



Second workshop on results-based finance for the full implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70

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This note provides information on the second UNFCCC workshop on results-based finance for the full implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70.

Mandate

The Conference of the Parties (COP), in its decision 1/CP.18, decided to undertake a work programme on results-based finance in 2013 to progress the full implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70 (hereinafter referred to as REDD-plus). It decided that the aim of the work programme is to contribute to the ongoing efforts to scale up and improve the effectiveness of finance for the activities relating to REDD-plus, taking into account decision 2/CP.17, paragraphs 66 and 67.

The work programme will address options to achieve this objective, taking into account a wide variety of sources as referred to in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 65, including:

- Ways and means to transfer payments for results-based actions;
- Ways to incentivize non-carbon benefits;
- Ways to improve the coordination of results-based finance.

The COP requested the co-chairs, assisted by the secretariat, to support two workshops and to prepare a report on the workshops for the consideration of the COP at its nineteenth session, with a view to the COP adopting a decision on this matter.

Background

The first workshop¹ took place on 10 June 2013 in Bonn, Germany in conjunction with the thirty-eighth sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies. The focus of the first workshop was on issues related to ways and means to transfer payments for results-based actions. During the half day workshop, Parties discussed issues and explored options for transparent transfer of payments for results-based actions and for improving the effectiveness of finance for REDD-plus activities.

¹ Information on the first workshop is available at: <<http://unfccc.int/7671>>

Guided by a set of specific questions by the co-chairs, Parties explored and discussed the following aspects related to ways and means to transfer payments for results-based actions:

- Unique features of financing for REDD-plus;
- Challenges or barriers faced by developing country Parties in their access to and/or receipt of results-based payments for REDD-plus and potential ways to address them;
- Ways in which bilateral and multilateral initiatives are addressing these barriers;
- Requirements for scaling up and ensuring predictable financing and investments;
- Potential ways and means to ensure the link between results-based payments and addressing and respecting safeguards, addressing drivers of deforestation and the reduction of risks.

In addressing the matters identified above, Parties emphasized the need for and importance of an architecture that ensures coherence and coordination of results-based finance for the full implementation of activities relating to REDD-plus. They highlighted strong and transparent governance as one of the key elements in this architecture. In addition, Parties shared experiences gained thus far on best practices as part of on-going actions relating to REDD-plus implementation and financing of such actions.

Objectives of the second workshop

The second workshop will focus on all the issues to be covered by the work programme, as identified in the mandate above. Parties will continue to explore and discuss ways and means for transfer of payments for results-based actions. As part of this discussion, they will also identify and consider ways to improve the coordination of results-based finance. At this workshop, the potential ways to incentivize non-carbon benefits will also be discussed.

The workshop is expected to allow Parties:

- To discuss in-depth the issues, key elements and challenges relating to results-based financing for the full implementation of results-based REDD-plus actions and activities;
- To have an interactive exchange of views and to share ideas, experiences and lessons learned on the relevant issues relating to results-based financing for the full implementation of REDD-plus actions and activities.

The holding of the second workshop in August will facilitate the preparation of the report on the workshops by the co-chairs and ensure that the report will be available in a timely manner for consideration by the COP at its nineteenth session.

The outcomes of both workshops are expected to facilitate and advance the consideration of issues being considered in the work programme on results-based finance for REDD-plus.

Organization of work

The main approach of the workshop will be organized around presentations by Parties and technical experts, followed by plenary discussions. To help structure and guide the in-depth plenary discussions, the co-chairs will pose a set of specific questions, taking into account the views expressed by Parties at the first workshop and during their informal consultations with Parties. The questions by the co-chairs will be made available before the workshop.

After a brief opening, the co-chairs will provide a summary of the key issues and points raised at the first workshop. They will also propose their approach to work at the second workshop.

The first day of the workshop will cover issues and elements related to ways and means to transfer payments for results-based actions and ways to improve coordination of results-based finance. This session will consist of presentations by Parties and technical experts, followed by plenary discussions.

The first half of the second day will focus on ways to incentivize non-carbon benefits through technical presentations by Parties and technical experts to set the scene for the plenary discussions.

On the afternoon of the second day, the co-chairs plan to conduct plenary discussions during which participants can explore and identify key elements that could be considered in an architecture for scaling up and improving the effectiveness of results-based financing for the full implementation of actions relating to REDD-plus. The session will also explore views on the expected outcome and/or form of the outcome at the nineteenth session of the COP.

Participants are encouraged to engage in interactive discussions and share their views, experiences and lessons learned, taking into consideration the issues raised in the presentations and in response to the specific questions by the co-chairs. If time permits, the co-chairs will provide an opportunity for observers representing international organizations and civil society to share their views during the plenary discussions.

The co-chairs will present a summary of the key points raised at the conclusion of the workshop. A report on the two workshops will be prepared for consideration by the COP at its nineteenth session.

The working language of the workshop will be English.

Logistical note

Participants must be registered with the secretariat prior to the workshop.

All representatives of Parties must have been nominated by their national focal points for climate change prior to the start of the workshop.

Observers representing civil society must be nominated by the focal points of their respective constituencies and be registered with the secretariat prior to the workshop.

The participation of technical experts is by invitation only.