



Forest in the UNFCCC

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Forests under the Convention & Paris Agreement

Article 4.1 (d): Promote sustainable management, and promote and cooperate in the conservation and enhancement, as appropriate, of **sinks and reservoirs** of all greenhouse gases not controlled by the Montreal Protocol, **including** biomass, **forests** and oceans as well as other terrestrial, coastal and marine ecosystems.

Convention

Article 5.1: Refer back to 4.1 (d) of the Convention.

Article 5.2: Parties are encouraged to take action to implement and support, including through **results-based payments**, the existing framework as set out in related guidance and decisions already agreed under **the Convention for REDD+**.

Paris Agreement



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Forests in the First Global Stocktake

As a result of extended negotiations, the Parties finally agreed on the first Global Stocktake at COP28 (2023). This covers the full scope of climate issues, including fossil fuels, transportation and nature.

33. *Further emphasizes* the importance of conserving, protecting and restoring nature and ecosystems towards achieving the Paris Agreement temperature goal, including through enhanced efforts towards halting and reversing deforestation and forest degradation by 2030, and other terrestrial and marine ecosystems acting as sinks and reservoirs of greenhouse gases and by conserving biodiversity, while ensuring social and environmental safeguards, in line with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;

34. *Notes* the need for enhanced support and investment, including through financial resources, technology transfer and capacity-building, for efforts towards halting and reversing deforestation and forest degradation by 2030 in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication, in accordance with Article 5 of the Paris Agreement, including through results-based payments for policy approaches and positive incentives for activities relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries; and alternative policy approaches, such as joint mitigation and adaptation approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests, while reaffirming the importance of incentivizing, as appropriate, non-carbon benefits associated with such approaches;

Paragraphs 33 and 34 highlighted the importance of **halting and reversing deforestation and forest degradation, and Article 5 of the Paris Agreement (REDD+).**

The updated NDCs will be informed by this outcome.



Warsaw Framework for REDD+

Reduce Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation in developing countries

Holistic framework for climate action in the forest sector established in 2013. Developing countries can receive **results-based payments** for emission reductions and enhancement of removals through the implementation of REDD+ activities:

- Reducing emissions from deforestation
- Reducing emissions from forest degradation
- Conservation of forest carbon stocks
- Sustainable management of forests
- Enhancement of forest carbon stocks



REDD+ is recognized in

- **Article 5** of the Paris Agreement, and
- **Paragraphs 33 and 34** of the first Global Stocktake



MRV for results-based payments

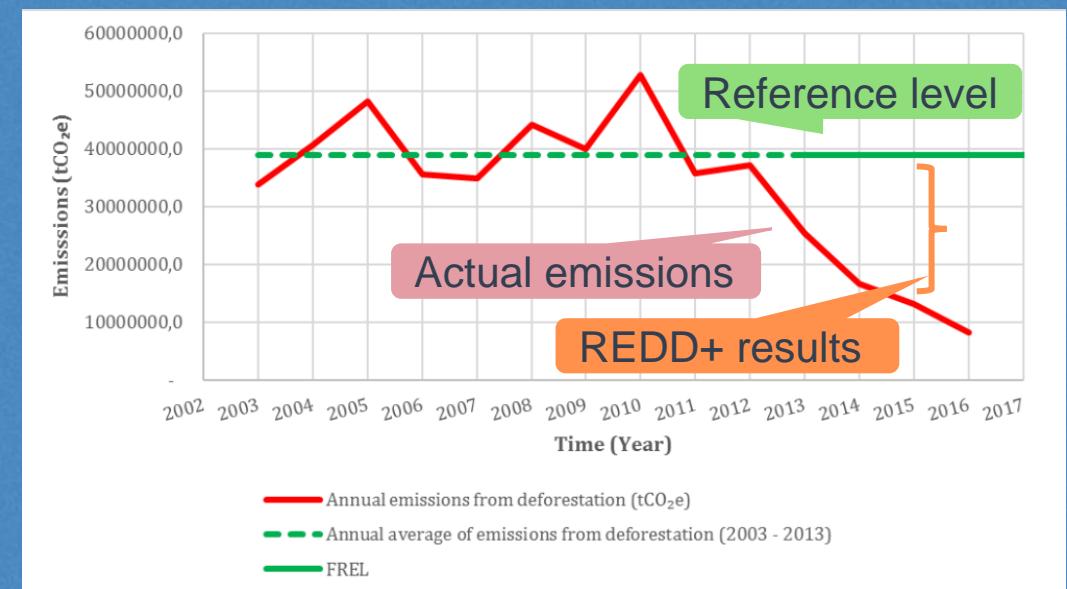
Elements that need to receive results-based payments (decisions 1/CP.16 and 9/CP.19)

