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# REDD+ NEWSLETTER

UN Climate Change



## TOP REDD+ NEWS IN 2024

### REDD+ AND COP29 IN AZERBAIJAN (11 - 22 NOV 2024)

### >>> REDD+ SIDE EVENT

At COP29, the REDD+ team organized a side event **“Boosting : Forests: Empowering Parties to raise climate ambition with REDD+”**, on 18 November. The event highlighted the robustness of REDD+ technical assessment and analysis processes, and underscored the importance of inclusive participation and shifting mindsets. Seven speakers from REDD+ countries, donor countries and REDD+ experts shared their expertise and experience (FAO, Ghana, Guyana, Indonesia, UK and REDD+ experts).

### UK SUPPORT PLEDGED FOR REDD+ <<<

The critical role of REDD+ was recognized through a £3 million pledge by the UK International Forest Unit to support UN Climate Change’s work over four years. The funding will ensure that the secretariat can contribute to support the REDD+ transparency processes, and also create dedicated spaces for REDD+ experts to engage in technical dialogue and expert exchange.

You can watch the recording on the [YouTube](#).

For more information >> [REDD+ side event page](#)

Also see [Guardian](#), [UNFCCC press release](#), and [LinkedIn](#)



# UPDATES SURROUNDING REDD+

## Global Climate Fund & Article 6.4

### >>> 40TH GCF MEETING (OCTOBER 2024)

At the 40th meeting of the GCF Board held 21 – 24 October 2024 in Songdo, Korea, the GCF Board adopted a proposal ([GCF/B.40/11](#)) for a landmark policy integrating REDD+ results-based payments into the Fund's regular project activity cycle. The policy is **fully aligned with the Warsaw Framework for REDD+**, and will require all countries to have the framework referred to in Article 5.2 of the Paris Agreement fully in place when applying for this funding, including the submission of REDD+ results in an annex to the Biennial Transparency Report, and the technical analysis of these results coordinated by the UNFCCC secretariat.

### >>> ARTICLE 6.4 SUPERVISORY BODY

At the 14th meeting of the Article 6.4 Supervisory body held 5 – 9 October 2024 in Baku, Azerbaijan, the Article 6.4 Supervisory Body adopted standards for methodologies and removals:

- Application of the requirements of Chapter V.B (Methodologies) for the development and assessment of Article 6.4 mechanism methodologies ([A6.4-SBM014-A05](#));
- Requirements for activities involving removals under the Article 6.4 mechanism ([A6.4-SBM014-A06](#)).

They indicate **the possibility for REDD+ activities under Article 5.2 of the Paris Agreement to be credited under Article 6.4**. The alignment with REDD+ elements means that REDD+ projects by private sectors and/or jurisdictional programmes cannot access Article 6.4 – unless they are included in the national REDD+ strategy and reference level of the host country (or subnational on an interim basis) (see [Newsroom article](#) for more information). These standards are reflected in the [relevant decision](#) at COP29.

## SIGNALS FOR LONG-TERM IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL REDD+

### Relevant paragraphs:

Methodologies document ( <a href="#">A6.4-SBM014-A05</a> )	Removal document ( <a href="#">A6.4-SBM014-A06</a> )
<b>(paragraph 87)</b> For those activities falling under the scope of Article 5, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement, mechanism methodologies shall require, in addition to all relevant requirements adopted by the Supervisory Body, demonstration that the activity is included in all the elements required of the host Party as per decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 71, noting this is consistent with the application of the approaches described in paragraph 85 (c) and (e).	<b>(paragraph 64)</b> The activity participants shall address the risk of leakage and account for any residual leakage in calculation of net removals in accordance with the requirements set out in “Standard: Application of the requirements of Chapter V.B (Methodologies) for the development and assessment of Article 6.4 mechanism methodologies”. The methodologies and associated tools may include additional requirements for specific types of removal activities.

# REDD+ PROSPECTS IN 2025

The secretariat received **7** new proposed forest reference emission level or forest reference level (FREL/FRL) from **Burkina Faso, Costa Rica, Cuba, Guyana, Panama, Senegal and Sudan** for the technical assessment session in 2025. They will undergo the technical assessment process which will be held 24 – 28 March. **Cuba and Senegal** submitted their first reference level, while the other countries have improved their methodologies and data over time and updated their reference levels.

