REDD+ Readiness:
An Introduction

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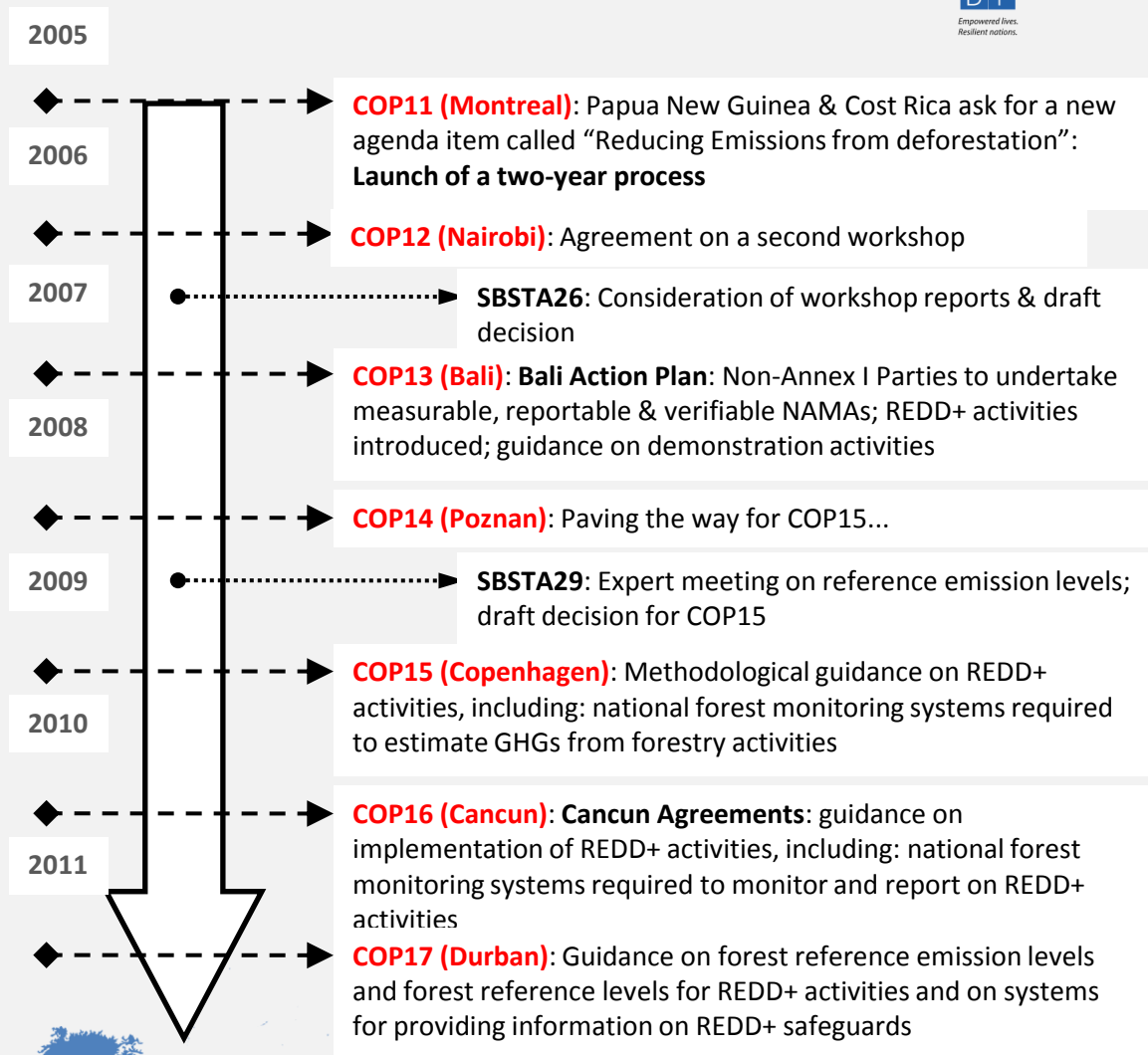
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What is REDD+?
Definition:

Reducing **E**missions from **D**eforestation and Forest **D**egradation; and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks

+ = conservation, SMF and enhancement of stocks

REDD+ discussions under the UNFCCC

2005

2006

COP11 (Montreal): Papua New Guinea & Cost Rica ask for a new agenda item called "Reducing Emissions from deforestation": **Launch of a two-year process**

COP12 (Nairobi): Agreement on a second workshop

2007

SBSTA26: Consideration of workshop reports & draft decision

COP13 (Bali): **Bali Action Plan**: Non-Annex I Parties to undertake measurable, reportable & verifiable NAMAs; REDD+ activities introduced; guidance on demonstration activities

2008

COP14 (Poznan): Paving the way for COP15...

