



Assessing COP16 and the road ahead

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Outline

- Outcomes from COP15: Methodological guidance on REDD (conclusion of the SBSTA work)
- Outcomes from COP16: REDD+ safeguards, elements and phases
- SBSTA 34 conclusions



COP 15 Decision on Methodological Guidance

- Main Elements –

(result of the Work Programme under SBSTA)

- COP adopted a decision (4/CP.15) 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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(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 – Cancun outcome – Decision 1/CP.16

- The outcome for REDD plus in Cancun was a section of Decision 1/CP.16 that covered the important and core elements for implementing REDD+ activities, including:
 - REDD plus activities identification, scope of REDD-plus activities;
 - A set of guidance and safeguards;
 - Necessary elements to be developed by a developing country aiming to participate: a national strategy or plan, a national forest reference emission level and/or forest reference level and a national forest monitoring system;
 - Phased implementation (three phases);
 - Use of multilateral and bilateral financing channels for the early phases of REDD-plus (phases one and two);
 - Request for coordination of activities and support.



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The decision also identified further work:

–The **AWG-LCA to explore financing options for full implementation** of results-based actions and to report on progress made, including any recommendations for draft decisions, to COP17.

–The **SBSTA to develop a work programme** on the following and report on the outcomes to COP17:

- Development of modalities for establishing forest reference emission level and/or forest reference level and national forest monitoring systems;
- Development of guidance relating to the provision of information on how safeguards are being addressed and respected;
- Development of modalities for measuring, reporting and verifying forest-related emissions and removals, forest carbon stocks, forest carbon stock and forest area changes resulting from activities relating to REDD-plus.



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In addition the SBSTA was requested to identify land use, land-use change and forestry activities in developing countries, in particular those that are linked to the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, to assess their contribution to the mitigation of climate change and to identify methodological issues relating to these activities. But this is for a longer time line consideration, to report back on progress at COP18.

**The SBSTA work program was initiated last June at
SBSTA 24**



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Safeguards in decision 1/CP.16 in relation to REDD plus (guidance is also provided no included here):

- **Actions complement or are consistent** with the objectives of **national forest programmes and relevant international conventions and agreements**;
- **Transparent and effective national forest governance structures**, taking into account national legislation and sovereignty;
- **Respect for the knowledge and rights** of indigenous peoples and members of local communities, by taking into account relevant international obligations, national circumstances and laws, and noting that the United Nations General Assembly has adopted the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;
- The **full and effective participation** of relevant stakeholders, in particular, indigenous peoples and local communities;
- Actions are **consistent with the conservation of natural forests and biological diversity**, ensuring that REDD plus actions are **not used for the conversion of natural forests**, but are instead used to **incentivize the protection and conservation of natural forests and their ecosystem services**, and to enhance other social and environmental benefits;
- Actions to address the **risks of reversals**;
- Actions **to reduce displacement of emissions**.



REDD+ under the SBSTA

Work program – SBSTA34 progress

Progress was slow at SBSTA34, **broader consideration than defined issues** in the annex 2 of decision 1/CP.16 was discussed, but focus on the issues already identified there Guidance was provided to guide **submissions** that were requested:

1. Guidance on systems for providing information on how safeguards are addressed and respected:
 - (a) Characteristics;
 - (b) Design;
 - (c) Provision of information;
 - (d) Potential barriers, including barriers, if any, to providing information, on addressing and respecting safeguards;
 - (e) Other relevant issues.
2. Guidance on modalities relating to forest reference levels and forest reference emission levels:
 - (a) Scope and/or purpose;
 - (b) Characteristics, including elements listed in paragraph 1 of appendix I to decision 1/CP.16;
 - (c) Guidance for the construction;
 - (d) Process for communication;
 - (e) Other relevant issues.
3. Guidance on modalities for measuring, reporting and verifying, as referred to in appendix II to decision 1/CP.16:
 - (a) Characteristics, including elements listed in paragraph 1 of appendix I to decision 1/CP.16;
 - (b) Elements;
 - (c) Process for reporting;
 - (d) Other relevant issues.



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Work program – SBSTA34 progress

- The SBSTA invited **Parties and accredited observers to submit** to the secretariat, by 19 September 2011, their views on the issues identified. It requested the secretariat to compile the submissions from Parties into a miscellaneous document for consideration by the SBSTA at its thirty-fifth session.
- The SBSTA also requested the secretariat to organize, subject to the availability of supplementary funds, **meetings of technical experts** on the matters identified, including a meeting before its thirty-fifth session. Two meeting are envisaged:
 - October in Panama on information systems for safeguards
 - November (?) on forest RL and REL



THANK YOU



Useful Links

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

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

- **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



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

