

The UNFCCC has an important role to play in creating a unified and efficient verification system for REDD+.

To MRV REDD+, SBSTA should develop a common reporting format, guided by previous and any subsequent COP decisions.

Additionally, a REDD+-specific technical committee should be established to verify phase 3 results of REDD+.

Successful monitoring and MRV of REDD+ will encompass more than just measuring carbon. The national forest monitoring text should support holistic national forest monitoring systems that can provide information on emissions, implementation of safeguards, additional benefits from REDD+, and drivers of deforestation. Noting discussions taking place in the LCA, Parties need to leave room for non-carbon elements to be incorporated into MRV systems. In terms of the emissions-related elements of national forest monitoring and MRV systems, these should be based on reference level information, and employ a step-wise approach to measurement beginning with the use of appropriate proxies, culminating with the use of tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>eq.

Besides monitoring and MRV CAN has three other issues:

1. SBSTA should clarify that it will provide additional guidance on safeguard information systems next year, and call for submissions, from Parties and accredited observers, on experience with safeguard information systems.
2. Specific guidance on the process for reference level technical assessment should be provided next year.
3. Furthermore, we ask that you extend the drivers mandate and work towards ensuring that REDD+ shifts economies to sustainable development pathways by developing policy approaches to adequately address all drivers by COP 19. We ask for a call for submissions, from Parties and accredited observers, on detailed drivers policies that will help ensure deforestation and forest degradation can be effectively reduced.

Thank you.