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2026 Workplan and Budget: Technical Assistance (TA) for REDD+ Implementation

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UN-REDD Programme 2026 Technical Assistance Work Plan and Budget/ Norwegian contribution

The 2026 Work Plan and Budget presented below builds on the lessons learned from the 2021-2025 UN-REDD Programme and is a significant contribution to the [UN-REDD 2026-30 Strategy](#).

UN-REDD's 2026-2030 Strategy builds on the experience, trust and traction that it has gained at country, regional and global levels over the past 15 years. The second half of this decade will be crucial for contributing to the global goal of halting and reversing deforestation and forest degradation by 2030. With high demand from forest countries, IP and LC and strong commitment of continuing donor support, UN-REDD is well positioned to contribute to delivering ambitious and lasting transformations in the land and forest sector, enabled by its unique value proposition (trusted in country support, neutral advice, and convening role).

The 2026 work will build on the support provided by Norway to UN-REDD technical assistance (TA) and progress achieved in 2025 to consolidate and scale up results on carbon markets/LEAF, tenure and the Interfaith Rainforest Initiative. Other emerging opportunities will be re-assessed for potential additional support in 2026. This document focuses on 2026 as a transition year, while support covering 2027-2030 will be considered separately to allow flexibility for adjustment given the rapidly evolving global context.

The 2026 Work Plan and Budget cover the technical assistance and cross-cutting elements to accelerate transformation through gender equality and social inclusion, knowledge generation and management and communications support that will be provided by the UN-REDD Programme over the coming year. The total 2026 budget remains the same as in the previous 2022-2025 multiyear work plan and budget. Further details will be shared with the Board for information and comment as part of the 2026 annual workplanning exercise that is being undertaken for every country, and global knowledge and communications, and will be shared with the Board in the first quarter of 2026. Annual workplanning exercises are consultative processes engaging prospective country partners, international partners and donors investing in the Programme.

1.1 Country Support (Demonstrating high integrity REDD+ results, unlocking finance, enhancing climate ambition and actions to address drivers of deforestation / Outcomes 1-2-3-4)

Country support remains the key feature of the UN-REDD Programme. UN-REDD has been supporting countries with REDD+ implementation and increasing ambition and delivery of REDD+ in their NDCs, through both country-tailored technical assistance and knowledge generation, management and dissemination. Recognizing the need, value and transformation potential of direct in-country support in addition to technical assistance, particularly for effective cross-sectoral action, the Programme seeks to secure additional resources to expand modalities of support. From 2021, UN-REDD started to also assist countries to enhance the integrity of REDD+ results and access emerging opportunities to implement Article 6 of the *Paris Agreement*, especially with regards to international cooperative arrangements and carbon market platforms for forests, such as ART/TREES.

UN-REDD is currently supporting countries across Africa, Asia and Latin America, selected through an inception exercise, on the basis of assessing their REDD+ readiness, their UNFCCC reports, their prospects for both reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation and accessing REDD+ performance-based finance, and the country demand for UN-REDD support. The countries are: Bhutan, Bolivia, Cambodia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guatemala, Indonesia, Kenya, Lao PDR, Mexico, Mozambique, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Republic of the Congo, Uganda, Viet Nam and Zambia.

The UN-REDD Management Group expects that in 2026 the Programme will continue supporting most of the countries as in 2025, while making effective use of emerging opportunities to advance REDD+ implementation at scale and prepare interested countries for ART/TREES. Further details will be shared for information and comment as part of the 2026 integrated workplanning exercise that is being undertaken for every country, and global knowledge and communications, and will be shared with the Board in the first quarter of 2026.

1.2 Cross-cutting elements to accelerate transformation (Gender equality and social inclusion, knowledge generation and management and communications)

In 2026, knowledge creation, management and communications will continue to be pillars of UN-REDD, and the Programme will continue to provide a suite of global guidance, knowledge management and communications tools and activities to further deliver on Outcomes 1-3, also allowing the Programme to serve its many partner countries in order to turn the tide on deforestation.

UN-REDD will continue to increase the knowledge and capacities of countries, stakeholders and partners committed to REDD+ results and will provide a proven, scientific base to further strengthen global and regional REDD+ efforts through normative good practices, informed by real-world experiences in partner countries. Knowledge on good practices of innovative and scalable REDD+ solutions, drawing on lessons learned from activities undertaken through Outcomes 1-3, will be facilitated, captured and disseminated to scale up delivery of REDD+ and forest solutions across the world.

The UN-REDD knowledge management and communications infrastructure consists of the UN-REDD online portal, a regular flow of knowledge products (e.g. briefs, videos, reports), a set of knowledge events building on the new digital platforms and culture (e.g. UN-REDD webinars, contributions to multi-stakeholder events), a set of communication channels (e.g. newsletter, social media, website) and selected South-South cooperation initiatives. This knowledge management and communications infrastructure allows UN-REDD to disseminate lessons and good practice, to support its partner countries at large, and to stimulate a global movement for forest and climate action. Knowledge management also includes key cross-cutting dimensions, such as gender-responsive REDD+ approaches and informing the works of the UNFCCC Local Communities & Indigenous Peoples' Platform.

1.3 UN-REDD 2026 Budget in USD

<u>Outcome 1: Forest Solutions Realised</u>				
Budget categories	FAO	UNDP	UNEP	Total
Staff and other personnel costs	734,100	982,750	1,034,654	2,751,504
Travel	45,881	22,000	59,200	127,081
Contractual services	-	-	11,470	11,470
Transfers and Grants to Counterparts	91,762	-	-	91,762
General Operating and Other Direct Costs	45,881	50,000	78,597	174,478
Sub-total	917,624	1,054,750	1,183,921	3,156,295
<u>Outcome 2: Forest Solutions Rewarded</u>				
Budget categories	FAO	UNDP	UNEP	Total
Staff and other personnel costs	734,100	1,419,750	921,973	3,075,823
Travel	45,881	18,000	20,800	84,681
Contractual services	-	-	4,030	4,030
Transfers and Grants to Counterparts	91,763	-	-	91,763
General Operating and Other Direct Costs	45,881	45,000	27,615	118,496
Sub-total	917,624	1,482,750	974,418	3,374,792
<u>Outcome 3: Forest Solutions Enhanced</u>				
Budget categories	FAO	UNDP	UNEP	Total
Staff and other personnel costs	244,699	288,750	-	533,449
Travel	15,294	10,000	-	25,294
Contractual services	-	-	-	-
Transfers and Grants to Counterparts	30,587	-	-	30,587
General Operating and Other Direct Costs	15,294	45,000	-	60,294
Sub-total	305,875	343,750	-	649,625
<u>Outcome 4: Global Knowledge Management: Connecting Actors for Forest Solutions</u>				
Budget categories	FAO	UNDP	UNEP	Total
Staff and other personnel costs	734,100	605,628	564,965	1,904,693
Travel	45,881	15,000	-	60,881
Contractual services	-	-	-	-
Transfers and Grants to Counterparts	91,762	-	-	91,762
General Operating and Other Direct Costs	45,881	40,000	21,865	107,746
Sub-total	917,624	660,628	586,830	2,165,082
Programme Costs	3,058,748	3,541,878	2,745,168	9,345,794
Indirect Support Costs	214,112	247,931	192,162	654,206
Grand Total	3,272,861	3,789,809	2,937,330	10,000,000

Note: Given that 2026 is a transition year, we are keeping the current MPTF fund structure, internally mapping the new 2026-2030 outcomes and crosscutting areas against the current four outcomes.