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REDD+ National Strategies and Action Plans (NS/AP)

Learning objectives

By the end of this module, you should be able to:

- Explain what a National Strategy and Action Plan is and should contain
- Describe questions that can guide the NS/AP design process

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 Describe factors that should be considered in the development process



Agenda for the session

- Introductory presentation on REDD+ National Strategies and Action Plans (NS/AP)
- Q & A
- Country examples
- Q & A
- Group exercise



1 of the 4 REDD+ Design Elements

- Describes how REDD+ will be implemented
- Required to access results-based finance
- Can help to access funding to implement NS/AP
- No specific UNFCCC guidance, but should address:
 - Drivers (and barriers)
 - Forest governance and land tenure
 - Gender considerations
 - REDD+ safeguards
 - Stakeholder engagement and participation

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Questions guiding the design process

Why?

- Country development framework/priorities relevant to REDD+ (National and provincial)
- Deforestation context (trends & related drivers)
 - <u>Country vision for REDD+</u>:

What?

- Policies and measures to implement REDD+ (by addressing drivers and barriers)
- REDD+ elements
- Timelines, objectives, budgets





How?

- How will this be achieved?
 - Piloting/coordination, funding, implementation, monitoring
- How to ensure cross-sectoral coordination?

National Strategy Design Process



Analytical work

- Drivers of deforestation & degradation
- Agents
- Locations, trends (modelling scenarios; costs, risks and benefits)
- Stakeholder mapping and engagement



Strategic considerations

- National development objectives
- Scope of REDD+
- Scale of REDD+
- Priority drivers



National Strategy components

- WHAT: Policies and measures
- WHY: Country vision, development objectives
- HOW: Implementation arrangements (institutional, financial, legal)
- Drafting is an iterative process: consultation → feedback → redrafting

NATIONAL VISION FOR

REDD+

Cross-Cutting Issues in NS/AP Design Process







Key messages

- NS/APs describe how to implement REDD+
- One of the four **REDD+ design elements**
- NS/AP design process is an opportunity to:
 - Build trust and support among stakeholders

- Build confidence in a country's capacity to implement REDD+
- Increase chances of attracting financial support for NS/AP implementation
- The REDD+ design elements are closely linked and decisions on each one will affect others
 - Scope, scale, REDD+ activities
- NS/AP development is a step-wise process

Country Examples

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Targets & Commitments

(How) does REDD+ fit with national development objectives?

Brazil	By 2013: Reduce Deforestation by 71% from 1996-2005 annual average While increasing agricultural production & rural incomes
Indonesia	Pledge to reduce GHG emissions 41% by 2020 -> Reform land use policies, customary land rights, regulations & law enforcement
Colombia	Amazon Vision: zero net deforestation by 2020
Mexico	Law on climate change includes zero net deforestation goal
Ethiopia	Reach middle income country status by 2025 Net-zero GHG emissions growth



Understanding drivers...





Strong & Transparent REDDrelevant Legal Framework



National REDD+ Strategy Components

	1. Institutional arrangements & public policies (PAMs)	2. Financing strategies			
	3. Reference level & MRV	4. Communication, transparency & public participation			
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REDD+ Early Implementation Actions: Complementary actions and Coordination across levels of government







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Data collection

Drivers

Land use change

Key agricultural commodities

Introduce NS/AP concept

Issues & Options paper

Propose policy options

Key issues for REDD+ implementation

Consultation

-> support for decision-making

National Strategy

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2016

Building on data and consultations

Drafting process

Consultation & endorsement