

Overview of main views on outstanding methodological issues submitted by Parties and outcomes of SBSTA 28

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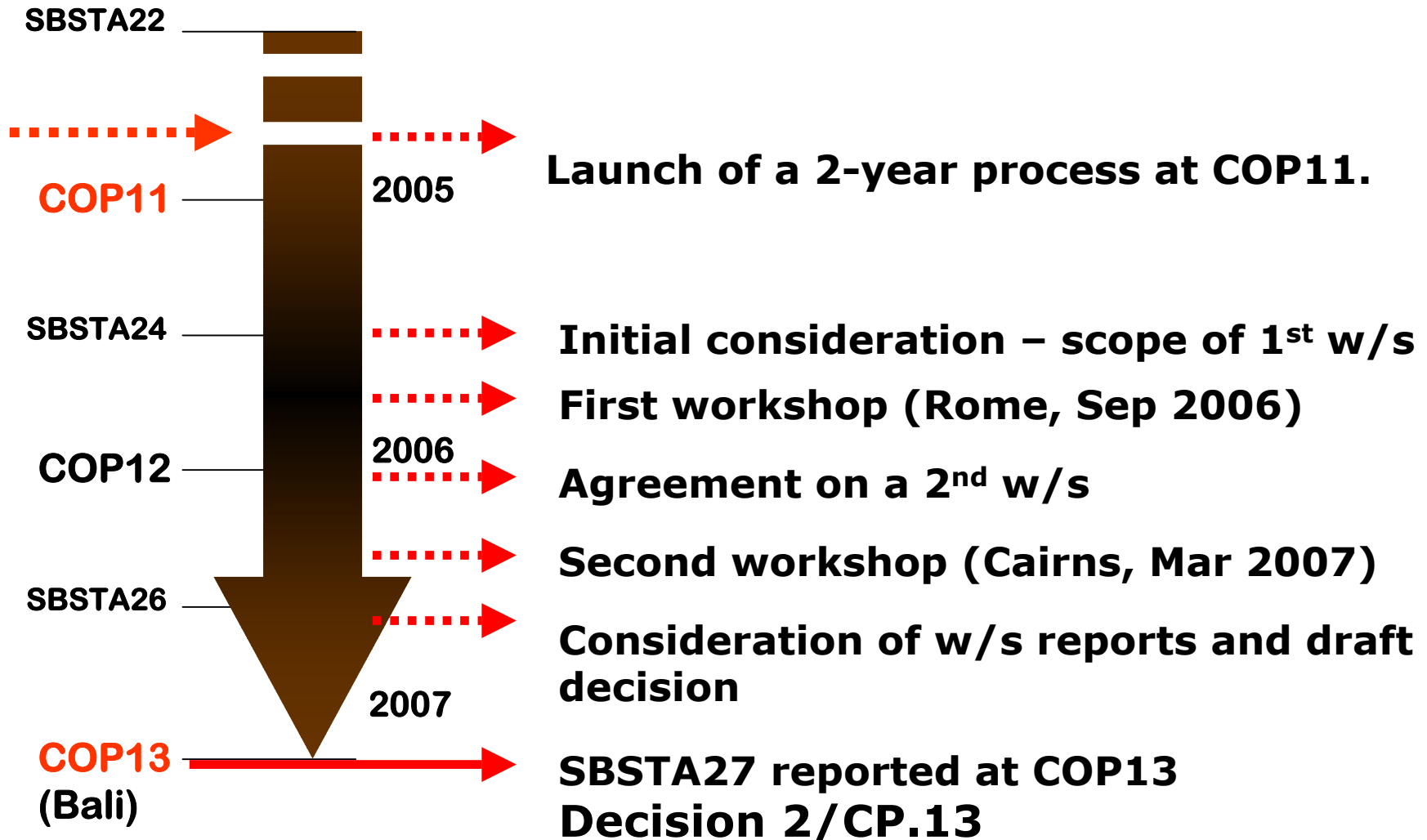
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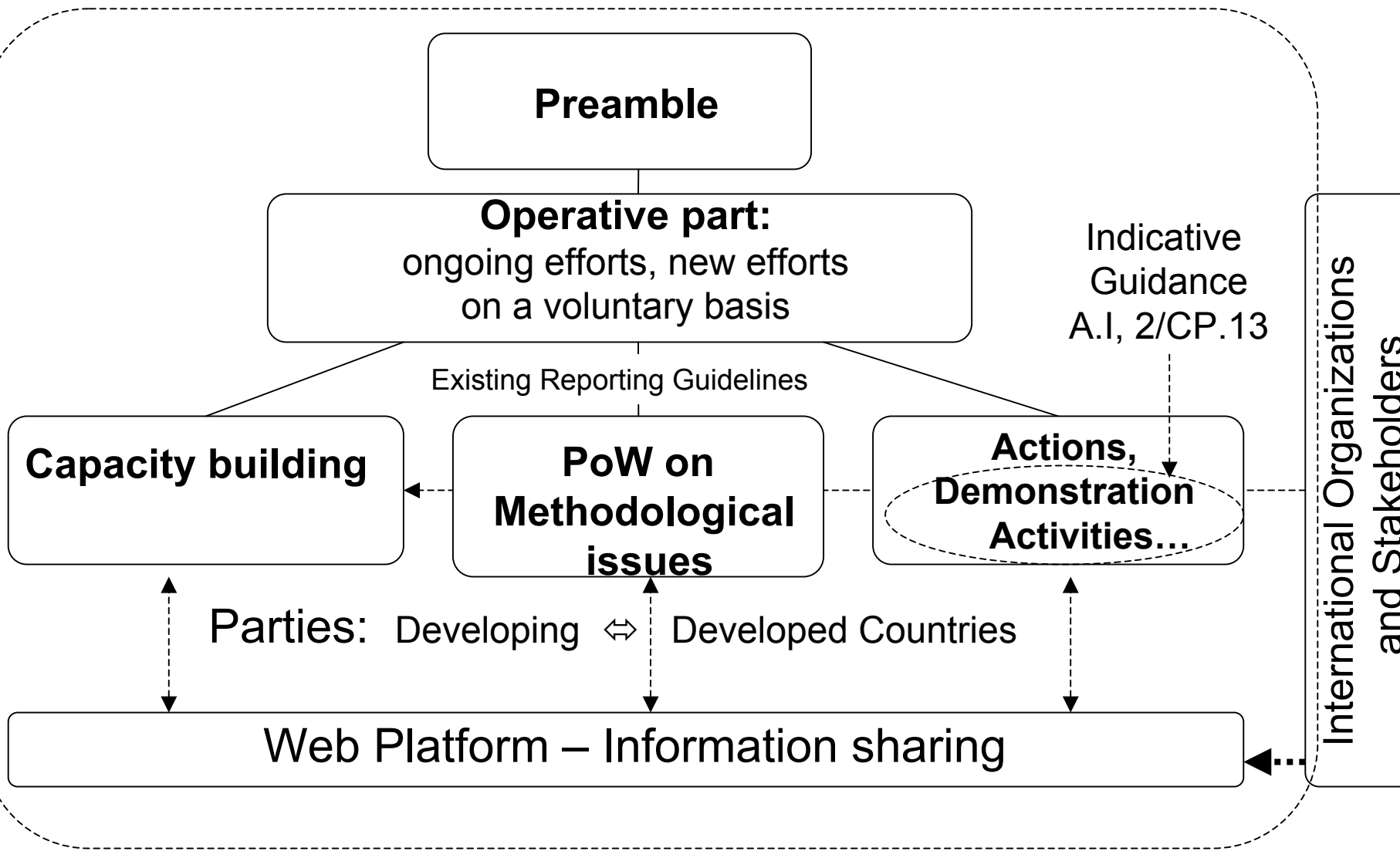
Overview

