

REDD+ Web Platform Newsletter May 2024

A. Technical Assessment of REDD+ in 2024

In March 2024, the UN Climate Change secretariat held its 11th technical assessment (TA) session for the proposed REDD+ reference level. This year, 9 countries (Belize, Colombia, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Dominica, Eswatini, Samoa, Suriname and Zimbabwe) underwent technical assessments of their forest reference emission level or forest reference level (FREL/FRL). Eswatini, Samoa and Zimbabwe submitted their first reference level. During the TA session, 18 REDD+ experts from both developing and developed countries gathered in Bonn, Germany (1 expert attended online) to assess the FREL/FRLs in terms of transparency, completeness, consistency and accuracy of the information. Currently, these 9 countries are addressing the comments provided by experts during the TA week. Technical assessment reports on these FREL/FRLs will be published on the [REDD+ Web Platform](#) after completion of the technical assessment.

Proposed FREL/FRLs that underwent technical assessment in March 2024

Country	Submission	Link
Belize	2nd	Platform page and proposed FREL/FRL
Colombia	3rd	Platform page and proposed FREL/FRL
Congo	2nd	Platform page and proposed FREL/FRL
Côte d'Ivoire	2nd	Platform page and proposed FREL/FRL
Dominica	2nd	Platform page and proposed FREL/FRL
Eswatini	1st	Platform page and proposed FREL/FRL
Samoa	1st	Platform page and proposed FREL/FRL
Suriname	3rd	Platform page and proposed FREL/FRL
Zimbabwe	1st	Platform page and proposed FREL/FRL



Group Photo at the technical assessment session in March 2024

Technical Analysis of REDD+ results in 2024

In the first half of 2024, there were no technical analysis sessions for REDD+ results. However, Honduras submitted its [second REDD+ results](#) as an annex to its second Biennial Update Report. The technical analysis session of the REDD+ results is scheduled for July this year.

Also, Guyana submitted its [first REDD+ results](#) as an annex to Guyana's first biennial transparency report (BTR). As per [decision 18/CMA.1](#), paragraph 14, the technical annex on REDD+ results shall be submitted as an annex to the BTR to be submitted by Parties under [Article 13 of the Paris Agreement](#). Further, the technical analysis of REDD+ results shall be carried out concurrently with the technical expert review under Article 13 of the Paris Agreement.

In accordance with the decision above, the secretariat is now preparing for the first technical analysis session of Guyana's REDD+ results under the Paris Agreement, which will take place during the latter half of 2024.

Important note: REDD+ reporting under the Paris Agreement

REDD+ reporting continues under [Article 5 of the Paris Agreement](#). The technical assessment of submissions from Parties on proposed forest reference emission levels and/or forest reference levels continues to be organized as a centralized activity once per year.

As for REDD+ results, while there are minor changes, for example with regards to the document used to submit a technical annex with REDD+ results or potentially the format of the technical analysis session, its overall process, scope and final output are the same as under the Convention (see the summary in the table below).

Brief comparison of technical analysis of REDD+ results between the Convention and the Paris Agreement

Topic	Convention	Paris Agreement
Submission	As an annex to the biennial update report (decision 14/CP.19 , paras. 6 and 7)	As an annex to the biennial transparency report (decision 18/CMA.1 , para. 14)
Technical analysis	As part of international consultation and analysis of biennial update reports (decision 2/CP.17 , annex IV)	Concurrently with the technical expert review of biennial transparency reports (decision 18/CMA.1 , para. 14)
Format	In a single location (normally took place in Bonn, Germany) (decision 20/CP.19 , annex, para. 7)	The same format as the technical expert review of biennial transparency reports (centralized review or in-country review) (decision 18/CMA.1 , annex, para. 151)
Scope	Elements listed in decision 14/CP.19 , para. 11	
Output	Technical analysis technical report (decision 14/CP.19 , para. 14)	

If you have questions about REDD+ reporting under the Paris Agreement, please contact red_webplatform@unfccc.int.

Other news

Guyana also submitted its first national REDD+ strategy in February 2024. Once the technical analysis of its REDD+ results is completed, Guyana meets all requirements to seek and obtain results-based payment, and the results will be entered into the Lima Info Hub. Check out [Guyana's REDD+ Web Platform page](#) for more information.

Bonn Climate Change Conference in June and REDD+

The Bonn Climate Change Conference in 2024 will be held from 3 to 13 June. You can find all information about the conference on the [UNFCCC webpage](#). Following the [REDD+ side event](#) at COP28, the REDD+ team will organize a side event, “*REDD+ and forests in the Global Stocktake and Biennial Transparency Reports*”, on 4 June (11:45-13:00, Room Berlin). Although the online participation is not available for most of side events this year, all participants registered for the session are welcome to join the event (its recording will be made public after the event)! Further information about this event is [here](#).

During the conference, a variety of side events & exhibits will be organized, many with topics and presentations related to REDD+. A full list of all side events & exhibits can be found [here](#)!

REDD+ events in 2024

In the year 2024, a variety of events and conferences relevant to REDD+ will take place all over the world. Visit our [Meetings](#) page regularly and do not miss out on the opportunities to stay up to date with REDD+ developments around the globe!

If you cannot see your events there, please register them by following the below steps.

- Step 1. Login to the [REDD+ Web Platform](#) fronted and go to *Meetings* on the tab;
- Step 2. Click on link *Create a new meeting*;
- Step 3. Fill out *Meeting data* form and click *Submit meeting*.

Self-nomination on the RoE

In case that you're not registered on the Roster of Experts (RoE), we would like to invite you to self-nominate as a technical expert on the [UNFCCC Roster of Experts](#).

As you may be aware, according to [decision 13/CP.19](#), each REDD+ submission from Parties is technically assessed by 2 LULUCF experts (one from a developed country and one from a developing country). The REDD+ Technical Assessment processes are a great opportunity for experts to exchange technical views and experiences with other experts and deepen understanding of Measurement, Reporting and Verification, including under the Enhanced Transparency Framework. Please find below a few simple steps to join the TA session.

- Step 1. Register on the [Roster of Experts](#). Afterward, the system will contact your [National Focal Point](#) (NFP) for approval of your self-nomination;
- Step 2. Opportunity to participate in e-training organized by the secretariat;
- Step 3. Be eligible to be invited to participate in REDD+ technical assessments.

You can see the details of RoE from [here](#). Once you complete the self-nomination, the system will contact your NFP for approval, but it's often useful if you also contact your [NFP](#) to inform them

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about your self-nomination. If you're interested in the REDD+ TA and have any questions, please do not hesitate to email [redd_webplatform@unfccc.int](mailto:red_d_webplatform@unfccc.int).

Contact

Check out the [REDD+ web platform](#) for further details on REDD+ activities. For any further questions related to the platform, please don't hesitate to contact the secretariat via [redd_webplatform@unfccc.int](mailto:red_d_webplatform@unfccc.int).

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