



# Assessing COP15 and the road ahead

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# Outline

- Outcomes from COP15: Methodological guidance on REDD (conclusion of the SBSTA work)
- Status of REDD+ issues under the AWG-LCA at Copenhagen



# COP 15 Decision on Methodological Guidance

## - Main Elements –

(result of the Work Programme under SBSTA)

- COP adopted a decision on “*Methodological guidance for activities relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries.*”
- Provides **methodological guidance**: guidance for capacity-building and potential work that may be needed to support REDD activities
- It also provides **general guidance** for the establishment of forest reference emission levels and forest reference levels. These levels should be established transparently taking into account historic data and adjusted for national circumstances.



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## - Main Elements -

### (i) **Guidance that should be taken into account when implementing activities relating to decision 2/CP.13:**

- To identify drivers of deforestation and forest degradation and the means to address them;
- To identify activities within the country that result in reduced emissions and increased removals and stabilization of forest carbon stocks;
- To use the most recent IPCC guidance and guidelines, as appropriate, as a basis for estimating forest-related greenhouse gas emissions and removals, forest carbon stocks and forest area changes;
- To establish robust and transparent national forest monitoring systems and, if appropriate, sub-national systems as part of national monitoring systems, using a combination of remote sensing and ground-based forest carbon inventory approaches.
- Monitoring systems should provide estimates that are transparent and consistent, as far as possible accurate, and that reduce uncertainties, and results are available and suitable for review as agreed by the COP.



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### (ii) **Guidance on capacity-building:**

- All Parties in a position to do so are encouraged to support and strengthen the capacities of developing countries to collect and access, analyse and interpret data, in order to develop estimates,
- Parties in a position to do so and relevant international organizations are invited to enhance capacity-building in relation to using the IPCC guidance and guidelines,
- The secretariat has been requested to enhance coordination of the capacity-building activities in the context of existing initiatives.

### (iii) **Further work:**

- Work may need to be undertaken by the IPCC, in accordance with any relevant decisions by the COP
- Encouragement to develop of guidance for effective engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities in monitoring and reporting.



# REDD+ under the AWG-LCA – During Copenhagen

- In Copenhagen, Parties started to consider a draft text for a decision on REDD+

*(**REDD+** refers to policy approaches and positive incentives on issues relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation; and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forest and enhancement of forest C stocks in developing countries – para 1 (b) (iii) of the BAP)*

- This draft text covered the important and core elements for implementing REDD+ activities, including:
  - Objectives, scope and guiding principles (e.g. country-driven, promotes co-benefits and biodiversity, actions consistent with conservation of natural forests, involvement of indigenous peoples and local communities, transparent forest governance)
  - Means of implementation (financing options for readiness and full implementation – funds, markets only, combination of markets and funds)
  - Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) of actions and support (e.g. establishing reference emission levels, national monitoring systems, use of IPCC guidelines, parameters to be MRV-ed)
  - Institutional arrangements (as part of broader financial framework, REDD+ under guidance of the COP, existing channels of finance)



## REDD+ under the AWG-LCA – During Copenhagen

Parties were able to agree on a number of elements in the REDD+ draft text:

- The scope of REDD+ as part of mitigation actions in the forest sector;
- The core elements that need to be developed: a national strategy or action plan, national forest reference emission level and/or forest reference level and a robust and transparent national forest monitoring system;
- REDD+ activities be implemented in phases and choice of starting phase depends on specific national circumstances, capacities and capabilities of developing countries
- Addressing the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, land tenure issues, forest governance, gender considerations and safeguards and ensure full and effective participation of relevant stakeholders;



## REDD+ under the AWG-LCA – During Copenhagen

Parties realized that for some issues the details would have to be elaborated post-Copenhagen. Issues that may need further elaboration, either by the COP or the SBSTA include:

- Elaborate a work programme to identify LULUCF activities in developing countries that are linked to drivers of deforestation and assess their potential contribution to mitigation;
- Specifics on modalities for setting reference emission levels and establishing national forest monitoring systems;
- Specifics on modalities for MRV emissions and removals, forest C stocks, changes in forest C stocks and area from REDD+ activities;
- Specifics on modalities for MRV of support provided





## REDD+ under the AWG-LCA – Status at the end of Copenhagen

Key issues that still need to be resolved in the draft text:

- Financing for REDD+ activities. There is general agreement that readiness activities need to be promoted and supported, possibly through fund based approaches. Financing for full implementation of REDD+ still under consideration (funds, market or a hybrid) and is linked with overall financial architecture for mitigation actions by developing countries
- Whether REDD+ would be part of NAMAs or a stand-alone framework/mechanism. Have links with financing, MRV of actions and institutional arrangements
- The inclusion of subnational level actions/ activities with implications for MRV, setting of reference emission levels and monitoring systems, design of strategies or action plans. Most Parties that support subnational actions see it as an interim step towards national level implementation.



## REDD+ under the AWG-LCA – During Copenhagen

AWG-LCA concluded its deliberations and forwarded the negotiation text still with brackets to the COP.

The progress made at informal consultations, conducted by the facilitators, will be included in a formal document that will be published soon.

The draft text will reflect the progress made by Parties at their final informal consultations before the close of the session.



# Ongoing work

## - The REDD Web Platform -

- The COP, in decision 2/CP.13, requested the secretariat to develop a Web Platform where information (e.g. on ongoing efforts, actions and demonstration activities, resources to support efforts, capacity-building activities, methodological approaches) submitted by Parties, relevant organizations and stakeholders will be made available.
- Information on the following aspects of REDD can be found on the Platform:
  - Technical assistance
  - Demonstration activities
  - Country Specific Information
  - Methodologies and tools
  - Interesting links to related sites
- COP15 invited Parties to share lessons learned and experiences gained in the application of methodological guidance recommended in its decision and in the annex to 2/CP.13 through the Platform



# Useful Links

- **Information on REDD under the SBSTA process**

[http://unfccc.int/methods\\_and\\_science/lulucf/items/4123.php](http://unfccc.int/methods_and_science/lulucf/items/4123.php)

- **REDD Web Platform (*where Parties, organizations and stakeholders share and exchange information on REDD*)**

[http://unfccc.int/methods\\_science/redd/items/4531.php](http://unfccc.int/methods_science/redd/items/4531.php)

- **Updates, documentation and information from the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA)**

<http://unfccc.int/meetings/items/4381.php>

- **Outcomes of COP15, decisions adopted and documentation**

[http://unfccc.int/meetings/cop\\_15/items/5257.php](http://unfccc.int/meetings/cop_15/items/5257.php)



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