- The road to Bali
- Main elements of the REDD decision (2/CP.13)
- Where and when policy approaches and positive incentives will be considered
- Outputs SB28

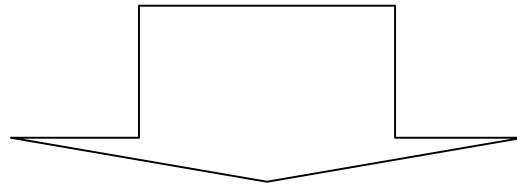
REDD: The Road to Bali



Main elements of 2/CP.13

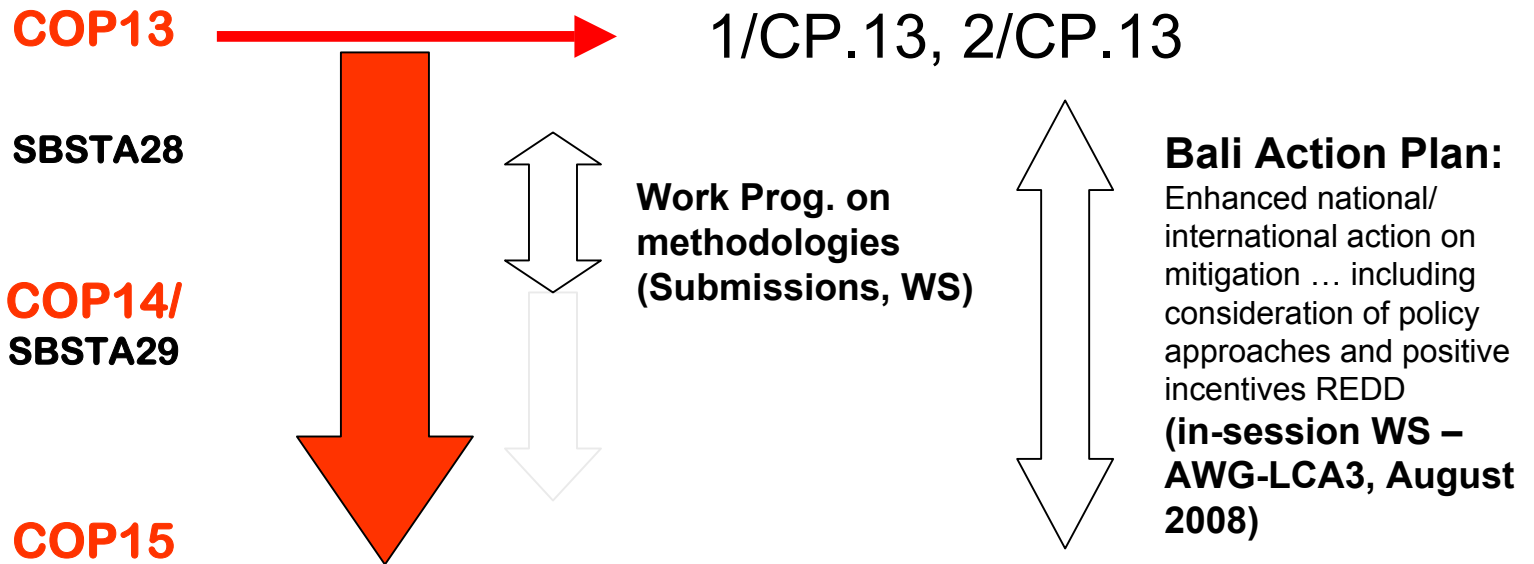


**Where and when policy approaches
and positive incentives will be considered**



1/CP.13

REDD: ... beyond Bali



Views of Parties

- SBSTA should develop sound methodological approach for any REDD mechanism
- Need funding to undertake capacity-building and technical assistance to implement REDD methodologies
- Existing IPCC Guidance – adequate basis for assessing changes in forest cover and estimating emissions. May need to develop further methodological guidance
- Assessment of changes in forest cover require both remote sensing and ground-based methods.
- NAI Parties need to develop technical capacity to work with remote sensing tools and funding for such technologies

Views of Parties

- Reference emission levels
 - Based on historical emissions, on future projections
 - Method to establish reference emission levels – Develop standard methodology
 - Take into account national circumstances
- Forest degradation
 - Complex
 - Require further development of methodologies and guidance
- Displacement of emissions
 - Need for methodologies to avoid displacement of emissions
 - Reserve accounts ? Insurance ? Leakage belt ?

