Parties from 2020 look for LULUCF, REDD+ and agriculture?

 Will REDD+ be part of the global effort to enhance the level of ambition before 2020?



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Thank You

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