

Land Tenure Issues Paper: Progress & Process

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Presentation overview

- UNREDD Policy Board Decision
- Proposed outline for paper
- Process to prepare and submit paper
- Seeking feedback

Policy Board Decision

“The Policy Board requested the UN- REDD Programme to prepare a policy paper on land tenure issues. The Board advised on the need for this paper to be independent and to avoid prescriptive policy language.”

- 7th UNREDD Policy Board meeting
13-14 October 2011 | Berlin

Preliminary Paper outline

1. Introduction: Urgency of climate change and need for effectiveness
2. Conceptual linkages
3. Current status of forest tenure in the world
4. Emerging international norms for land & forest tenure
5. Current status of rights to carbon and benefits
6. Emerging issues and lessons
7. Policy options and costs based on best practice
8. Additional sources of information

Introduction: Urgency of climate change and need for effectiveness

- Need to bring REDD+ to scale to make impact
- Obstacles presented by insecure tenure
- Incentives to conserve with secure tenure
- Context of increasing pressures on forests
- Review of tenure in R-PPs and strategies
- Rationale for this particular paper

Review of linkages between tenure and REDD+ outcomes

- Review of terminology
- Relationships relevant to REDD+ between tenure and
 - economic incentives
 - governance
 - forest management
 - participation in decision-making
 - benefit distribution/ equity

Current status of forest tenure in the world

- Regional forest tenure review: status & trends
- Known impacts of forest tenure reform
 - Evidence from scientific literature
 - Examples include: Forest restoration in China and reduced deforestation in Brazil

Emerging international norms for land & forest tenure rights

Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security (2012)

- Closely related to Food Security but has useful guidance for REDD+
- Operational assessment for REDD+

Current status of rights to carbon and benefits

- Review of current legislation on carbon rights
 - Some examples include: New Zealand, Brazil, etc..
- Lessons from PES
- Lessons from pilot REDD+ programs (CIFOR)

Policy Options and Analysis of Implementation

- Policy Options:
 - To be identified following analysis.
- Analysis of Implementation
 - Costs

Additional sources of information

Process

1. Produce draft of paper (by August)
2. One event during June-August for consultations?
3. Review by independent experts (Aug/Sept)
4. Presentation to policy board (Oct)

Questions for discussion

1. Does the outline capture the key issues that can add value to efforts to improve tenure relevant to REDD+?
2. Is the proposed process and timeline acceptable?