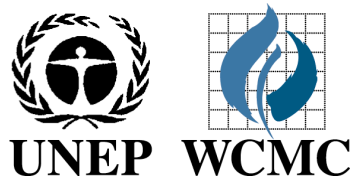


REDD+ in Durban: Incremental progress?

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‘SBSTA’ Decision on safeguard information systems and reference levels

- Cancun mandate was to develop:
 - Modalities for reference levels and forest monitoring system
 - Guidance on safeguard information system
 - Modalities for MRV
- Safeguard information systems
 - General principles: transparent, allow improvements over time, country driven,
 - Timing of first report and frequency – to be decided
 - Consider need for further guidance
- Reference levels
 - Benchmark for assessing performance
 - Ref levels to be updated over time
 - Countries to submit info on dev of ref levels, on adjustment for national circs, and reference levels themselves
 - Establish a process for technical assessment of ref levels

LCA decision on financing of REDD+

- Cancun mandate
 - Explore financing options for results-based actions of REDD+
- Process: submissions, technical paper, workshop (with a link to SBSTA process)
- Link to safeguards: regardless of source of finance REDD+ activities should be consistent with safeguards
- Finance may come from a variety of sources
- Market based approaches may be developed
- Non market based approaches could be developed

Comments

- Progress: incremental or slow?
- Safeguard information system: weak or a work in progress?
- Impact of Green Climate Fund
- Outstanding questions:
 - How will results-based actions be funded and on what scale?
 - If funds are potentially available will countries have the political will and institutional/technical capacity to deliver?