





# Introduction to the UN-REDD Programme



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## What is REDD?

REDD = Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and (forest)

Degradation (in Developing Countries)

An international financial mechanism providing payments for reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with deforestation and degradation

UN-REDD Programme = A Collaborative Partnership between FAO, UNDP and UNEP





### **How Will REDD Work?**

- Incentives to be provided to developing countries to reduce GHG emissions from forest lands and lead to low carbon paths to sustainable development.
- Industrialized countries to make financial transfers to developing countries to assist in making the transition.





## **REDD Action Phases**

Readiness

Capacity Building & Institution Strengthening

Large scale Investment Programmes

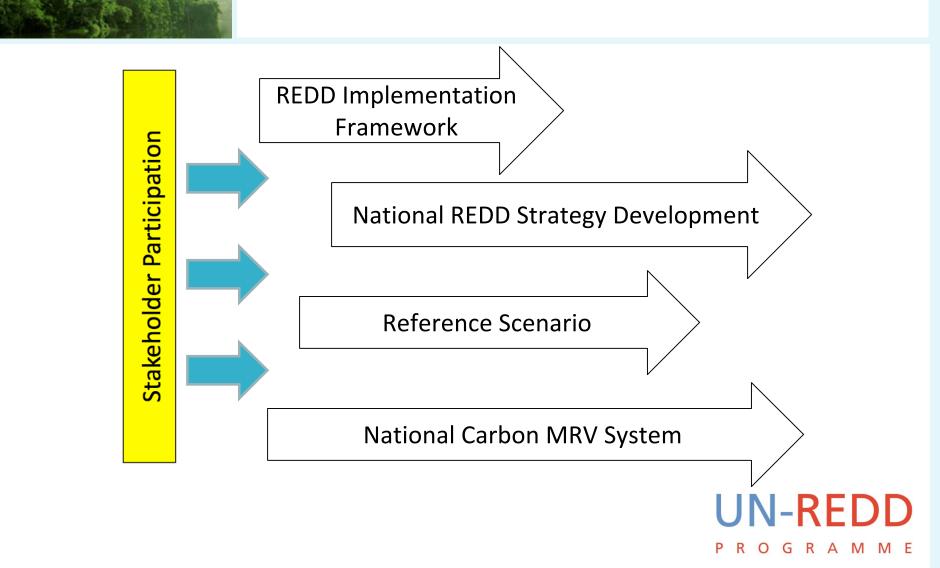


Performance-based mitigation payments





### **Components of National Readiness**





## What is the UN-REDD Programme?

ROGRAMME

#### Partnership of FAO, UNDP & UNEP to provide support for:

- 1. Support to National Programmes for effective participation in REDD
  - 9 countries currently, increasing demand
  - Technical and institutional capacity building for readiness
- 2. Global Activities: guidelines, advice, regional/international dialogue, analyses on:
- Measurement, Reporting, Verification (MRV);
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Benefit Sharing
- Carbon Accounting
- Multiple Benefits
- Payment Mechanisms analyses
  - ⇒ that support country action
  - ⇒ that support the UNFCCC process on a global scale

UN-REDD supports countries in their "Readiness" capacity development efforts, upon request and in collaboration with other partners

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## Status of Pilot National Programmes "Quick Start"

Country	Initial Programme	Full Programme
DRC	Signed, starting implementation	In planning
Tanzania		Being signed
Zambia	Scoping mission held, formulation mission end of September	
Indonesia		Being signed
PNG	Document finalised	In planning
Viet Nam		Signed, starting implementation
Bolivia		Formulation mission completed in August
Panama		Being finalized, funds earmarked
Paraguay		Being finalized  PROGRAMME



## **Dialogues to Date**

- 7<sup>th</sup> UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (Apr 08)
- 16<sup>th</sup> UN Commission on Sustainable Development (May 08)
- Convention on Biological Diversity Conference of the Parties (May 08)
- Forum on Readiness (May/Jun/Aug 08)
- World Conservation Congress (Oct 08)
- Global Indigenous Peoples Consultation on REDD (Nov 08)
- Asia IP Summit on Climate Change (Feb 09)
- Global IP Summit on Climate Change (April 09)
- UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (May 09)
- RRI & Chatham House Dialogue on Forests, Governance and Climate Change (July 09)
- TERI/RRI International Conference on Community Rights, Forests, and Climate Change (Aug 09)
- Ist Latin American Symposium on REDD (September 09)





## Issues on REDD raised by Indigenous Peoples

- Need for access to information
- Uncertainty around mechanisms for IP inclusion
- Fear of further marginalization (e.g. biofuels, little benefit from CDM)
- Cultural disconnect around placing value on natural resources
- •Skepticism around market mechanism incentives
- Need for non-market-based REDD mechanisms
- Need for consideration of retroactive benefits
- Time pressure for implementation risks excluding IPs
- Uncertainty around benefit sharing arrangements



### **THANK YOU!**

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