

UN-REDD Programme
2025 Technical Assistance
Work Plan and Budget Addendum / Norwegian contribution

The 2025 Work Plan presented below is fully aligned with the multiyear work plan for the 2022-2025 Norwegian contribution to UN-REDD technical assistance (TA), previously approved by the Board on 26 October 2021. Similarly, it covers the technical assistance, knowledge creation and management and communications support that will be provided by the UN-REDD Programme over the coming year. Further details will be shared with the Board for information and comment as part of the 2025 annual workplanning exercise that is being undertaken for every country, and global knowledge and communications, by the end of 2024 and shared with the Board in the first quarter of 2025. Annual workplanning exercises are consultative processes engaging prospective country partners, international partners and donors investing in the Programme.

The initial 2025 budget as indicated in the approved multiyear plan (USD 10M) is presented below in section 1.3. Moreover, in recognition of the very good progress the Programme is making and the increased demand, we were grateful to receive an additional allocation from the Government of Norway (USD 5M) to reinforce the ongoing work. The budget top-up to the 2025 TA allocation is presented below in section 1.4. As such, we submit the following 2025 budget addendum for your consideration and approval on a no-objection basis by 13 January 2025, as presented below.

1.1 Country Support (Realising and rewarding forest solutions, and increasing ambitions / Outcomes 1-2-3)

Country support remains the key feature of the UN-REDD Programme. UN-REDD has been supporting countries with REDD+ implementation and increasing ambition and delivery of forest solutions in their NDCs, through both country-tailored technical assistance and knowledge generation, management and dissemination. Recognizing the need, value and transformation potential of direct in-country support in addition to technical assistance, particularly for effective cross-sectoral action, the Programme seeks to secure additional resources to expand modalities of support. From 2021, UN-REDD started to also assist countries to enhance the integrity of REDD+ results and access emerging opportunities to implement Article 6 of the *Paris Agreement*, especially with regards to international cooperative arrangements and carbon market platforms for forests, such as ART/TREES.

UN-REDD is currently supporting countries across Africa, Asia and Latin America, selected through an inception exercise conducted in 2024, on the basis of assessing their REDD+ readiness, their UNFCCC reports, their prospects for both generating forest-based emission-reductions and accessing REDD+ performance-based finance, and the country demand for UN-REDD support. The countries are: Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Ghana, Indonesia, Mexico, Myanmar, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Republic of the Congo, Uganda, Viet Nam and Zambia. Further details on their REDD+ status, their REDD+ prospects and their 2025 plans were presented in the [2022-2025 Technical Assistance Multiyear Plan and 2022 Annual Work Plan and Budget](#).

The UN-REDD Management Group expects that in 2025 the Programme will continue supporting most of the countries as in 2024, while making effective use of emerging opportunities to advance REDD+ implementation at scale, for example through preparing interested countries for ART/TREES and accessing the REDD+ performance finance through the new GCF REDD+ mainstreaming. Further details will be shared for information and comment as part of the 2025 annual workplanning exercise that will be undertaken for every country, and global knowledge and communications, by the end of 2024 and shared with the Board in the first quarter of 2025.

1.2 Knowledge Creation, Management and Communications Support (Connecting actors and knowledge for forest solutions / Outcome 4)

In 2025, knowledge creation, management and communications will continue to be pillars of UN-REDD, and the Programme will continue to provide a suite of global guidance, knowledge management and communications tools and activities to further deliver on Outcomes 1-3, also allowing the Programme to serve its many partner countries in order to turn the tide on deforestation.

UN-REDD will continue to increase the knowledge and capacities of countries, stakeholders and partners committed to REDD+ results and will provide a proven, scientific base to further strengthen global and regional REDD+ efforts through normative good practices, informed by real-world experiences in partner countries. Knowledge on good practices of innovative and scalable REDD+ solutions, drawing on lessons learned from activities undertaken through Outcomes 1-3, will be facilitated, captured and disseminated to scale up delivery of REDD+ and forest solutions across the world.

The UN-REDD knowledge management and communications infrastructure consists of the UN-REDD online portal, a regular flow of knowledge products (e.g. briefs, videos, reports), a set of knowledge events building on the new digital platforms and culture (e.g. UN-REDD webinars, contributions to multi-stakeholder events), a set of communication channels (e.g. newsletter, social media, website) and selected South-South cooperation initiatives. This knowledge management and communications infrastructure allows UN-REDD to disseminate lessons and good practice, to support its partner countries at large, and to stimulate a global movement for forest and climate action. Knowledge management also includes key cross-cutting dimensions, such as gender-responsive REDD+ approaches and informing the works of the UNFCCC Local Communities & Indigenous Peoples' Platform.

