

Update on the international negotiations on REDD-plus under the UNFCCC - key outcomes from Warsaw

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- Introduction: The road to Warsaw
- Outcomes of Warsaw: The Warsaw Framework for REDD-plus
- Key mandates and elements of Warsaw decisions:
 - Actions by Parties and stakeholders
 - Actions by Bodies of the Convention
- Next Steps: Outlook for sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies in 2014



- The COP adopted 6 decisions on REDD-plus between 2007 and 2012 (basis for REDD-plus readiness activities)
- Important milestones for REDD-plus in Bali (COP 13, decision 2/CP.13) and Cancun (COP 16, decision 1/CP.16)
- At COP 19, 7 decisions adopted as the Warsaw Framework for REDD-plus





Warsaw Framework for REDD-plus

- **9/CP.19** Work programme on results-based finance to progress the full implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, para 70
- **10/CP.19** Coordination of support for the implementation of activities in relation to mitigation actions in the forest sector by developing countries, including institutional arrangements
- **11/CP.19** Modalities for national forest monitoring systems
- **12/CP.19** The timing and frequency of presentations of the summary of information on how all the safeguards referred to in decision 1/CP.16, appendix I, are being addressed and respected
- **13/CP.19** Guidelines and procedures for the technical assessment of submissions from Parties on proposed forest reference emission levels and/or forest reference levels
- **14/CP.19** Modalities for measuring, reporting and verifying
- **15/CP.19** Addressing the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation



Results-based finance to progress the full implementation of REDD-plus

- Sends an **important signal** that results-based actions taken in context of adequate and predictable support (both financial and technology support) for **all phases** of actions and activities relating to REDD-plus
 - **Guidance for obtaining and receiving results-based payments**
 - Actions should be fully MRV'ed
 - Should have all elements in 1/CP.16, para 71, in place (e.g. FREL, NFMS)
 - Provide most recent summary of information on how all safeguards have been addressed and respected
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Guidance to entities financing activities relating to REDD-plus

- Key role for the GCF
- Financing from a wide variety of sources
- Collectively channel adequate and predictable results-based finance in a fair and balanced manner
- Work with view to increase number of countries to receive results-based payments
- Apply methodological guidance of relevant REDD+ decisions



Guidance to SCF

COP requests the SCF:

- To consider issue of **financing of forests** in its work on **coherence and coordination**
- To focus its soonest possible forum on issues related to finance for forests, including REDD-plus
- To invite experts on REDD-plus to its forum on forest financing issues



Guidance for increasing transparency of information

- Establish an information hub on REDD web platform to publish information on results-based actions and corresponding results-based payments



- Hub to contain
 - Results in tCO_{2eq}/yr with link to technical report
 - Assessed FREL(s)/FRL(s) with link to report of technical assessment team
 - Summary of information on safeguards
 - Link to national strategy/action plan
 - Information on NFMS
 - Information on quantity of results receiving payments and entity paying
- Secretariat to insert information on hub once all of the information is available through appropriate channels under the Convention



Coordination of support, including institutional arrangements

- Decision identified needs and functions to address issues related to coordination of support for implementation of REDD-plus
- The COP
 - Invites interested Parties to **designate national entity or focal point** to serve as liaison with secretariat and bodies under the Convention, on coordination of support
 - Encourages national entities /focal points, Parties and relevant entities financing REDD-plus to meet, on a voluntary basis, to discuss needs and functions



- Input from bodies under the Convention, international/regional organizations, private sector and civil society
- To meet in conjunction with first sessional period meetings of SBs (on annual basis)
- First meeting in conjunction with SB 41 (Dec 2014)
- SBI 47 to review outcomes of these meetings



National forest monitoring systems (NFMS)

- NFMS in line with IPCC guidance and guidelines, and in the context of adequate and predictable support
- Provide data and information that are transparent, consistent over time, and suitable for MRV
- Building upon existing systems while being flexible and allowing for improvement, reflecting the phased approach



Timing & Frequency of Safeguards Summary

- Opens a new channel to provide the summary (REDD Web Platform)
- Timing: after start of implementation of activities 1/CP.16, paragraph 70
- Frequency: in line with national communications (and voluntarily via the REDD Web Platform)



