

# Current status and outcomes of REDD negotiations under UNFCCC

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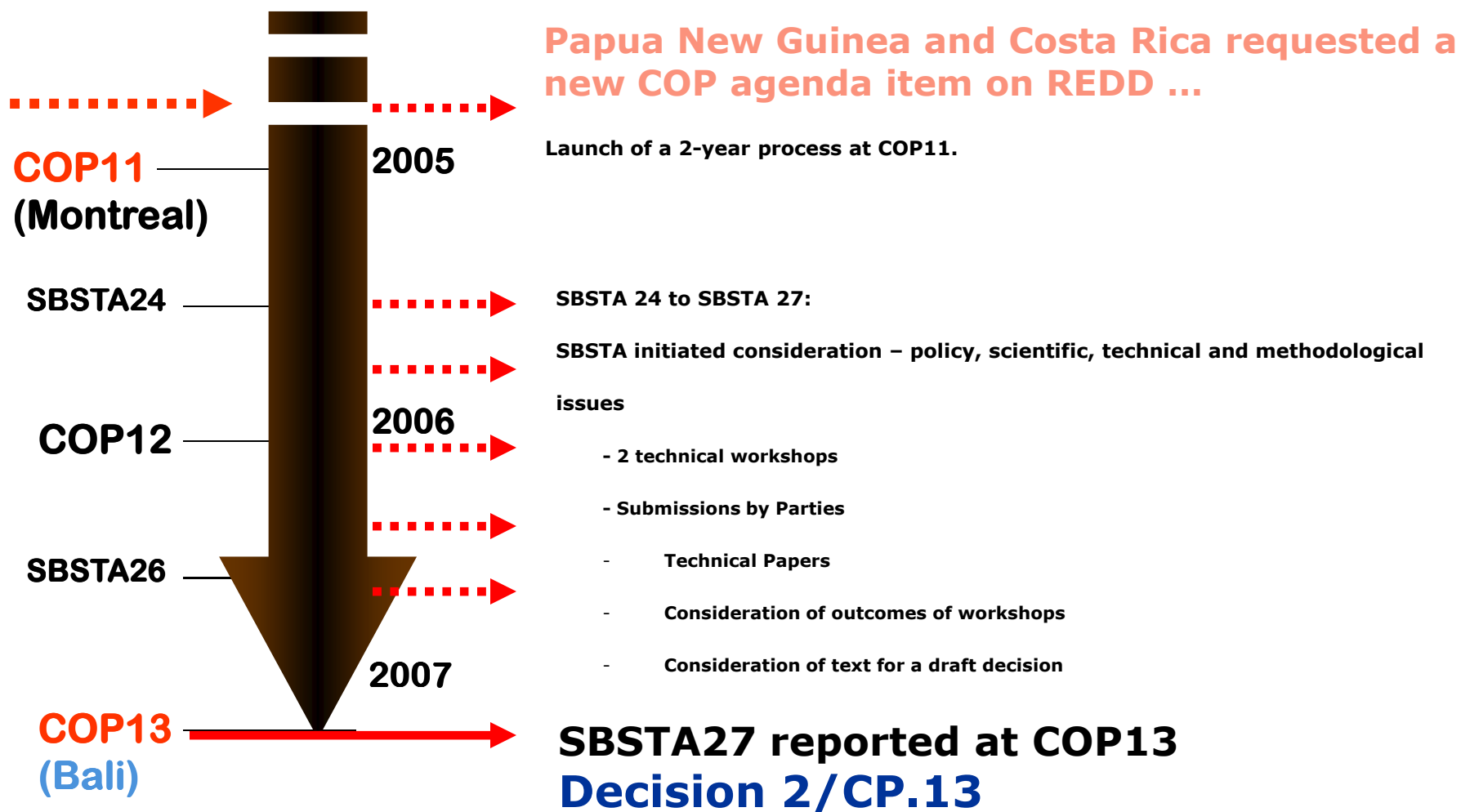
## Outline

