REDD+ Readiness: An Introduction

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What is REDD+?

Definition:

Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation; and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks

+ = conservation, SMF and enhancement of stocks
REDD+ discussions under the UNFCCC

2005
- **COP11 (Montreal):** Papua New Guinea & Costa Rica ask for a new agenda item called “Reducing Emissions from deforestation”: Launch of a two-year process

2006
- **COP12 (Nairobi):** Agreement on a second workshop

2007
- **SBSTA26:** Consideration of workshop reports & draft decision
- **COP13 (Bali):** Bali Action Plan: Non-Annex I Parties to undertake measurable, reportable & verifiable NAMAs; REDD+ activities introduced; guidance on demonstration activities

2008
- **COP14 (Poznan):** Paving the way for COP15...

2009
- **SBSTA29:** Expert meeting on reference emission levels; draft decision for COP15

2010
- **COP15 (Copenhagen):** Methodological guidance on REDD+ activities, including: national forest monitoring systems required to estimate GHGs from forestry activities

2011
- **COP16 (Cancun):** Cancun Agreements: guidance on implementation of REDD+ activities, including: national forest monitoring systems required to monitor and report on REDD+ activities
- **COP17 (Durban):** Guidance on forest reference emission levels and forest reference levels for REDD+ activities and on systems for providing information on REDD+ safeguards
REDD+ participating countries must deliver:

- A national REDD+ strategy
- A national Reference Emission Level or forest Reference Level
- A robust and transparent national forest monitoring system
- A system for providing information on how safeguards are addressed

According to paragraph 71 of Decision 1/CP.16
REDD+ Readiness and the phased approach

**Phase 1: Preparation**
- Prepare national REDD+ strategy
- Capacity-building

2 - 5 years

**Phase 2: Implementation**
- Demonstration activities and piloting of REDD+ strategy
- More capacity building

2 - 5 years

**Phase 3: Revenues ($)**
- Incentives for demonstrated emission reductions
- Must be measured, reported and verified

At least 5 years after phase 1 begins

**REDD+ Readiness**
• REDD+ Readiness is not REDD+

• UN-REDD is not REDD+
At what stage are countries in the Asia Pacific region?

- REDD+ implementation (phase 3) can only happen as part of an international climate change agreement
- Dependent on UNFCCC negotiations
- Viet Nam – UN-REDD phase 2, but is phase 1 complete?
- Indonesia – also entering into phase 2 demonstration activities – but not through UN-REDD
- Isolated examples of voluntary REDD+ projects in other countries, but all essentially in phase 1
- More complex and time-consuming than first thought
Six REDD+ Readiness Components

- Management of Readiness
- Stakeholder Engagement
- REDD+ Implementation Framework
- REDD+ Strategy Setting
- Reference (RL/REL) Scenario
- National Monitoring (MRV) System
Management of Readiness

• Mapping institutional responsibilities, identifying gaps
• Adapting/creating new bodies
  – Decision-making committees
  – Technical working groups
  – Multi-stakeholder forum
Stakeholder engagement

- Consultation processes
- Awareness raising
- Free Prior Informed Consent (FPIC)
- Grievance mechanism
REDD+ Strategy

• Assessment of land use, policy, governance
• Identify drivers of deforestation and degradation
• Identify potential policies and measures to address drivers
• Demonstration activities to test policies and measures
REDD+ Implementation Framework

- Capacity building
- Information management
- Policy and legislative alignment
- Forest rights and land tenure systems
- Financial framework for resource allocation
- Social and environmental safeguards
RELs/RLs

- Historical data on forest cover and activities
- Assessment of national circumstances
- Build institutional and technical capacity
- Develop and test RELs/RLs
National Forest Monitoring System

- Forest and Land use classification
- National Forest Inventory
- Satellite Land Monitoring System
- Greenhouse Gas Inventory
- Monitoring of REDD+ policies and measures
- Assessment of multiple benefits
- Transparent Forest Information System, database
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Thank You

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