

## **5.6 Presentation Materials of Session 1**



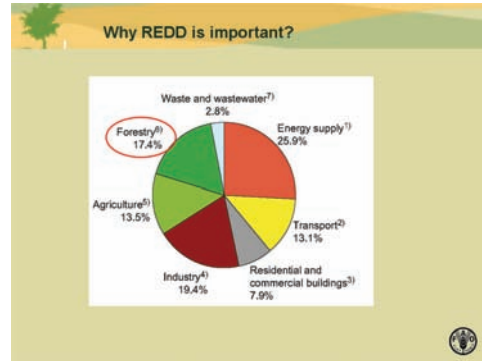
# Climate Change and REDD+

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In the Asia Pacific region in connection with climate change

## Overview of the REDD+ process

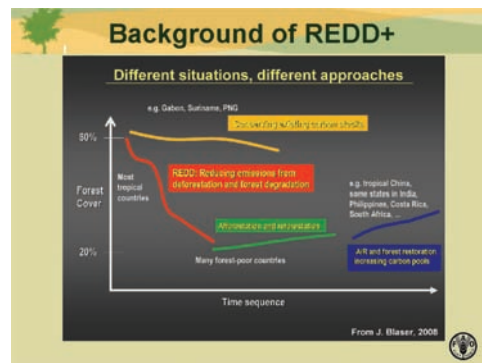
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### What is REDD +

REDD(+) is proposed as an instrument under UNFCCC to provide financial incentive to developing countries to reduce GHG emissions from forests and increase GHG removals from atmosphere through:

- reduction of deforestation and forest degradation (REDD) and
- conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks. (+)

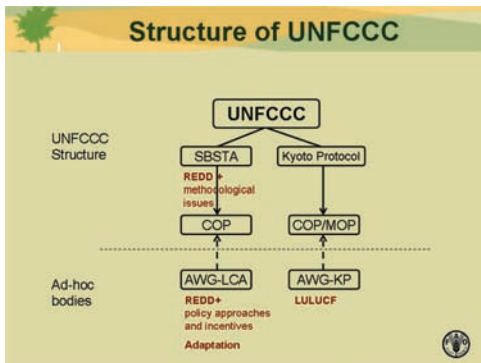


### Milestones in REDD+ negotiations

COP11 (2005) → COP13 (2007) → COP15 (2009) → COP16 (2010)

- Launch a 2 yr process in SBSTA consider policy, technical and methodological issues
- Agree to continue work in SBSTA on methodological issues and in the Ball Action Plan on the design of a REDD+ instrument
- SBSTA reported to COP that adopted decision on methodological issues Draft decision text on REDD+ developed by AWG-LCA
- Many technical issues require further elaboration.

## 2. Outcomes of COP15




- ### Overall outcomes of COP15
- Deep divides between and within groups
  - AWG-LCA & AWG-KP unable to conclude their work. Their terms were extended.
  - Efforts to salvage outcome with political text resulted in the Copenhagen Accord
  - Copenhagen Accord was “noted”, thus has not legal standing.
  - Good progress made on forest issues, in particular on REDD+

- ### Copenhagen Accord
- Although not adopted, the Copenhagen Accord indicates a commitment for action and aspirations for a negotiation outcome.
- Need to stay within a 2° C temperature increase recognized
  - In 2015, assess the Copenhagen Accord and consider 1.5° C limit
  - However, no goal of aggregate emission reduction commitments made
  - Funding pledged: \$30 b for 2010-2012 and up to \$100 b/yr from 2020
  - Decide to establish Copenhagen Green Climate Fund
  - “We recognize the crucial role of REDD .. and agree on .. the immediate establishment of a mechanism including REDD-plus, to enable the mobilization of financial resources from developed countries.”

- ### COP decision on REDD +
- Decision on “Methodological guidance for REDD+”
- Sets the scope for REDD+
  - Parties asked to identify drivers of D&D
  - Parties to use most recent IPCC guidance and guidelines for estimating forest-related GHG emissions
  - Parties to establish national monitoring systems
  - Other Parties to support capacity strengthening in developing countries
  - Further work needed to be undertaken by IPCC (reference levels) and on engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities in monitoring and reporting


- ### REDD+ under AWG-LCA
- Parties considered a draft text for a decision on REDD+ covering core elements for implementing REDD+ activities, including:
- **Objectives, scope and guiding principles** (e.g. country-driven, promotes co-benefits and biodiversity, actions consistent with conservation of natural forests, involvement of indigenous peoples and local communities, transparent forest governance)
  - **Means of implementation** (financing options for readiness and full implementation – Funds, markets only, combination of markets and funds)
  - **Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV)** of actions and support (e.g. establishing reference emission levels, national monitoring systems, use of IPCC guidelines, parameters to be MRV-ed)
  - **Institutional arrangements** (as part of broader financial framework, REDD+ under guidance of the COP, existing channels of finance)

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- Political visibility for forests is at all-time high
- Focus on adaptation and mitigation is more balanced
- REDD+ funding could increase dramatically on short term
- Greater need to increase technical and absorptive capacity of developing countries
- REDD+ has attracted many interest groups, leading to increasingly complex demands and controversy
- Calls for improved REDD+ coordination



### Future benchmarks

SBSTA/AWG meeting: Bonn, 31 May-11 June 2010

COP16: Mexico, 29 November - 10 December 2010

COP17: South Africa, 28 November-9 December 2011