Further, Mozambique submitted its second REDD+ results as an annex to its second BUR. The technical analysis process for these results will be conducted in the same week as the technical assessment 2025 (24 – 28 March). Also, it can be expected that many countries will submit their REDD+ results this year, as an annex to their first BTR. After the REDD+ results submissions from Guyana and Panama earlier in 2024, at this moment, 4 countries (Bhutan, Chile, Colombia and Indonesia) have submitted their REDD+ results as an annex to their first BTRs. Their technical analysis processes will take place concurrently with the technical expert review of their BTRs.

Check out our [REDD+ Web Platform](#) regularly to stay up-to-date on global REDD+ progress in 2025!!

## Tentative schedule related to REDD+ in 2025:

Date	Event	Link to the submissions
March	Technical assessment week for FREL/FRL	<a href="#">Burkina Faso</a> , <a href="#">Costa Rica</a> , <a href="#">Cuba</a> , <a href="#">Guyana</a> , <a href="#">Panama</a> , <a href="#">Senegal</a> , <a href="#">Sudan</a>
	Technical analysis week for REDD+ results	<a href="#">Mozambique</a>
TBD	Technical analysis week for REDD+ results	<a href="#">Bhutan</a> , <a href="#">Chile</a> , <a href="#">Colombia</a> , <a href="#">Indonesia</a>

## WE NEED MORE EXPERTS!!

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 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 MRV and ETF. Please find below a few simple steps to join technical assessments.

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

# REDD+ ACTIVITIES IN 2024

## Technical assessments and Technical analyses

### TECHNICAL ASSESSMENTS OF REFERENCE LEVELS

**9** countries (Belize, Colombia, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Dominica, Eswatini, Samoa, Suriname and Zimbabwe) underwent technical assessment in March 2024 of their FREL/FRL. Though most of them are still in their assessment process, with their submissions, **63** developing countries have established their FREL/FRL!

### TECHNICAL ANALYSES OF REDD+ RESULTS

**3** countries (Guyana, Honduras and Panama) submitted REDD+ results and underwent technical analysis process in 2024. Honduras submitted its second REDD+ results as an annex to its second Biennial Update Report.

For Guyana and Panama, their first REDD+ results were submitted as an annex to their first Biennial Transparency Report. Their technical analysis sessions took place as an in-country review under the Enhanced Transparency Framework. In total, **23** countries verified their actual results through the technical analysis outlined in the Warsaw Framework for REDD+!



In-country technical analysis of REDD+ results in Panama

### RESULTS-BASED PAYMENTS

With the new entries of Mexico and Uganda, 19 countries on the [Lima REDD+ Information Hub](#) have successfully reduced GHG emissions by approximately **11.63 billion tons of CO<sub>2</sub>** through REDD+ activities.

Newly published FREL/FRL and its assessment report in 2024:

Country	Reference Level	Assessment Report
Brazil	<a href="#">2023 FRL</a>	<a href="#">TA Report</a>
Chile	<a href="#">2023 FRL</a>	<a href="#">TA Report</a>
Dominica	<a href="#">2022 FRL</a>	<a href="#">TA Report</a>
Guatemala	<a href="#">2022 FRL</a>	<a href="#">TA Report</a>
Honduras	<a href="#">2023 FRL</a>	<a href="#">TA Report</a>
Papua New Guinea	<a href="#">2023 FRL</a>	<a href="#">TA Report</a>
Vanuatu	<a href="#">2023 FRL</a>	<a href="#">TA Report</a>
Zimbabwe	<a href="#">2024 FREL</a>	<a href="#">TA Report</a>

Newly published REDD+ results and its analysis report in 2024:

Country	Technical Annex	Analysis Report
Mexico	<a href="#">REDD+ Results</a>	<a href="#">TA Report</a>

## MILESTONE OF REDD+ ACTIVITIES IN 2024

- **63 COUNTRIES ESTABLISHED ITS FREL/FRL.**
- **23 COUNTRIES SUBMITTED REDD+ RESULTS.**
- **GUYANA AND PANAMA SUBMITTED THEIR REDD+ RESULTS UNDER THE ETF.**
- **19 COUNTRIES ENTERED THE INFO HUB WITH A REDUCTION OF 11.63 BILLION TONS OF CO<sub>2</sub>.**



