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Curtail deforestation: how to measure progress?

REDD+ tools and methodologies

Time: Friday 5 November 13:15-14:30 GMT
Location: COP26, Blue zone, Loch Lomond

Background:

Given zero-emission targets by 2050, forests play an increasingly important role in the mitigation of climate change. The Paris Agreement, in its Article 5, recognizes the integral contribution of forests and encourages Parties to take action to implement and support 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, also known as REDD+.

The adoption of Warsaw Framework for REDD+ by the UNFCCC in 2013 provided the complete methodological and financing guidance for REDD+ activities and provides an agreed and robust framework for collaboration between countries under the Paris Agreement. As of today, 54 countries have made 69 REDD+ FREL/FRL submissions and/or technical annexes on REDD+ with their BUR, amounting to over 8,000 Mt CO2eq in verified emission reductions, with much more potential that can be realized.

Recognizing the significant contribution of the forest sector to contribute towards net-zero emission targets requires robust national forest monitoring systems and transparent reporting. During this side event, participants will learn about the tools and methodologies currently being used for national REDD+ reporting. This event aims to help in the continuous improvement of tools and methodologies, while also informing practitioners and REDD+ experts undertaking the technical assessment of FRELs/FRLs.

Objectives:
- Provide an overview of tools and methodologies in use for national REDD+ reporting.
- Explore capacity-building needs and opportunities for improvement.
- Encourage a discussion among REDD+ practitioners on the use of different tools.
- Support transparency and implementation in line with the Warsaw Framework for REDD+.

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Target audience:
- Parties interested in REDD+ implementation.
- Technical experts working on forest carbon measurement and reporting (including IGOs, NGOs, financing entities, academia, and other stakeholders).

Intended outcomes:
- Overview of tools and methodologies used by Parties in REDD+ reporting.
- References to further information and capacity-building opportunities.
- Ideas for further development and/or improvements of tools.

Draft agenda:

Title: REDD+ progress to date **Speaker:** Mr. Adrián Vidal, AFOLU Unit, UNFCCC
Title: FAO support and platforms for REDD+ MRV **Speaker:** Mr. Julian Fox, Team Leader National Forest Monitoring, FAO
Title: CfRN Foundational Platform for REDD+ reporting **Speaker:** Ms. Eloïse Guidi, Coalition for Rainforest Nations, GHG expert
Title: OpenMRV - a new knowledge platform for implementing forest MRV **Speaker:** Ms. María José Sanz Sanchez, Chair GFOI Advisory Group
Title: Reflections on status and trends in REDD+ tools and data **Speaker:** Mr. Martin Herold, Professor of Remote Sensing, Wageningen University and GFZ Potsdam
Q & A Session