1.3 UN-REDD 2025 Budget (same as the multiyear work plan for the 2022-2025 Norwegian contribution to UN-REDD technical assistance, previously approved by the Board on 26 October 2021)

Outcome 1: Forest Solutions Realised				
Budget categories	FAO	UNDP	UNEP	Total
Staff and other personnel costs	921,291	1,112,465.94	286,000.00	2,319,757.37
Travel	57,581	44,498.64	10,422.43	112,501.72
Contractual services	-	-	-	-
Transfers and Grants to Counterparts	115,161	-	-	115,161.29
General Operating and Other Direct Costs	57,581	56,250.00	9,916.82	123,747.47
Sub-total	1,151,614	1,213,214.58	306,339.25	2,671,167.85
Outcome 2: Forest Solutions Rewarded				
Budget categories	FAO	UNDP	UNEP	Total
Staff and other personnel costs	606,112	907,987.10	825,000.00	2,339,099.44
Travel	37,882	36,319.48	35,958.46	110,159.73
Contractual services	-	-	-	-
Transfers and Grants to Counterparts	75,764	-	121,800.00	197,564.35
General Operating and Other Direct Costs	37,882	56,609.87	19,500.00	113,991.63
Sub-total	757,640	1,000,916.45	1,002,258.46	2,760,815.15
Outcome 3: Forest Solutions Enhanced				
Budget categories	FAO	UNDP	UNEP	Total
Staff and other personnel costs	290,933	385,937.35	154,000.00	830,870.53
Travel	18,184	15,437.49	10,417.76	44,039.19
Contractual services	-	-	-	-
Transfers and Grants to Counterparts	36,366	-	-	36,366.24
General Operating and Other Direct Costs	18,184	56,250.00	7,300.00	81,733.94
Sub-total	363,667	457,624.84	171,717.76	993,009.90
Outcome 4: Global Knowledge Management: Connecting Actors for Forest Solutions				
Budget categories	FAO	UNDP	UNEP	Total
Staff and other personnel costs	606,113	782,568.65	1,100,000.00	2,488,681.17
Travel	37,882	31,302.75	25,000.00	94,184.69
Contractual services	-	-	124,039.86	124,039.86
Transfers and Grants to Counterparts	75,764	-	-	75,763.84
General Operating and Other Direct Costs	37,882	56,250.00	44,000.00	138,131.94
Sub-total	757,640	870,121.40	1,293,039.86	2,920,801.50
Programme Costs	3,030,562	3,541,877.27	2,773,355.33	9,345,794.60
Indirect Support Costs	212,139	247,931.41	194,134.87	654,205.62
Grand Total	3,242,701	3,789,808.68	2,967,490.20	10,000,000.01

Note: At the date of the signature (1 Feb 2025), due to current exchange rate NOK/USD, the amount deposited to the MPTF corresponds to a received amount of USD 7,927,230 (net of MPTF 1% AA fee and bank charges). Discussions are ongoing with the donor to fill in the gap to the full 10M USD for the 2025 TA work plan and budget submitted for EB no-objection approval.

1.4 UN-REDD 2025 Budget Addendum

<u>Outcome 1: Forest Solutions Realised</u>				
Budget categories	FAO	UNDP	UNEP	Total
Staff and other personnel costs	235,514.02	200,000.00	295,000.00	730,514.02
Travel	52,336.45	10,000.00	130,000.00	192,336.45
Contractual services	-	40,000.00	505,000.00	545,000.00
Transfers and Grants to Counterparts	209,345.79	350,000.00	440,000.00	999,345.79
General Operating and Other Direct Costs	26,168.22	20,000.00	20,000.00	66,168.22
Sub-total	523,364.49	620,000.00	1,390,000.00	2,533,364.49
<u>Outcome 2: Forest Solutions Rewarded</u>				
Budget categories	FAO	UNDP	UNEP	Total
Staff and other personnel costs	237,665.89	281,580.00	155,000.00	674,245.89
Travel	66,591.12	29,000.00	40,000.00	135,591.12
Contractual services	-	165,000.00	-	165,000.00
Transfers and Grants to Counterparts	213,226.63	60,000.00	215,000.00	488,226.63
General Operating and Other Direct Costs	42,151.87	42,375.03		84,526.90
Sub-total	559,635.51	577,955.03	410,000.00	1,547,590.54
<u>Outcome 3: Forest Solutions Enhanced</u>				
Budget categories	FAO	UNDP	UNEP	Total
Staff and other personnel costs		160,000.00		160,000.00
Travel		8,000.00		8,000.00
Contractual services		15,000.00		15,000.00
Transfers and Grants to Counterparts		60,000.00		60,000.00
General Operating and Other Direct Costs		27,000.00		27,000.00
Sub-total	-	270,000.00	-	270,000.00
<u>Outcome 4: Global Knowledge Management: Connecting Actors for Forest Solutions</u>				
Budget categories	FAO	UNDP	UNEP	Total
Staff and other personnel costs		150,000.00		150,000.00
Travel		60,000.00		60,000.00
Contractual services		18,000.00		18,000.00
Transfers and Grants to Counterparts		-		-
General Operating and Other Direct Costs		52,000.00		52,000.00
Sub-total	-	280,000.00	-	280,000.00
Programme Costs	1,083,000.00	1,747,955.03	1,800,000.00	4,630,955.03
Indirect Support Costs	75,810.00	122,356.85	126,000.00	324,166.85
Grand Total (net of AA fee)	1,158,810.00	1,870,311.88	1,926,000.00	4,955,121.88