## Other REDD+ submissions

### NATIONAL REDD+ STRATEGY <<<

In 2024, Ethiopia, Guyana and Uganda submitted their first national REDD+ strategy (Uganda submitted two strategies at once) which is one of the requirements for receiving results-based payments. With this submission, Uganda entered the Lima Info Hub. Guyana is in the process of technical analysis of its REDD+ results, which is the final requirement for Guyana (see above for details). These strategies are available on the REDD+ Web Platform ([Ethiopia](#) / [Guyana](#) / [Uganda](#)).

**32 COUNTRIES  
SUBMITTED THEIR  
NATIONAL REDD+  
STRATEGY**

**31 COUNTRIES  
SUBMITTED THEIR  
SAFEGUARD  
INFORMATION  
SUMMARY**

### >>> SAFEGUARD INFORMATION SUMMARY

5 countries (Colombia, Ghana, Ethiopia, Guyana and Mexico) updated their safeguard information summary. All REDD+ countries are encouraged to regularly update their safeguard information to ensure that the [7 Cancun safeguards](#) are promoted and supported when implementing REDD+ activities. These new summaries are available on the REDD+ Web Platform ([Colombia](#) / [Ghana](#) / [Ethiopia](#) / [Guyana](#) / [Mexico](#)).

### OTHER SUBMISSIONS FROM PARTIES AND ORGANIZATIONS <<<

Last year, the REDD+ team received a lot of submissions related to REDD+ from countries and relevant organizations.

- **Guyana:** 36 REDD+-related materials, including documents under Article 6. Go to [Guyana's page](#).
- **BVRio Institute:** [PlanaFlor Overview](#). Go to [BVRio's page](#).
- **FAO:** 9 REDD+-related materials, including e-learning course "[Using land-cover information to monitor progress on Sustainable Development Goal 15](#)". Go to [FAO's page](#).
- **RECOFTC:** [Social Safeguards in REDD+](#) and [Grassroots Capacity Building for REDD+ in Asia](#). Go to [RECOFTC's page](#).
- **CPF:** 5 REDD+-related materials, including [global assessment of forest education](#). Go to [CPF's page](#).

We appreciate the active cooperation, and welcome the inputs of your experience in REDD+ anytime! We look forward to receiving your submissions.

## HOW TO MAKE SUBMISSIONS TO THE REDD+ WEB PLATFORM

If you want to provide updated information, you can do so by following the below steps:

1. Login to the REDD+ Web Platform fronted and go to **My submissions**;
2. Scroll down to the very bottom of the webpage and click on link **Create submission** (a new window opens up);
3. Fill out **Create submission** form.

Contact us in case you face difficulties with the access to the system.

## REDD+ Reporting under the ETF

### NO CHANGES IN THE PROCESS OF TECHNICAL ASSESSMENTS FOR FREL/FRL

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** (normally in March).

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, scopes and final output are the same as under the Convention**.

**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 BUR ( <a href="#">decision 14/CP.19</a> , paras. 6 and 7)	As an annex to the BTR ( <a href="#">decision 18/CMA.1</a> , para. 14)
Technical analysis	As part of international consultation and analysis of BURs ( <a href="#">decision 2/CP.17</a> , annex IV)	Concurrently with the technical expert review of BTRs ( <a href="#">decision 18/CMA.1</a> , para. 14)
Format	In a single location (normally took place in Bonn, Germany) ( <a href="#">decision 20/CP.19</a> , annex, para. 7)	The same format as the technical expert review of BTR (centralized or in-country) ( <a href="#">decision 18/CMA.1</a> , annex, para. 151)
Scope	Listed in <a href="#">decision 14/CP.19</a> , para.11	Listed in <a href="#">decision 14/CP.19</a> , para.11
Output	Technical analysis technical report ( <a href="#">decision 14/CP.19</a> , para. 14)	Technical analysis technical report ( <a href="#">decision 14/CP.19</a> , para. 14)

## 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 [red\\_webplatform@unfccc.int](mailto:red_webplatform@unfccc.int).

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