

Progress Update

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Outline

1. Progress updates since EB8
2. Programmatic highlights

Progress updates: EB-8 follow up

1. Formative Review
2. Strategy Finalization
3. Resource Mobilisation
4. Platform on women in REDD+
5. Governance

Development of Governance Arrangements for 2026-2030

- **Background:** Established to facilitate the effective and efficient collaboration for implementation. 2008 until 2016 PB; From 2017 EB.
- **Form follows function:** Governance arrangements will be updated to be fit for purpose for future needs, opportunities and the drive for efficiency in the context of ongoing reforms.
- **Consultation:** Provide views on governance features such as functions and composition.
- **Indicative Timeline:** Consultations in the coming months and new governance arrangements rolled out in 2026.

Proposed pathway for self-selection of Indigenous Peoples and Civil Society representatives to the UN-REDD Executive Board

Context

- UN-REDD has a participatory & inclusive governance
- Former self-selection mechanism, with the FCPF, ended (Bank Information Centre)

Analysis with current IPs & CSOs representatives

- Local Communities is a key stakeholder constituency, weakly recognised in international fora, and requiring more attention in UN-REDD
- Emergence of strong IPs & LCs platforms that are relevant for UN-REDD:
 - **Local Communities & Indigenous peoples Platform (LCIPP)** – under the UNFCCC
 - **Global Alliance for Territorial Communities (GATC)** – which “represents 35 million people living in forest territories from 24 countries in Asia, Africa, and Latin America”

Proposal

- The Indigenous Peoples constituency to be selected from the LCIPP – via the Facilitative Working Group at the UNFCCC Secretariat.
- The Civil Society constituency to better reflect Local Communities and be selected from the GATC.
- Ensure regional balance.
- Require field experience and technical expertise on climate, forest & territorial matters.

UN-REDD Strategy 2025 Outcomes

1. REALISE

- Implementation of REDD+ investment plans/programmes
- Restoration and deforestation-free supply chains
- MRV and Safeguards

2. REWARD

- RBPs
- Market transactions for forest carbon
- Private-sector forest carbon investments

3. ENHANCE

- NDCs mitigation actions in the forest and land-use sectors assessed, accelerated and enhanced

4. CONNECT

- Knowledge captured, managed and disseminated
- Collective political and societal support
- Digital cooperation and frontier technologies



UN-REDD Operational Modalities

- Planning: multiyear workplans and annual inceptions
- Reporting: annual and semi-annual
- Financial: transparency and accountability

Highlights of progress – Outcome 1 Forest Solutions Realised

- Safeguards: 15 countries, **50% increase** in safeguards TA - SIS improvements **expanded to 15 countries; 7 Sol completed**
- Supply chains: **80 businesses** increased their capacity to implement good practices for deforestation due diligence in supply chains including **45 Global Platform** for Sustainable Natural Rubber members, **20 cocoa companies**, and **15 coffee companies**.
- Agrifood: **the “Solutions-tree” platform**, supported by UN-REDD, made major strides as a cross-sectoral tool for **addressing deforestation through agrifood systems transformation**
- Decoupling agricultural commodities from deforestation: Enhanced capacity on zero-deforestation practices and market-based regulations, including in **Colombia** and on **EUDR in Ecuador**.
- Public expenditure review: **9 countries strengthened** evidence base for forest-related investments through the development of an analytical framework to assess public expenditure.

Highlights Of Progress – Outcome 2 Forest Solutions Rewarded

- **20 countries** supported on results-based finance
- **13 countries** receiving assistance on ART-TREES compliance
- **Over 174 MtCo₂e** mitigation potential identified
- **USD 1.74 billion** potential worth of ER (at LEAF floor price)

Highlights Of Progress – Outcome 3 Forest Solutions Enhanced

- **15+ countries** supported in integrating forest and LULUCF in their NDCs
- **12 countries** supported on ETF and BTR readiness
- **Global guidance developed** to help countries implement forest-based climate strategies in their NDCs, in collaboration with UNDP climate promise.
- **Countries supported** in implementing forest and land-use targets in their latest NDCs, while preparing for the 2025 NDC cycle

Highlights of Progress – Outcome 4 Connect

- **Convened multiple knowledge events:** KM Day at OTFF (140 experts from 40+ countries), Learning Labs in LAC, Africa, AP (400+ practitioners); Global Exchange on REDD+ Benefit Sharing (16 countries)
- **Enhanced learning and exchange:** expanded the REDD+ Academy to 2,500+ members; Academy 3.0 curriculum launched with *Nesting* learning journal; 6 more journals in the 2025 pipeline
- **Kickstarted COP30 campaign:** Generated 10,000+ social media interactions and secured 74 articles in 70 outlets across 25 countries through the “Bridge to Belém” campaign
- **Engaged new audiences:** especially the private sector, e.g. convening 60+ finance and private-sector leaders, and country governments, at an investor’s roundtable at LCAW
- **Expanded digital reach:** increased digital reach by about 15%, with thousands accessing REDD+ knowledge tools

Highlights of Progress – Global and Regional Initiatives

- **14 countries supported** on integrity requirements. Countries advancing with registration and monitoring of TREES credits thru synergies with **core UN-REDD and AIM4Forest support**. Others are in the pipeline.
- **ASEAN bodies and member states improved data and integration of social forestry** in upcoming **NDCs**, supported to scale-up impact and access to market and finance, developed regional guidelines and toolkit on integrating NbS in forestry. **Pilots ongoing in Cambodia, Indonesia and Lao PDR (ASEAN Social Forestry initiative)**
- **Africa Forest Forum** with South-south exchange facilitated through a regional Learning Lab in Côte d'Ivoire, in partnership with
- **1,500 practitioners** joined the **UN-REDD Academy** learning labs and Community of Practice

Discussion

- Any specific result/activity you would like to discuss more in depth?
- Any further comment on the annual/semi reports and how to make them more useful for you?
- Any “breakthrough signal” you have observed from your vantage point on the forest and climate agenda?

Thank you

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Reports

Annual report

- Structured per the Programme result framework - Outcome level analysis
- Blends global-level narrative and country-level results with dedicated section per country
- Includes metrics (quantitative results) and human-centered stories
- Financial transparency
- Stoplight system for easy visual grasp of implementation status

Semi Annual Report

- Provides mid-year checkpoint on country implementation
- More concise (200 words per section)
- Highlights emerging operational issues, delivery bottlenecks, and early results.
- Designed for programme management, for fast updates to stakeholder.
- Stoplight system for easy visual grasp of implementation status