REDD+ Academy

FREL Module

**Group Exercise: FREL considerations**

*Guidance document*

As a table consider the fictional country example provided. You are a group of REDD+ technical experts starting to consider FREL/FRL construction.

The objective of this exercise is to commence considerations for constructing a REDD+ FREL for submission to the UNFCCC in the context of your country information.

1. **Consider the FREL technical elements for your country**.
   * Is there an agreed Forest Definition?
   * What would the scope of the FREL/FRL be? (what REDD+ activities and carbon pools would you include in your country’s FREL/FRL?)
   * What would the scale of the FREL/FRL be?
     1. Would you start with subnational or national FREL/FRL? If subnational, what administrative/eco-region would you propose and why?
   * What data could feed FREL construction?
     1. What historical data is available for FREL/FRL construction (activity data, emission factors)?
   * Do you think it desirable for your country to adjust data on historic emissions for National Circumstances?
     1. Do you expect deforestation and/or forest degradation in the future (say next 5-10 years) in your country to be comparable to deforestation and/or forest degradation in the past (say last 10-20 years)? If not, why? What circumstances have changed?
     2. Are there new policies or plans proposed in your country which will impact forest resources in the future? Would you suggest taking these into account when constructing the FREL/FRL?
2. Based on the above, **make a list of priorities for technical work for your country that will allow you to construct a FREL for submission to the UNFCCC.**
3. Do you think the country may be able to submit a FREL to the UNFCCC in the next year, or is more technical work required?