Overview of the technical paper

Financing options for the full implementation of results-based actions relating to the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, para 70, including related modalities and procedures

Workshop on financing options for the full implementation of results-based actions relating to REDD-plus, including modalities and procedures for financing these results-based actions

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Decision 2/CP.17

- Paragraph 69, invited Parties and admitted observer organizations to submit to the secretariat their views on modalities and procedures for financing results-based actions and considering activities related to decision 1/CP.16, paragraphs 68–70 and 72. It also requested the secretariat to prepare a technical paper based on these submissions.
- Paragraph 72, requested the secretariat to organize a workshop, taking into account the submissions and the technical paper and the conclusions on this matter by the AWG-LCA at its fifteenth session, before the session of the AWG-LCA to be held in conjunction with the eighteenth session of the COP.



The secretariat has received a total of 32 submissions

- Parties 22 submissions.
- Intergovernmental organizations 1 submission.
- Non-governmental organizations 9 submissions.



Options for results-based financing (1)

Market options

Issues raised by Parties:

- Insufficiency of public funds.
- Role in mobilizing resources: vary from a major to supplementary.
- Need for a broad recognition of REDD-plus credits.
- REDD market separate from CDM.

Non-market options

Issues raised by Parties:

- Private financing should be supplemental to public funding.
- Public funding:
 - \checkmark New and additional.
 - ✓ Predictable/ Stable/ Reliable/ Sustainable.
 - ✓ Significant/ Substantial/ Sufficient/ Adequate.
 - \checkmark Scaled up.
 - ✓ Equitable/ Transparent.
 - ✓ Green Climate Fund.



Options for results-based financing (2)

Combination of market and non-market options

Issues raised by Parties:

- Flexible combination of public and private variety of sources, including market and non-market sources.
- Developing countries to be able, depending on the national circumstances, to make a choice among:
 - ✓ Market-based options;
 - \checkmark Non market-based options, or
 - \checkmark Any combination thereof.

Innovative financing options

Issues raised by Parties:

- Potential of innovative options of finance should be further explored.
- Innovative options include: taxes, redirected subsidies, long- and mediumterm capital, advanced market commitment, microfinance, forest and REDD-plus bonds, securitization, valuation of conservation and ecosystem services, payment for ecosystem services (PES) and insurance.



Key elements relating to modalities and procedures for financing (1)

Principles

- Openness, transparency, inclusiveness, equity, accountability, effectiveness and efficiency, predictability and CBDR.
- M&P should be appropriate and participatory, while respecting the domestic laws, regulations and the relevant institutional arrangements in developing countries.
- Developing country Parties emphasize on the voluntary nature of REDD-plus.

Policy elements

- Importance and need for scaling up new, additional and predictable financing for REDD-plus activities.
 - \checkmark Need for significant financial resources.
 - Continued, predictable and scaled-up funding for 2013–2015 must be ensured
 - ✓ Global signal that there will be substantial and predictable demand for REDD-plus results
- Role of the participation requirements and the scope of coverage of REDD-plus for which financing should be provided.
- Importance of addressing the drivers of deforestation.
- Recognition of the non-carbon benefits and co-benefits.

Key elements relating to modalities and procedures for financing (2)

Governance elements/institutional arrangements

Types of bodies to guide and coordinate the allocation of financing for REDD-plus actions and activities:

- **REDD-plus Board/ regulatory body.**
- **REDD**-plus technical panel.
- Registry/ Registries.

Principles of good governance:

 Transparency, accountability, equity, participation, effectiveness and efficiency.

Benefit sharing arrangements:

• Role of the implementing country.



Key elements relating to modalities and procedures for financing (3)

Methodological elements (1)

- Important role of national forest monitoring and MRV.
- Forest monitoring systems and the reporting of results-based actions should be consistent with the MRV guidance agreed for NAMAs.
- Conservative estimates of emission reductions from REDD-plus activities may be used in the interim period.
- Verification
 - \checkmark Consistent with NAMAs, independent, standardized.
- FRELs and/or FRLs
 - ✓ Development adjustment, periodic review/ assessment.
- Finance should be provided for REDD-plus actions for which:
 - \checkmark ERs are fully MRVed and FRELs and/or FRLs are in place;
 - \checkmark Safeguards are addressed and respected.



Key elements relating to modalities and procedures for financing (4)

Methodological elements (2)

Addressing risks of reversals and displacement of emissions

- Risks of reversals:
 - Emissions resulting from natural disasters excluded from consideration in any REDD mechanism;
 - \checkmark **REDD-plus units reserves**/ buffers;
 - \checkmark Insurance system/ any approach applied in A/R CDM.
- Displacement of emissions
 - Party implementing REDD-plus actions at the subnational level as an interim measure shall monitor the emissions and report how the emissions are addressed.



Key elements relating to modalities and procedures for financing (5)

Conditions for results-based payments

- Emission reductions should be verified and all the safeguards should be addressed and respected.
- Further details on financial arrangements for the payments, including types of accounts to be used and pricing.
- Need for the early action to be eligible for results-based payments.



Linkages with other issues under consideration and further work

- Linkages between consideration of financing for full implementation of REDD-plus actions, and other finance and mitigation related issues being discussed in parallel under the AWG-LCA.
- Additional areas of work that may require further exploration and clarification to facilitate the development of modalities and procedures, including:
 - Assessing possible scales of implementation in the context of requirements, costs, benefits and potential funding under different forms of financing;
 - ✓ Reporting on safeguards under different forms of financing;
 - \checkmark Institutional and fiduciary arrangements to receive and manage payments;
 - Considering the linkages with payment for PES schemes;
 - \checkmark Elaborating on essential elements of MRV, including possible standardization;
 - Considering ways of addressing risks (reversal, leakage, underperformance or uncertainty);
 - Assessing FRLs/FRELs, including adjustments and implications of different periodicities for adjustment;
 - Developing quantifiable baselines distinct from the RLs to ensure EI and/or incentive levels to allow for consideration of nationally appropriate selffinancing.

THANK YOU!

