REDD+ at the global level: Stakeholder perspectives and reflections on the past 5 years and perspectives for the near future

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The road to Warsaw

[[All] [REDD+] roads lead to [Warsaw]]
Six decisions from COP 13 to COP 18

2/CP.13 (Bali):
• Started the work by inviting Parties to strengthen and support ongoing efforts to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation on a voluntary basis, and to mobilize resources.
• Also gives indicative guidance on demonstration activities.

4/CP.15 (Copenhagen):
• Encourages all Parties in a position to do so to support and strengthen the capacities of developing countries to collect and access, analyze and interpret data, in order to develop estimates.
• Also gives some guidance on drivers, NFMS, FRELs/FRLs.

1/CP.16 (Cancun):
• Encourages all Parties to find effective ways to reduce the anthropogenic pressure on forests that results in greenhouse gas emissions, including actions to address drivers of deforestation.
• Lays out the 5 REDD-plus activities (paragraph 70).
• Lays out the elements to be developed by developing country Parties in the context of the provision of adequate and predictable support (national strategy or action plan, FREL/FRL, NFMS, system for providing information on how the safeguards referred to in appendix I to this decision are being addressed and respected).
• Lays out guidance and safeguards in appendix I.
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2/CP.17 (Durban):
• Agrees that results-based finance may come from a wide variety of sources, public and private, bilateral and multilateral, including alternative sources.
• Considers that appropriate market-based approaches, and non-market-based approaches (such as JMA), could be developed.
• Encourage operating entities of financial mechanism of the Convention to provide results-based finance.

12/CP.17 (Durban):
• Lays out guidance for systems for providing information on how the safeguards are being addressed and respected, and Modalities for FRELs and FRLs.

1/CP.18 (Doha):
• Decides to undertake work on REDD+ in 2013 under 3 agenda items (methodological guidance under SBSTA, coordination of support as joint SBSTA/SBI, and a COP work programme on results-based finance, to contribute to the ongoing efforts to scale up and improve the effectiveness of finance for REDD-plus activities).
The Warsaw Framework for REDD+
Modalities for measuring, reporting and verifying

Modalities for national forest monitoring systems

Guidelines and procedures for the technical assessment of submissions from Parties on proposed forest reference emission levels and/or forest reference levels

Coordination of support for the implementation of activities in relation to mitigation actions in the forest sector by developing countries, including institutional arrangements

The timing and the frequency of presentations of the summary of information on how all the safeguards referred to in decision 1/CP.16, appendix I, are being addressed and respected

Addressing the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation

Work programme on results-based finance to progress the full implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70
NFMS

• NFMS in line with IPCC guidance and guidelines, and in the context of adequate and predictable support.

• Provide data and information that are transparent, consistent over time, and suitable for MRV.

• Building upon existing systems while being flexible and allowing for improvement, reflecting the phased approach
Timing & Frequency of Safeguards Summary

- Opens a new channel to provide the summary (REDD Web Platform).

- Timing: after start of implementation of activities 1/CP.16, paragraph 70.

- Frequency: in line with national communications (and voluntarily via the REDD Web Platform).
Drivers of deforestation and forest degradation

- Encourages Parties, organizations and the private sector to take action to reduce the drivers.

- Also encourages to continue work to address drivers, and to share information.

- Further encourages developing country Parties to take note of the information shared.
Technical assessment of reference levels

• Technical assessment is a MUST (starts a new process at UNFCCC).

• Invites Parties and relevant international organizations to support capacity-building for development and assessment of RLs (areas may be identified in TAs).

• Detailed information on the scope of the assessment in paragraph 2 of the annex to the decision.
MRV

• Consistent with UNFCCC methodological guidance, data & information transparent, and consistent with RL.

• Results to be provided via BURs in technical annex (voluntarily and in the context of results-based payments), expressed in tonnes CO₂ eq per year.

• Two additional LULUCF experts in TTE for ICA, to develop a technical report, including their analysis of the technical annex and areas for technical improvement.
Coordination of support

- Invites interested Parties to designate a national entity or focal point (explicitly including diff. policy appr./JMA).

- Liaison with secretariat, and may be nominated to receive and obtain results-based payments.

- Encourages national focal points to meet on a voluntary basis in order to discuss needs and functions in order to address issues related to the coordination of support.

- Meeting may seek input, incl. from international orgs.
• Connects results-based finance to MRV, safeguards summary.

• Encourages financing entities, including GCF in a key role, to channel adequate and predictable results-based finance in a fair and balanced manner.

• Also encourages to apply UNFCCC methodological guidance (Requests for GCF!).
Results-based finance (2 of 2)

- Also encourages to continue to provide financial resources for alternative policy approaches, such as JMA.
- Establish information hub on REDD Web Platform, to publish information on the results and corresponding results-based payments.
- Secretariat to organize expert meeting on information hub in 2014.
- SCF to consider ways and means to transfer payments.
Implications of the Warsaw Framework for REDD+
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Implications for the operating entities of the financial mechanism (inter alia)
• Entities financing REDD-plus activities, including the GCF in a key role, are encouraged to collectively channel adequate and predictable results-based finance in a fair and balanced manner, taking into account different policy approaches, while working with a view to increasing the number of countries that are in a position to obtain and receive payments for results-based actions;
• These entities are encouraged/requested to apply UNFCCC methodological guidance;
• These entities are further encouraged to continue to provide financial resources to alternative policy approaches, such as JMA.

Implications for developing country Parties (inter alia)
• These countries are invited to designate a national entity or focal point to serve as a liaison with the secretariat and relevant bodies under the Convention, and may also be nominated to obtain and receive results-based payments;
• These national entities or focal points are encouraged to voluntarily meet annually to address issues relating to coordination of support;
• Parties also need to apply new guidance on NFMS, SGs, Drivers, MRV.

Further implications (inter alia)
• Invites Parties and relevant international organizations to support capacity-building for development and assessment of RLs.
The bigger picture and next steps

- From 2005 to 2012, the COP adopted 6 decisions on REDD-plus.

- COP 19 adopted additional 7 decisions to complete the SBSTA work programme on methodological guidance from Cancun, to address issues related to coordination of support and to send strong messages to the entities financing implementation of REDD-plus activities.

- Sharing of information and experiences remains very important.

- Important next step is to gain experience with the construction of FRELs/FRLs, including capacity-building.

- The technical assessment of FRELs/FRLs offers a facilitative, non-intrusive, technical exchange of information on the construction of FRELs/FRLs.
For decision texts, see http://unfccc.int/2860.php#decisions.
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