



CONCEPT NOTE

UNFCCC Side Event

REDD+ and forests in the Global Stocktake and Biennial Transparency Reports

Background: At COP28, the first Global Stocktake was undertaken by Parties to the Paris Agreement. The outcome of the Global Stocktake shall inform Parties in updating and enhancing, in a nationally determined manner, their actions and support in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Agreement, as well as in enhancing international cooperation for climate action. The outcome highlighted the importance of halting and reversing deforestation and forest degradation by 2030, asking Parties to include related action and support in 2025 NDCs.

In addition, for Parties to the Paris Agreement the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) will start operating this year. The technical expert review (TER) process for biennial transparency reports (BTRs) begins in 2024, and the technical analysis process for REDD+ results will be conducted concurrently with TERs. It is an appropriate moment to clarify how REDD+ reporting and review processes work under the ETF and Article 5.2 of the Paris Agreement, while also giving Parties an opportunity to highlight their plans on enhancing efforts towards halting and reversing deforestation and forest degradation by 2030.

Objectives: In order to highlight the potential of the Warsaw Framework for REDD+ to raise ambition for mitigation actions in the forest sector, this event aims to:

- Inform about the outcome of the Global Stocktake on REDD+ and NDCs;
- Clarify REDD+ reporting under the ETF;
- Collect and discuss open questions from Parties and stakeholders;
- Create a recording for future reference.

Impact and outcomes of the event: The participants will learn about REDD+ reporting and review processes under the ETF and Article 5.2 of the Paris Agreement, including the first BTRs due by 31 December 2024. Furthermore, the discussion about the inclusion of “halting and reversing deforestation and forest degradation by 2030” in the outcome of the first Global Stocktake will encourage Parties to consider how to enhance their ambition to halt deforestation and forest degradation in their updated NDCs, due in February 2025.

Target audience:

- Parties interested in REDD+ implementation;



- Stakeholders interested in providing technical and/or financial support to REDD+ implementation, including technical experts, IGOs, NGOs, financial entities, academia.

Time/Location: Tuesday, 4 June, 11.45–13.00, Berlin (110 pax), World Conference Center Bonn

Panelists:

1. **Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations**, Ms. Amy Duchelle, Senior Forestry Officer, team lead of the Forests and Climate Team, Forestry Division, FAO
2. **Germany**, Ms. Ruth Irlen, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection
3. **Guyana**, Mr. Kevin Hogan, Advisor to the Office of the President on Climate
4. **Indonesia**, Mr. Syaiful Anwar, Senior Policy Analyst, Ministry of Environment and Forestry

Tentative Agenda:

<p>Opening remarks by Donald Cooper, Director of the Transparency Division, UN Climate Change</p>
<p>REDD+ in the first Global Stocktake UN Climate Change: REDD+ in the first Global Stocktake</p>
<p>1st Panel topic: REDD+ in the first Global Stocktake</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How important are forests/REDD+ for current NDCs and the Paris Agreement? • How do countries plan to include forests/REDD+ in the 2025 NDC?
<p>REDD+ reporting in Biennial Transparency Reports UN Climate Change presentation: REDD+ in Biennial Transparency Reports</p>
<p>2nd Panel topic: REDD+ reporting in Biennial Transparency Reports</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can countries ensure consistency between REDD+ data and BTRs? • How can countries track progress of forest-related elements towards achieving their NDCs?
<p>Q&A session</p>
<p>Closing remarks by Dirk Nemitz, Team lead, AFOLU unit, Transparency Division, UN Climate Change</p>