

From SBSTA item 5 on REDD+ in the closing plenary.

Begins:

First of all, the Umbrella Group would like to thank countries for their active participation in the in-session workshop on non-market based approaches to REDD+. The UG appreciates the opportunity we had to share first-hand experiences in implementing non-market approaches to REDD+ and to provide concrete examples of non-market REDD+ activities already underway in many countries. While we have heard a diverse set of views on the topic of non-market approaches to REDD+, we did not hear a consensus that additional guidance on non-market approaches was needed for Parties to move forward with mitigation in their forests. The UG believes that the 7 decisions we agreed to at COP 19 - known as the Warsaw Redd+ Framework - completed the methodological guidance needed for REDD+ and provides sufficient flexibility for countries to implement REDD+ in the way that best suits their national circumstances.

Given this, we do not see the need to develop further guidance at an international level, but rather believe it is important to support Redd+ actions through various sources of finance so that countries can continue to move forward with the implementation of plans to Reduce Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation.