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CURRENT STATUS OF NEGOTIATION RELATED TO ESTABLISHMENT OF REL AND MRV SYSTEM FOR REDD

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Introduction: the use of terms

- REDD : Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries,
- REDD-plus : reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD) in developing countries; and the role of **conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks** in developing countries.



REDD/REDD-plus in UNFCCC processes

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1. COP 11 (Montreal) : REDD negotiation started
2. COP 12 (Nairobi) : under SBSTA-25 (draft Conclusion reported to COP)
3. COP-13 (Bali) :
 - Decision 1/CP 13 (Bali Action Plan : Paragraph 1 (b) (iii) : Policy approaches and Positive incentives for REDD, sustainable management of forests, enhancement of forest carbon stocks
 - Decision 2/CP 13 (REDD : approaches to stimulate actions i.e. Strengthen and support ongoing efforts, SBSTA programme of works, indicative guidance for Demonstration Activities)
4. COP-14 (POZNAN) : under SBSTA-29 (draft conclusions reported to COP)
5. SBSTA-30 (Bonn, June 2009) : methodological guidance for REDD-plus,
6. AWG-LCA (June & August 2009) : Policy approaches and positive incentives for REDD-plus.



SBSTA-29 : Relevant Outcomes

1. Recommend methodological guidance → discussed further in SBSTA-30 in Bonn,
2. Decide to continue its programme of work on methodological issues at SBSTA-30 and report to COP-15 on progress made, including any recommendations on the remaining outstanding methodological issues as contained in SBSTA-28 :
 - Estimation and monitoring
 - Reference emissions levels
 - Displacement of emissions
 - National and sub-national approaches
 - Capacity-building



SBSTA-29 : Relevant Outcomes (continued)

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3. To organize expert meeting before SBSTA-30 to discuss methodological issues relating to REL and RL and the relationship among REL and RL → REDD-plus,
4. Request the secretariat to prepare and make available, a technical paper on the cost of implementing methodologies and monitoring systems related to REDD-plus



Scpe discussed at the expert meeting on REL/RL

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- Methodological issues (incl. process for establishing REL and RL, and guiding principles),
- Data availability and methodologies,
- Outstanding methodological issues/issues requiring further consideration (e.g. data gaps, the need for capacity building)



REDD in Bonn Session (June 2009)

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REDD was discussed under the following agenda :

1. SBSTA – 30 :

- Most discussions were conducted in ‘informal meetings’ and few ‘contact group meetings’
- Output : draft conclusions on REDD with its Annex (draft text for COP-15 decision on methodological guidance for REDD, conservation, sustainable management of forests, enhancement of forest carbon stocks/REDD-plus)

2. AWG-LCA 6 :

- Informal plenary session under sub-agenda item 3 (Enhanced national/international action on mitigation of climate change),
- Policy approaches and positive incentives for REDD-plus is one of issues discussed under the sub-agenda item 3.



SBSTA – 30 Conclusions

- Taking notes relevant works on methodological issues,
- Agreed to continue its programme of work on methodological issues at SBSTA-31 on the basis of the draft text (annex of the SBSTA-30 conclusions) for COP-15 Decision,
- Reminded and encouraged Parties/relevant organizations/stakeholders to continue sharing information relating to decision 2/CP. 13 via the Web Platform on the UNFCCC Website.



SBSTA-30 'Draft text for COP-15 Decision on methodological guidance for REDD-plus'

1. Guidance for developing countries on methodological issues related to Dec. 2/CP.13 :
 - Identify drivers and activities that reduce emissions, increase removals, and stabilize carbon stocks in forestry sector,
 - Use the most recently adopted IPCC guidance and guidelines,
 - Establish robust and transparent [national/sub-national] monitoring system that :
 - Use a combination of remote sensing and ground-based forest carbon inventory approaches,
 - Provide estimates that are transparent, consistent, and reduce uncertainties,
 - Ensure that the system and their results are open to independent review agreed by the COP.



SBSTA-30 'Draft text for COP-15 Decision on methodological guidance for REDD-plus' (continued)

2. Further work by IPCC may be needed,
3. Support for developing countries, engagement of indigenous people and local communities,
4. Parties are invited to share lessons learned and experiences gained in the application of the above methodological guidance (point 1) and the indicative guidance for DA (Annex to Dec. 2/CP.13) through the web platform on the UNFCCC website,
5. The need for integration and coordination of efforts by international organizations, NGOs and stakeholders to avoid duplication and enhance synergy activities relating to decision 2/CP 13.



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SBSTA-30 'Draft text for COP-15 Decision on methodological guidance for REDD-plus' related to Establishment of REL/RL

Should take into account :

- National circumstances,
- National capabilities and capacities,
- Historical data (adjustments for expected future emission trends if necessary),
- Relevant socio-economic factors,
- Drivers of deforestation,
- Existing domestic legislation, policies and measures.



AWG-LCA 6 (Bonn, June 2009)

1. Negotiating text on the follow up actions of the Bali Action Plan includes Policy approaches and positive incentives for REDD-plus (22 Paragraphs),
2. 5 Components :
 - Objectives, **scope (of activities), guiding principles,**
 - Means of implementation
 - **Measurement, reporting, and verification (MRV) of actions (by developing countries),**
 - Measurement, reporting, and verification (MRV) of supports (by developed countries),
 - Institutional arrangement including funds

Intersessional Informal Consultation (Bonn, August 2009)

- Consolidation of AWG-LCA 6 negotiating text (22 paragraphs → 16 paragraphs),
- REDD/REDD-plus → scope of activities : include all activities which result in reducing emissions, increasing removals, and stabilization of carbon stocks in forestry sector at national level :
 - Reduction in deforestation rates
 - Reduction in forest degradation
 - Maintaining and enhancing forest carbon stocks through forest conservation, incremental change in forest cover, sustainable management of forest,
 - [Increase forest cover due to afforestation and reforestation],
 - [other land management]



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Reference Emission Level/Reference Level (REL/RL), and Monitoring, Reporting, and Verification (MRV)

Under the REDD-plus guiding principles :
developing country aiming to implement REDD-plus actions should :

- *Establish REL/RL,*
- *Develop robust national carbon monitoring and accounting systems that are subject to review.*



Monitoring, Reporting, and Verification/MRV (of actions, by developing countries)

- Developing country participating in forest carbon mechanism shall register national emission level and national schedule (**debated issue : should REDD-plus be under NAMA ?**),
- Activities are measured, reported and verified against their agreed REL/RL,
- Developing country parties requesting support (including market-based eligibility) should submit their REDD-plus strategy/ implementation plan, including information on the extent and type of support requested, and as far as possible, their system for measurement, reporting and verification/system of measurement and monitoring,
- **Other debated issue : the need for the establishment of 'global reference level' for future emissions and removals from forestry sector and other selected LULUC activities in order to avoid carbon leakage and to ensure environmental integrity of the mechanism.**



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Implication to Indonesia : relevant issues to be addressed

- REDD/REDD-plus under NAMA ? → current negotiation position 'REDD/REDD-plus shall not be under NAMA,
- REDD or REDD-plus → national and sub-national context →
- REL/RL ? → REL (national level ?) and REL/RL (sub-national level ?)
- MRV system to be developed → national and sub-national (district level/provincial level ?)



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