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## **REDD+ Negotiations: India's Preparedness**

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# Concept and Philosophy of REDD+

- **A national level forest carbon stocks accounting approach**
- **Any scope for project level actions?**  
**Yes for learning and experimentation**

# India: Implementing COP Decisions on REDD+

- **Agreed REDD+ activities contributing to mitigation (para 70 of AWG-LCA)**
  - **Reducing emissions from deforestation**
  - **Reducing emissions from forest degradation**
  - **Conservation of forest carbon stocks**
  - **Sustainable management of forests**
  - **Enhancement of forest carbon stocks**

# India: Implementing COP Decisions on REDD+

- **National REDD+ framework**
  - **National strategy of actions**
  - **National forest reference level**
  - **National transparent forest monitoring and reporting system**
  - **Information system to report on adherence to safeguards**

# India: Implementing COP Decisions on REDD+

- **Safeguards to be promoted and supported**
  - **Transparent and effective governance**
  - **Rights of indigenous peoples and local communities**
  - **Participation of IPs and LCs**
  - **Conservation of natural forests and biological diversity**
    - **No conversion of natural forests**
  - **Reduce displacement of emissions**

# India: Implementing COP Decisions on REDD+

- **National strategy of actions**
  - Enhancing and improving forest and tree cover (3 Scenarios of investment)
    - NAP (BAU : **\$ 1.11 bl Yr<sup>-1</sup>**)
    - NAP+GIM (Accelerated Scenario : **\$ 2.13 bl Yr<sup>-1</sup>**)
    - NAP+GIM+Village Forest+Substitution with Wood+Fuel Efficient Wood Stoves (Aggressive Scenario: **\$ 4.46 bl Yr<sup>-1</sup>**)
  - Carbon service a co-benefit (rather than overarching benefit) in addition to timber, firewood, fodder, fiber, NTFP, water

# India: Implementing COP Decisions on REDD+

- **National forest reference level**
  - **Based on historical trends of forest carbon stocks**
  - **Embedded with growth trends of population and GDP, and future energy demand**
  - **Open to additional ideas**

# India: Implementing COP Decisions on REDD+

- **Financing options (para 77 of AWG-LCA)**
  - No tangible progress so far, countries asked to make submissions in Panama
- **Indian position**
  - Favours a flexible combination of market and non-market based mechanisms
  - Claim for incentivizing
    - Baseline forest carbon stocks (fund based)
    - Incremental forest carbon stocks (market)



# India: Implementing COP Decisions on REDD+

- **National forest monitoring and reporting system**
  - **Estimation, monitoring**
    - **FSI+SFDs alongwith responsibility of forest and tree cover assessment**
  - **Reporting**
    - **REDD+ Cell of MoEF**
    - **System on lines of biennial reporting to be developed**

# India: Implementing COP Decisions on REDD+

- **National strategy of actions**
  - **Estimation**
    - Move towards more precise estimates
    - Biome and other foreign models good as stopgap arrangement
    - Improve and fine-tune existing methodologies for assessment of forest carbon stocks both biomass and SOC. Use these methodologies for testing and validation of models
    - Use background and knowledge of methodologies to develop indigenous models

# India: Implementing COP Decisions on REDD+

- **National strategy of actions: Policy**
- Safeguard legal and traditional rights of local communities (examples- JFM, CFM, FRA)
- **No role for private sector, reiterate**
- **No specific changes in FM for REDD+**
- **REDD+ incentives bonus** in addition to traditional goods and services to local community from forests
- **Policy statement endorsing 100% share of REDD+ to local community and no involvement of private companies**
- **Participation of local community** in assessment and monitoring of forest C stocks
- **Capacity building**

**Thanks for your  
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