- The implementation in phases has been decided in para. 73 of decision 1/CP.16:
 - **Readiness phase;**
 - **Full implementation phase.**
- To receive results-based payments, REDD+ countries **must fulfill 5 requirements.**



What are reference levels and REDD+ results?

- FRELs/FRLs serve as **benchmarks** for assessing the performances of implementation of REDD+ activities.
- Reference levels and REDD+ results are **technically assessed/analyzed** by LULUCF experts in accordance with the guidelines adopted by the COP (annex to decisions 13/CP.19 and 14/CP.19).



Source: Mozambique's REDD+ Technical Annex to its first BUR

Countries' progress on REDD+

35

Parties submitted
their National
REDD+ Strategies

65

Parties submitted
their FRELs/FRLs

33

Parties submitted
their Safeguards
Information
Summaries

24

Parties submitted
their REDD+ results

**21 countries are eligible to
receive results-based
payments for a reduction of
12.02 GtCO₂eq**



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Key developments in REDD+

40th GCF meeting (October 2024)

- The GCF Board adopted a proposal ([GCF/B.40/11](#)) for a landmark policy integrating REDD+ RBP into the Fund's regular project activity cycle.
- The policy is **fully aligned with the Warsaw Framework for REDD+.**
- To apply for the funding, countries need to have the framework referred to in A5.2 of the PA fully in place.

Article 6.4 SB (October 2024)

- Adopted Methodologies Standard ([A6.4-STAN-METH-001](#)) and standard for addressing leakage ([A6.4-STAN-METH-005](#)).
- They indicate **requirements for A6.4 activities that fall under the scope of REDD+.**
- Project-level REDD+ activities must be included in the host country's national REDD+ strategy.



Strong signal for

- **Long-term implementation of national REDD+**



REDD+ Web Platform

All information on REDD+ is available on the **REDD+ Web Platform**, including relevant decisions, countries' progress, and REDD+-related events.

By creating an account, you can receive regular REDD+ updates.