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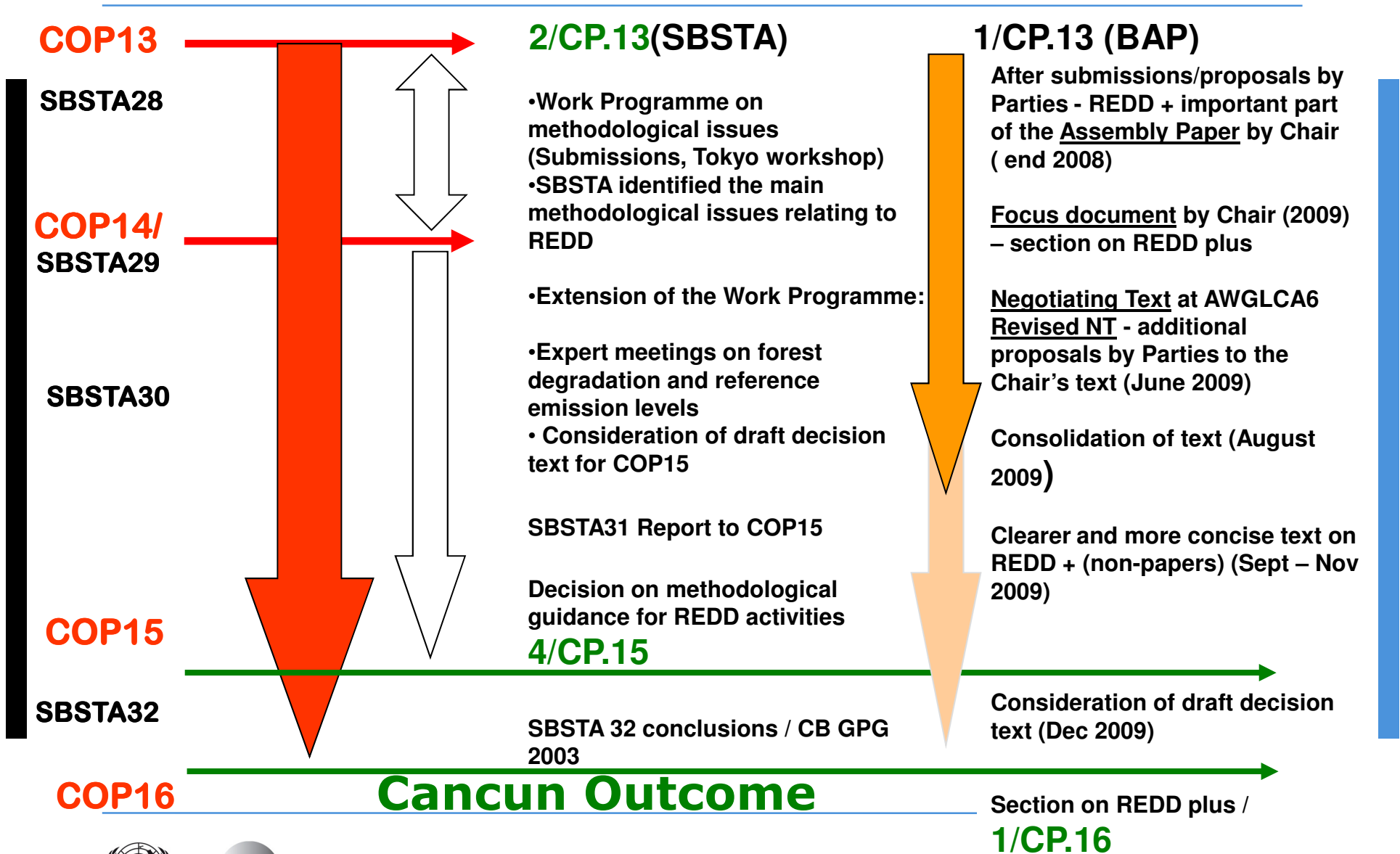
- Overview of the REDD process
- Outcomes from COP15 - Methodological guidance on REDD, and SBSTA 32
- Outcomes from COP16: REDD plus



## REDD before Bali:



# REDD+ FROM BALI TO CANCUN



## COP 15 Decision on Methodological Guidance - Main Elements

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- 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.” ([decision 4/CP.15](#))
- 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.



