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

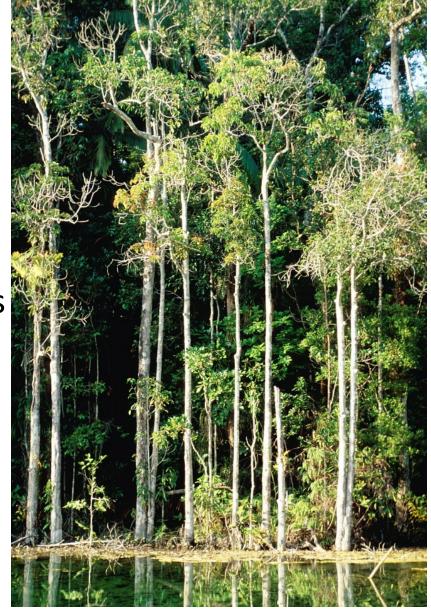






How will REDD work?

- 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.

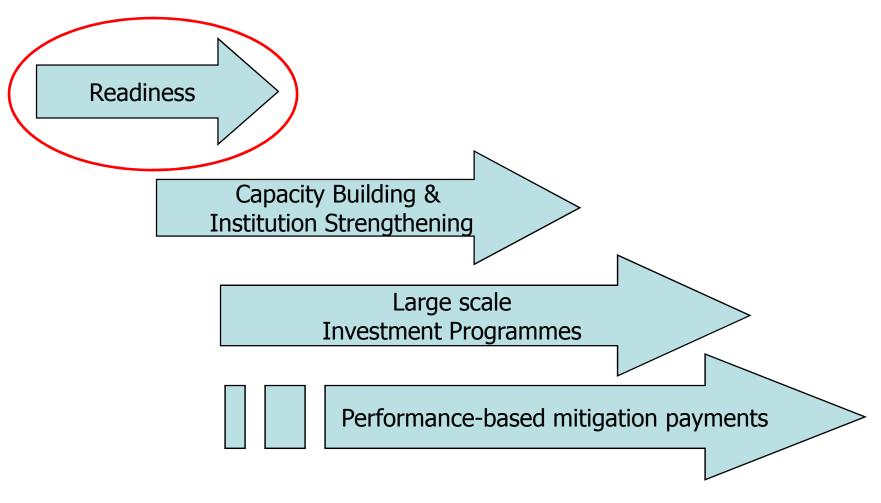








REDD Action Phases

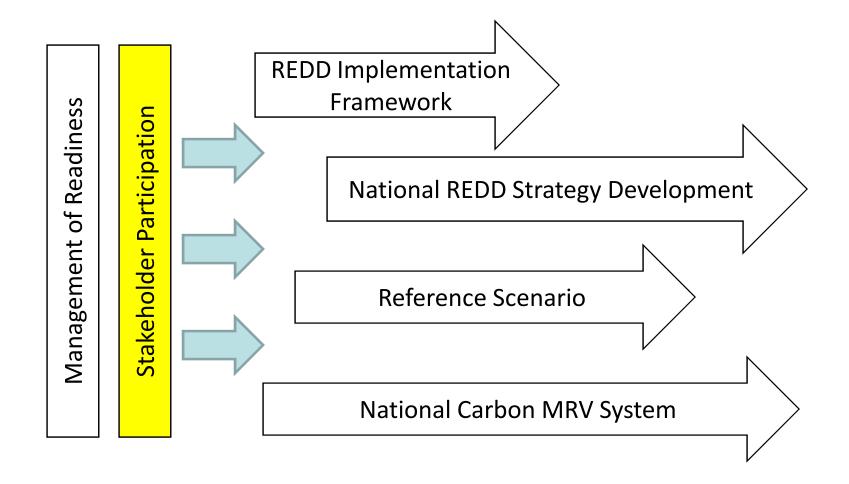








Components of National Readiness









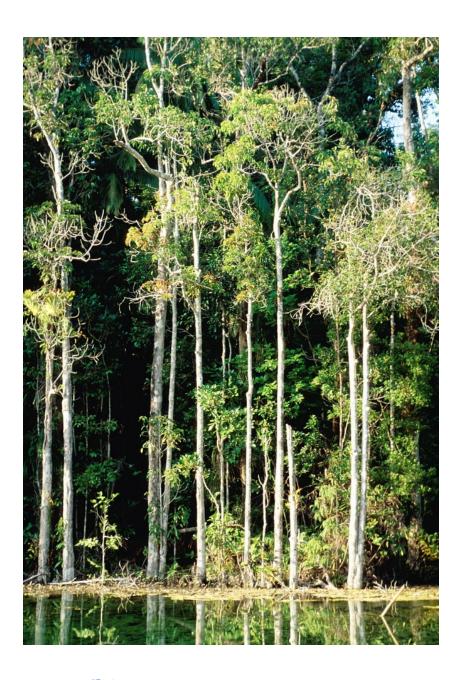
What is the UN-REDD Programme?

Partnership of FAO, UNDP & UNEP to:

- (i) Assist developing countries to address capacity development, governance, and technical needs to support effective participation for REDD
- (ii) Support dialogue and consensus for methodologies for REDD:
 - Monitoring, Reporting, Verification
 - Stakeholder Engagement
 - Benefit Sharing
 - Carbon Accounting
 - Multiple Benefits
 - Payment Mechanisms





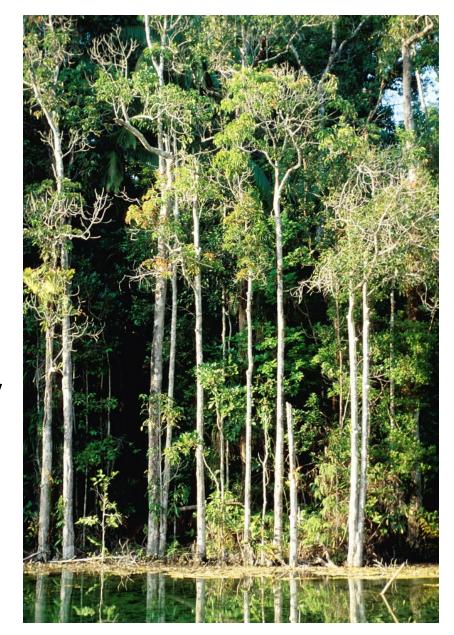




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Fast Facts:

- Country actions
- International support
- \$52m contributed by Norway for initial phase
- Governance structure









Pilot Countries

Africa

Democratic Republic of the Congo, Tanzania, Zambia

Asia & Pacific

Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Vietnam

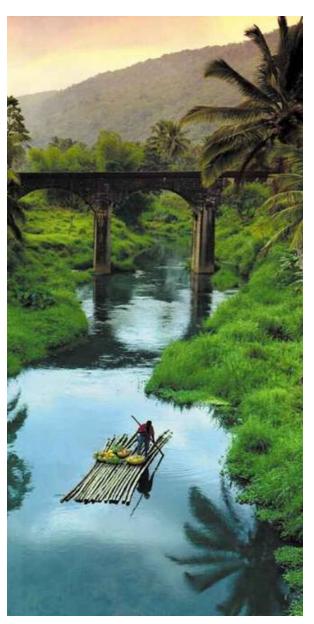
Latin America & Caribbean

Bolivia, Panama, Paraguay









Dialogues to Date

- 7th UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (Apr 08)
- 16th 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)



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