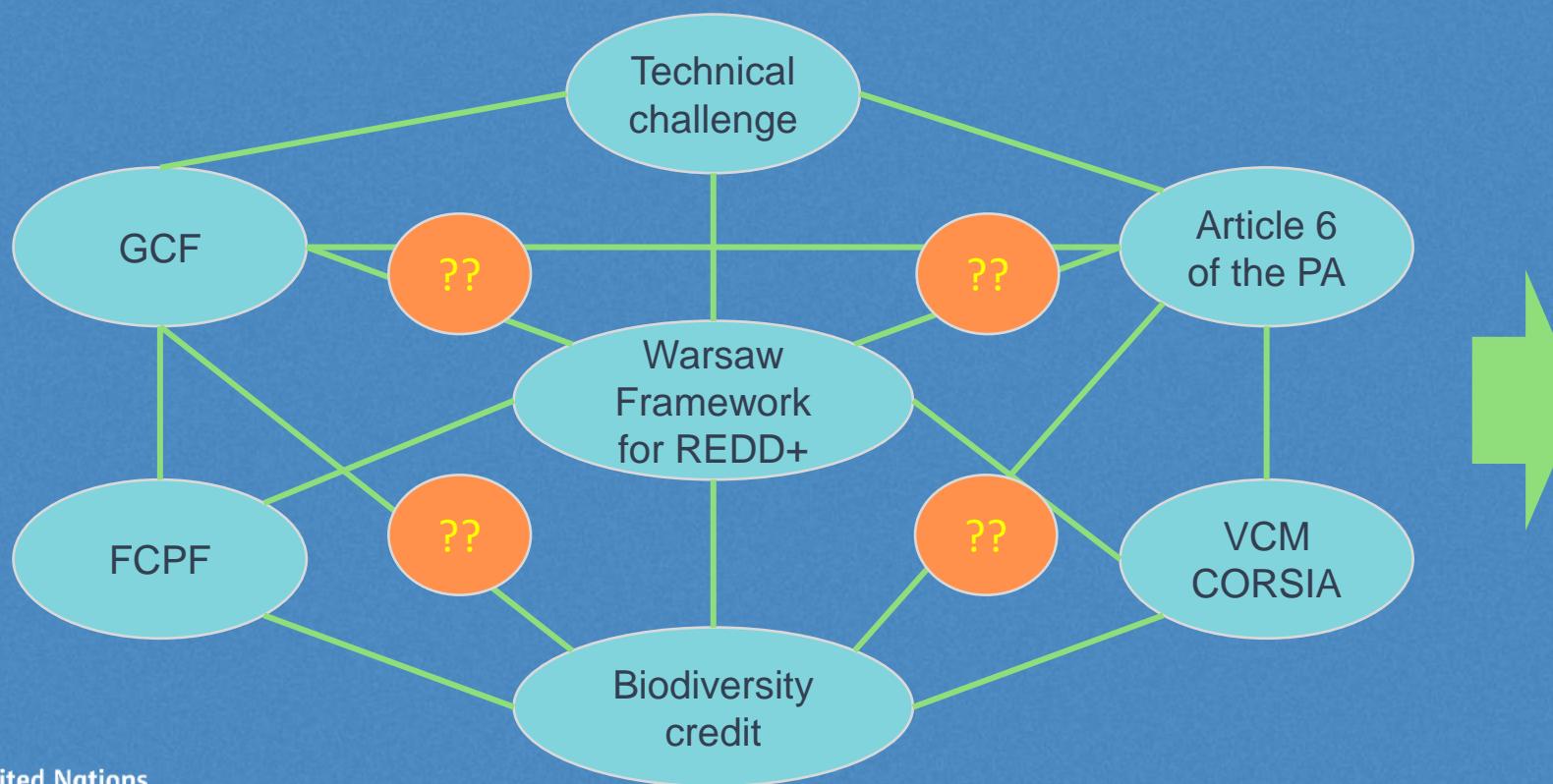
Go to the platform from <https://redd.unfccc.int/>.



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REDD+ Community of Practice

More than a decade after the adoption of the Warsaw Framework for REDD+, the landscape of REDD+ implementation is becoming increasingly complex...



**Need for a
dedicated space
for discussion
and information
exchange**



Planned activities

Community of Practice takes **a pro-active approach** to disseminate authoritative information through creative and engaging formats.

New REDD+ Web Platform

Central hub for sharing
REDD+ information / new
REDD+ discussion forum

REDD+ meeting

Provide all stakeholders with
the opportunity to engage in
in-person discussions on
topics of interest.

Webinar / E-learning

Gain a solid understanding
of the foundation of REDD+

Infographics / Video

Effectively communicate
REDD+ in a clear and
accessible manner



Thank you!
For more info, check out REDD+ Web Platform!!
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Solution

Presenter

Group 1

Scaling Urban Nature-based Solutions for Climate Adaptation in Sub-Saharan Africa

World Resources Institute

Group 2

Strengthening Ecosystems and Communities through Mangrove Restoration

SLYCAN Trust (GTE) Ltd.

Group 3

Cross River State REDD+ Strategy for Forest Conservation and Climate Resilience

Government of Cross River State - Nigeria

Group 4

Global Fire Management Hub

FAO

Group 5

Showcasing, Incentivizing and Upscaling Deforestation and Conversion Free Supply Chains

World Wildlife Fund



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