## COP 16 – Cancun Outcomes

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### REDD+ under the AWG-LCA - Section at Decision 1/CP.16 (I)

- The implementation of the activities should be carried out in accordance with **guidance in Annex I and the safeguards in Annex I should be promoted and supported**;
- Following activities are included, election is voluntary and in accordance with their respective capabilities and national circumstances:
  - (a) Reducing emissions from deforestation;
  - (b) Reducing emissions from forest degradation;
  - (c) Conservation of forest carbon stocks;
  - (d) Sustainable management of forest;
  - (e) Enhancement of forest carbon stocks;
- Developing country Parties aiming to undertake activities are requested to develop the following elements:
  - (a) A national strategy or action plan;
  - (b) A national forest reference emission level and/or forest reference level (interim measure, subnational)
  - (c) A robust and transparent national forest monitoring system for the monitoring and reporting of the REDD + activities (interim measure, subnational)
  - (d) A system for providing information on how the safeguards referred to in annex I to this decision are being addressed and respected throughout the implementation of the REDD + activities while respecting sovereignty;



## COP 16 – Cancun Outcomes

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### REDD+ under the AWG-LCA - Section at Decision 1/CP.16 (II)

- Requests developing countries, when developing and implementing their national strategies or action plans, **to address, inter alia, drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, land tenure issues, forest governance issues, gender considerations and the safeguards ensuring the full and effective participation of relevant stakeholders**
- **Three phases**, and the choice of a starting phase depends on the specific national circumstances, capacities and capabilities of each developing country Party and the level of support received;
- Urges Parties, in particular developed country Parties, **to support, through multilateral and bilateral channels, phases 1 and 2 (readiness phases).**
- Requests **Parties to ensure coordination of the REDD + activities, including of the related support, particularly at the national level;**
- **Invites relevant international organizations and stakeholders to contribute** to the REDD + activities and activities referred to in paragraphs 70 and 78 above.



### **REDD+ under the AWG-LCA**

Requests the **AWG-LCA to explore financing options** for the full implementation of the results-based actions (**phase 3**) and to report on progress made, including any recommendations at COP17

### **REDD+ under the SBSTA – Work Program** is requested to:

- (a) **Identify LULUCF activities** in developing countries, in particular those that are linked to the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, to identify **associated methodological issues to estimate emissions and removals resulting from the activities, and to assess their potential contribution to the mitigation** of climate change, and report on the findings to COP18
- (b) Develop **modalities for national forest monitoring systems and national reference levels and reference emission levels**, and guidance relating to the system **for providing information on how the safeguards are address** by COP17
- (c) **Develop modalities for MRV anthropogenic forest-related emissions by sources and removals by sinks, forest carbon stocks, forest carbon stock and forest area changes resulting from the implementation of REDD + activities**, consistent with any guidance for MRV NAMAs, taking into account methodological guidance in accordance with decision 4/CP.15, for consideration by COP17



## Safeguards – Decision 1/CP.16

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The following safeguards should be promoted and supported:

- (a) Actions **complement or are consistent with the objectives of** national forest programmes and **relevant international conventions and agreements**;
- (b) Transparent and effective national forest governance structures, taking into account national legislation and sovereignty;
- (c) **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;
- (d) The full and effective participation of relevant stakeholders, in particular, indigenous peoples and local communities, in actions referred to in paragraphs 70 and 72 of this decision;
- (e) Actions are consistent with the **conservation of natural forests and biological diversity, ensuring that actions referred to in paragraph 70 of this decision 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**;
- (f) Actions to address the risks of reversals;
- (g) Actions to reduce displacement of emissions.



## Principles – Decision 1/CP.16

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Activities should:

- (a) Contribute to the achievement of the objective set out in Article 2 of the Convention;
- (b) Contribute to the fulfilment of the commitments set out in Article 4, paragraph 3, of the Convention;
- (c) Be country-driven and be considered options available to Parties;
- (d) **Be consistent with the objective of environmental integrity and take into account the multiple functions of forests and other ecosystems;**
- (e) Be undertaken in accordance with national development priorities, objectives and circumstances and capabilities and should respect sovereignty;
- (f) Be consistent with Parties national sustainable development needs and goals;
- (g) Be implemented in the context of sustainable development and reducing poverty, while responding to climate change;
- (h) Be consistent with the adaptation needs of the country;
- (i) Be supported by adequate and predictable financial and technology support, including support for capacity-building;
- (j) Be results-based;
- (k) Promote sustainable management of forests;



## Useful Links

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- **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)
- **Outcomes of COP15 and 16, decisions adopted and documentation**  
<http://unfccc.int/meetings>

