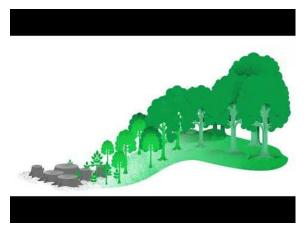# REDD+ Web Platform Newsletter June 2023

## REDD+ video

Following the publication of two infographics (French/Spanish) last year, UN Climate Change secretariat has produced a video explaining how REDD+ framework works, including all requirements to be eligible for results-based payments and technical assessment/analysis processes. We believe that all stakeholders will be able to gain a better understanding from the video of how developing countries can become eligible to seek and receive results-based payments. Watch it now!



You can find this very informative video on our social media pages (Facebook, LinkedIn and YouTube). **Feel free to spread and share with your colleagues and friends** (French and Spanish versions are also available)!

## Technical Assessment of REDD+ in 2023

In March 2023, the UN Climate Change secretariat held its 10th technical assessment (TA) session for the proposed REDD+ reference level. This year, **9** countries (Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Honduras, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Saint Lucia, Timor-Leste and Vanuatu) underwent technical assessments of their forest reference emission level or forest reference level (FREL/FRL). Bolivia, Philippines, Timor-Leste and Vanuatu submitted their first reference level, and Brazil and Chile established their first national reference level. During the TA session, 18 REDD+ experts from both developing and developed countries gathered in Bonn, Germany 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 and some country submitted the modified FREL/FRLs. 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 2023*

| Country | Submission | Link |
|---|---|---|
| Bolivia | 1st | Platform page and proposed FREL/FRL |
| Brazil | 4th (1st National) | Platform page and proposed FREL/FRL |
| Chile | 2nd (1st National) | Platform page and proposed FREL/FRL |
| Honduras | 3rd | Platform page and proposed FREL/FRL |
| Philippines | 1st | Platform page and proposed FREL/FRL |
| Papua New Guinea | 2nd | Platform page and proposed FREL/FRL |
| Saint Lucia | 2nd | Platform page and proposed FREL/FRL |
| Timor-Leste | 1st | Platform page and proposed FREL/FRL |
| Vanuatu | 1st | Platform page and proposed FREL/FRL |

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*Group Photo at the technical assessment session in March 2023*

You can learn more about the TA week from the [video](#) focusing on the experiences of experts!

## Technical Analysis of REDD+ results in 2023

As part of the international consultation and analysis of BURs, the technical analysis of REDD+ results for Mexico and Suriname took place in January and February 2023, respectively. Mexico submitted its first REDD+ results against its modified FREL submitted in 2021 as part of the technical annex to its third BUR. Suriname simultaneously submitted its first and second REDD+ results against its modified FRELs submitted in 2018 and 2021 as part of the technical annex to its first BUR. Two REDD+ experts participated in each technical analysis session in Bonn and assessed the data and information provided by the



*Photo of secretariat and experts participating in technical analysis of REDD+ results for Suriname*

countries. Their technical analysis reports will be made available on the REDD+ Web Platform after completion of the process. We congratulate Mexico and Suriname on their progress in implementing REDD+ activities!

This week, the UN Climate Change secretariat is holding another technical analysis session of REDD+ results submitted by the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Mozambique. We're looking forward to seeing their progress as well as receiving more results from other countries!

*REDD+ results that will undergo/underwent technical analysis in 2023*

| Country | Submission | Link |
|---|---|---|
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | 1st | [Platform page](#) and [REDD+ results](#) |
| Mexico | 1st | [Platform page](#) and [REDD+ results](#) |
| Mozambique | 1st | [Platform page](#) and [REDD+ results](#) |
| Suriname | 1st and 2nd | [Platform page](#) and REDD+ results ([1st results](#) / [2nd results](#)) |

## Other news

Between January and June 2023, 5 countries (Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, Liberia and Mozambique) established their first National REDD+ strategy and 5 countries (Ecuador, Fiji, Guyana, Honduras and Liberia) submitted their Safeguard Information Summary. The National Strategy and Safeguard Information Summary are among the five requirements for seeking and obtaining results-based payments. As a result, Honduras could fulfill all requirements to receive results-based payments and enter the Lima REDD+ Information Hub as the 14th country. It is great to see their active participation in REDD+!

*National Strategy and Safeguard Information summary submitted in 2023 (as of 23 June)*

| Country | Submission | Link |
|---|---|---|
| Ecuador | 3rd | Platform page and Safeguard Information Summary |
| Fiji | 1st | Platform page and Safeguard Information Summary |
| Ghana | 1st | Platform page and National REDD+ Strategy |
| Guatemala | 1st | Platform page and National REDD+ Strategy |
| Guyana | 2nd | Platform page and Safeguard Information Summary |
| Honduras | 1st | Platform page and National REDD+ Strategy and Safeguard Information Summary |
| Liberia | 1st | Platform page and National REDD+ Strategy and Safeguard Information Summary |
| Mozambique | 1st | Platform page and National REDD+ Strategy and Action Plan |

## Bonn Climate Change Conference in June and REDD+

The Bonn Climate Change Conference was held from 5 to 15 June 2023. You can find all information about the conference on the UNFCCC webpage.

During the conference, a variety of side events & exhibits was organized, many of which had topics and presentations related to REDD+. While the Conference was only accessible for accredited delegates, side events could be followed remotely. Check out the official secretariat-managed YouTube channel if you missed some events (a full list of all side events & exhibits here)!

## REDD+ events in 2023

In the year 2023, 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. 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 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.

## 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.

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