

# Practical lessons from forest & carbon certification for national REDD+

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### UNIQUE presence Forest management – Investments – Int. Cooperation – Climate









## **UNIQUE forestry and climate expertise**

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Projects some include methodology development	Standard	Client/partner
Afforestation/Reforestation projects:		
- Uganda project portfolio (5 projects), 1 <sup>st</sup> African	UNFCCC	
UNFCCC registered forestry project	THE FOR	
- Kenya project portfolio		Private and public
- India Livelihood carbon project (6,000 ha)	$\sim$	organisations
- India Mangrove restoration (6,000 ha)	$(\mathcal{C})$	
REDD+ projects:		
- Ethiopia 0.5 million ha		World Bank
- Mozambique 10,000 ha	VERIFIED CARB	Danone
- Zambia 90,000 ha		Greenbelt Movement
Agricultural, soil carbon projects:		FAO
- Kenya Agricultural Carbon Project (80,000 ha)	The Climate, Community & Biodiversity Alliance	Envirotrade
- China: Rangeland restoration (20,000 ha)		UNDP/ICI
- Mongolia: Rangeland restoration (200,000 ha)	R	Uganda government
Certified forest management:	$\sqrt{3}$	etc.
- Sustainable Natural Forest Management (Paraguay)	FSC	
- Integrated forest and livestock production (Paraguay)		
- Forest restoration		



### **State of REDD+**

#### **UN level**

**Policy framework** for governments to design national REDD+ mechanisms:

• Modalities and procedures on MRV, Reference levels, safeguards, finance





## **REDD+ activities in practice**

**REDD+** project activities depend on different drivers of deforestation and generation of alternative incomes

- 1. Conservation of carbon stocks
- Afforestation/Reforestation to meet fuelwood and charcoal energy demand
- 3. Carbon stock enhancement through improved forest management
- 4. Sustainable agriculture intensification
- 5. Integrated forest and livestock production





#### **Options for voluntary REDD+ project certification**





### **Success factors for REDD+ implementation**





### **Complementarity between voluntary standards and national REDD+ regimes (compliance)**





## **Example: Tanzania**





# Conclusions

- Certification provides market infrastructure for commodities, carbon, biodiversity & enforces best practice land use management
- Certification informs the development or complements national land management regulation, e.g. FSC & PEFC national standard setting
- To qualify for compliance regimes and to simplify certification and operational procedures, certification standards should collaborate
- Harmonization of standards requires facilitation



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