Views of Parties

- Only national approach
- Both national and sub-national approach
- Sub-national approach step towards national approach
- Options for assessing effectiveness of actions
 - Development and implementation of national REDD plan
 - Based not only on amounts of money but assessed against criteria for ongoing efforts, capacity building and demonstration activities
 - Assessed by amount of emission reductions obtained
 - Proposal that AI Parties report to COP on specific actions on REDD
 - Web Platform to highlight progress of demonstration activities

SBSTA 28

(Bonn, 4–13 June 2008)

- SBSTA28 initiated consideration of outstanding methodological issues, taking into account submissions by Parties
- 17 Submissions received, compiled in MISC document. FCCC/SBSTA/2008/MISC.4, Add. 1, 2 and 3 available on-line
- Main methodological issues identified included are included in an annex to the SBSTA conclusions
- The SBSTA Chair will report on progress made to AGW-LCA 3 in Accra
- SBSTA will consider also any relevant methodological issue from the outcomes of the discussion under the AWG-LCA
- SBSTA 29 will consider ways to move the process forward, including a possible 4th workshop, expert meetings and/or informal consultations

Annex – Main Methodological Issues

1. Estimation and monitoring

Issues for **estimating and monitoring changes** in forest cover and associated carbon stocks and greenhouse gas emissions, incremental changes due to sustainable management of the forest, reduction of emissions from deforestation, and reduction of emissions from forest degradation, in relation to:

- (a) **National monitoring systems** to facilitate results-based, demonstrable, transparent and verifiable estimates;
- (b) Options for **robust, consistent methodologies including forest inventories, ground-based, and remote-sensing approaches**, as appropriate;
- (c) **Applicability of the considered methodologies**, including those in existing good practice guidance of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (**IPCC**), to the assessment of reductions in emissions from deforestation; reductions in emissions from degradation, and incremental changes due to sustainable management of the forest.

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2. Reference emissions levels

Means to establish **reference emission levels**, based on historical data, taking into account, inter alia, trends, starting dates and the length of the reference period, availability and reliability of historical data, and other specific national circumstances.

3. Displacement of emissions

Means to **identify and address displacement** of emissions.

4. National and subnational approaches

- (a) Implications of national approaches, including reference levels, estimates, reporting, and intra-national displacement of emissions if appropriate, taking into account national circumstances;
- (b) Implications of subnational approaches, including reference levels and estimates, reporting, intra-national displacement of emissions, taking into account national circumstances;
- (c) How subnational approaches can be used to develop national approaches.

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5. Capacity-building

Identification of capacity-building **needs to implement the methodologies considered** in this annex, including inter alia technology, data collection, institutional arrangements and national monitoring systems; in order to facilitate technical support and cooperation where appropriate.

6. Effectiveness of actions

- (a) Effectiveness of actions relating to paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 5 of decision 2/CP.13, and criteria for evaluation of actions including ongoing efforts, emission reductions and/or enhancement of removals achieved, further efforts needed and mobilization of resources;
- (b) Lessons learned from demonstration activities.

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7. Cross-cutting issues

- (a) Means to address **non-permanence**;
- (b) **Comparability and transparency** in assessment of carbon stocks of diverse ecosystems;
- (c) **Financial implications** for implementing methodological approaches;
- (d) **Institutional requirements** for implementing methodological approaches;
- (e) Any **implications** of methodological approaches for **indigenous people and local communities**;
- (f) **Implications** for the promotion of **co-benefits** taking note of the aims and objectives of other relevant international conventions and agreements;
- (g) Implications of methods to **verify estimates** of emission reductions and enhancement of removals and changes in forest cover;
- (h) **Implications of different definitions** of forest and relevant forest-related activities on assessment of emissions reductions and enhancement of removals and changes in forest cover;
- (i) Means to **deal with uncertainties** in estimates aiming to ensure that reductions in emissions or increases in removals are not over-estimated, including those existing in IPCC guidance.

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- In-session Workshop on policy approaches and positive incentives for REDD; and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stock
- Party-driven workshop
- Opportunity for Parties to share views and build on these views relating to REDD
- Opportunity for Parties to deepen understanding and clarify elements

THANK YOU