Technical assessment of proposed FRELs/FRLs

- Recalls decisions 4/CP.15, 1/CP.16 and 12/CP.17
- Each submission of proposed forest reference emission level (FREL) and/or forest reference level (FRL) subject to a technical assessment - Submission is on voluntary basis
- Adopts guidelines and procedures for the technical assessment of submissions from Parties on FRELs and/or FRLs
 - Scope of technical assessment
 - Procedures for technical assessment
 - Composition of assessment team/role and responsibilities
 - Timing (assessments organized once a year)



- Objectives of technical assessment:
 - Information provided in accordance with guidelines in decision 12/CP.17, annex
 - Offers a facilitative, non-intrusive, technical exchange of information on construction of FRELs /FRLs

- COP invites Parties and IGOs to support capacity-building on development and assessment of FRELs/FRLs
- Assessment team will conduct thorough and comprehensive technical assessment and prepare a report (publication on web platform)
- Technical assessment coordinated by the secretariat



Modalities for MRV

- MRV of emissions and removals, forest carbon stock and forest area changes resulting from REDD-plus:
 - Consistent with 4/CP.15 and any guidance on the MRV of NAMAs
 - Data and information be transparent and consistent over time and with established FRELs/FRLs
 - Data and information improved over time
 - Results expressed in tCO_{2eq}/year



- Reporting
 - Data and information should be provided through biennial update reports (BUR)
 - When seeking payments for results-based actions – supply report through BUR + a technical annex
 - Guidelines for elements in technical annex in annex of 14/CP.19



Drivers of deforestation and forest degradation

- Encourages Parties, organizations and the private sector to take action to reduce the drivers
- Also encourages to continue work to address drivers, and to share information
- Further encourages developing country Parties to take note of the information shared



(a) Consideration of methodological issues relating to REDD-plus under the SBs

SBSTA:

- Consideration of the development of methodological guidance on non-market-based approaches (SBSTA 40)
- Consideration of methodological issues related to non-carbon benefits (SBSTA 40)
- Consideration of the need for further guidance on issues relating to provision of information on how all the safeguards are addressed and respected (SBSTA 41)

SBI 41:

- SBI to consider the report on the expert meeting on matters relating to the information hub on information on the results of REDD-plus activities and corresponding results-based payments (decision 9/CP.19, paras 11-13)



(b) Submission of views by Parties and observers

For consideration at SBSTA 40:

- Views on methodological guidance for non-market-based approaches (26 March 2014)
- Views on issues referred to in decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 40 (methodological issues relating to non-carbon benefits resulting from REDD+ implementation) (26 March 2014)



- For consideration at SBSTA 41:
 - Views on types of information from systems for providing information on how the safeguards are being addressed and respected that would be helpful and that may be provided by developing country Parties (24 Sep 2014)
 - Views (of developing country Parties) on experiences and lessons learned from their development of systems for providing information on how all of the safeguards are being addressed and respected and challenges faced in developing such systems (24 Sep 2014)



(c) Ongoing sharing of experiences and information via web platform

- SBSTA encouraged developing country Parties and observer organizations to share their experiences and lessons learned from the development of systems for providing information on how all of the safeguards are being addressed and respected and the challenges faced (SBSTA 38)
- COP encouraged all Parties, organizations, the private sector and other stakeholders to share results of their work on addressing drivers of deforestation and forest degradation (decision 15/CP.19)



Expert meetings/other meetings

The secretariat to organize:

- In-session expert meeting on matters relating to non-market-based approaches for the implementation of activities relating to REDD-plus (SBSTA 40)
- Expert meeting on matters relating to the information hub relating to results-based actions and payments for REDD-plus (before SBI 41)

The secretariat to facilitate the organization of:

- Meeting of the national entities/focal points for REDD-plus, Parties and relevant entities financing REDD-plus activities, on a voluntary basis (first meeting in conjunction with SB 41, thereafter annually in conjunction with 1st sessional period meetings of the SBs)



Thank you for your attention!

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