2009

SBSTA29: Expert meeting on reference emission levels; draft decision for COP15

COP15 (Copenhagen): Methodological guidance on REDD+ activities, including: national forest monitoring systems required to estimate GHGs from forestry activities

2010

COP16 (Cancun): **Cancun Agreements**: guidance on implementation of REDD+ activities, including: national forest monitoring systems required to monitor and report on REDD+ activities

2011

COP17 (Durban): Guidance on forest reference emission levels and forest reference levels for REDD+ activities and on systems for providing information on REDD+ safeguards
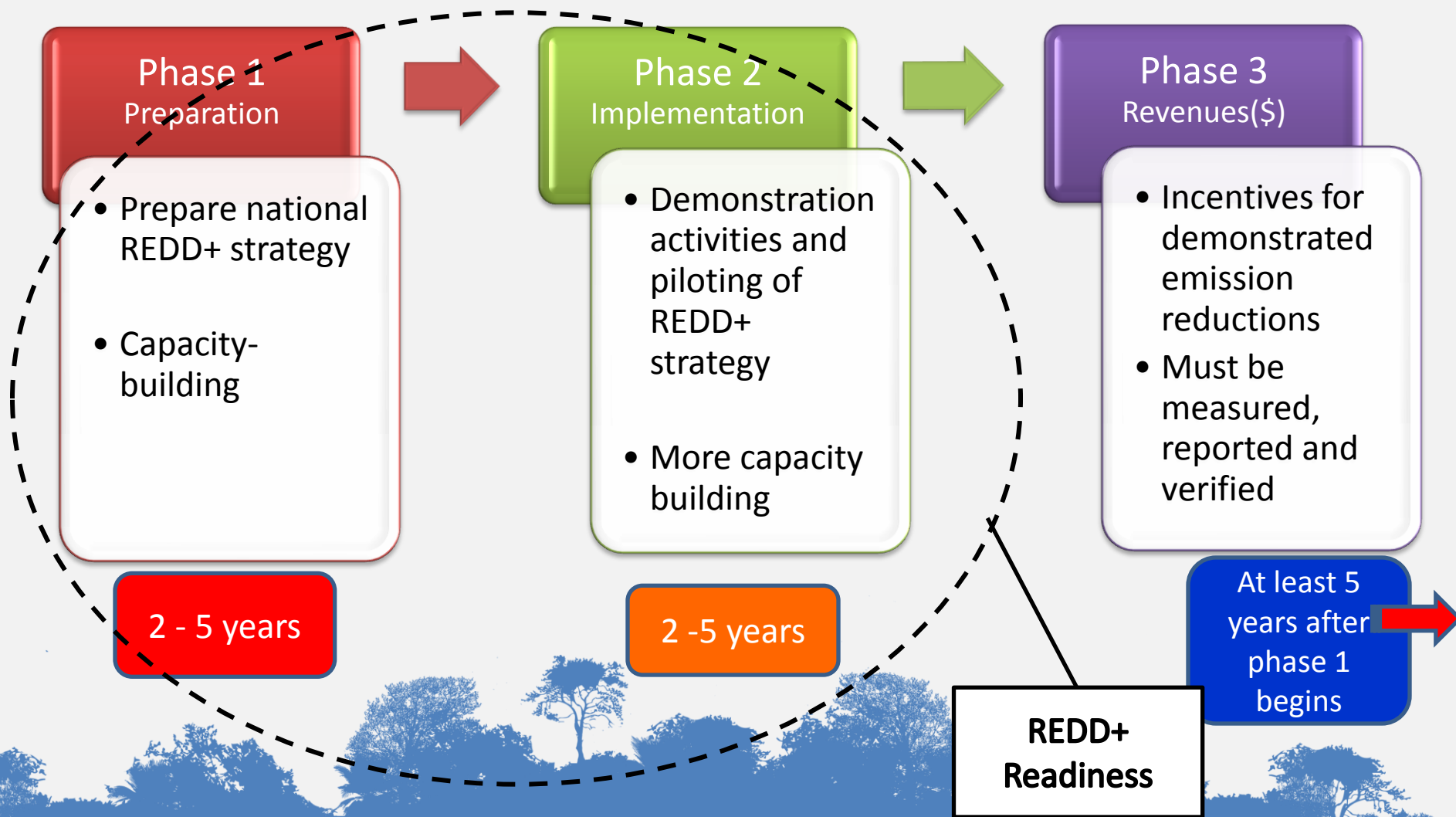
REDD+ participating countries must deliver:

- A national REDD+ strategy

- A national Reference Emission Level or forest Reference Level

- A robust and transparent national forest monitoring system

- A system for providing information on how safeguards are addressed

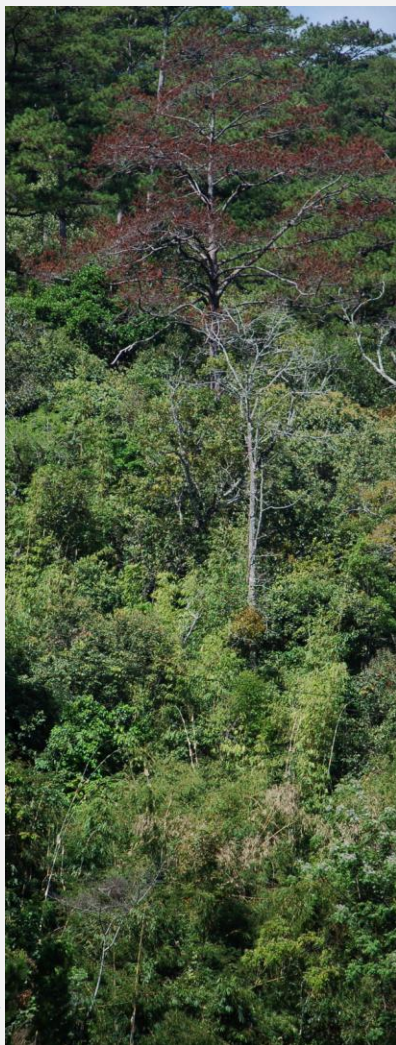According to paragraph 71 of Decision 1/CP.16

REDD+ Readiness and the phased approach

UN-REDD PROGRAMME

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Phase 1
Preparation

- Prepare national REDD+ strategy

- Capacity-building

2 - 5 years

Phase 2
Implementation

- Demonstration activities and piloting of REDD+ strategy

- More capacity building

2 -5 years

Phase 3
Revenues($)

- Incentives for demonstrated emission reductions
- Must be measured, reported and verified

At least 5 years after phase 1 begins

REDD+ Readiness

- REDD+ Readiness is not REDD+

- UN-REDD is not REDD+

At what stage are countries in the Asia Pacific region?

- REDD+ implementation (phase 3) can only happen as part of an international climate change agreement

- Dependent on UNFCCC negotiations

- Viet Nam – UN-REDD phase 2, but is phase 1 complete?

- Indonesia – also entering into phase 2 demonstration activities – but not through UN-REDD

- Isolated examples of voluntary REDD+ projects in other countries, but all essentially in phase 1

- More complex and time-consuming than first thought

Management of Readiness

- Mapping institutional responsibilities, identifying gaps

- Adapting/creating new bodies
  – Decision-making committees
  – Technical working groups
  – Multi-stakeholder forum
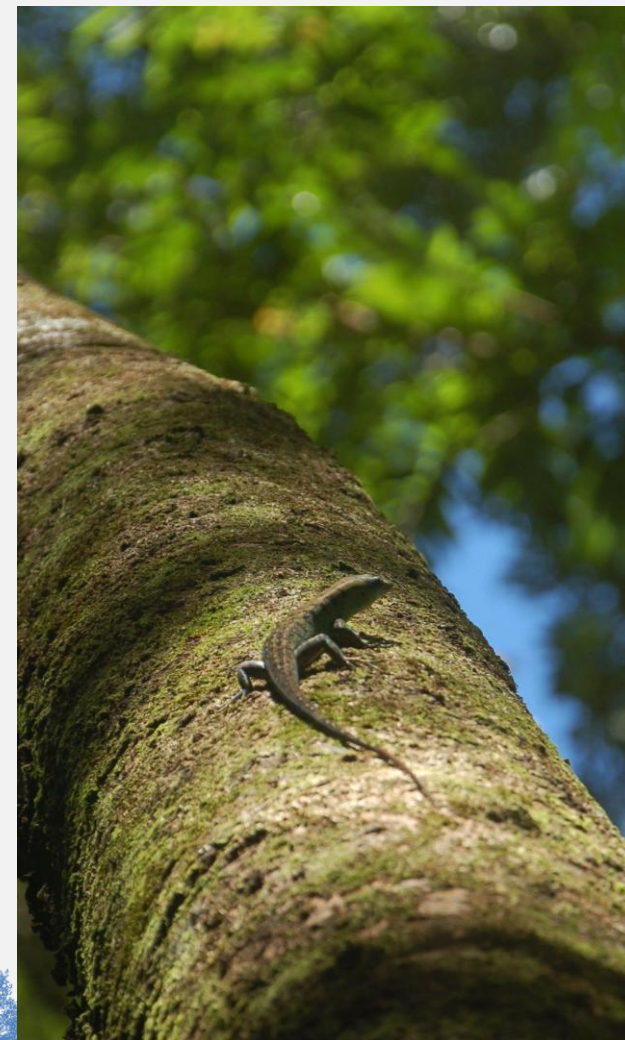
Stakeholder engagement

- Consultation processes

- Awareness raising

- Free Prior Informed Consent (FPIC)

- Grievance mechanism

REDD+ Strategy

- Assessment of land use, policy, governance
- Identify drivers of deforestation and degradation
- Identify potential policies and measures to address drivers
- Demonstration activities to test policies and measures

REDD+ Implementation Framework

- Capacity building

- Information management

- Policy and legislative alignment

- Forest rights and land tenure systems

- Financial framework for resource allocation

- Social and environmental safeguards
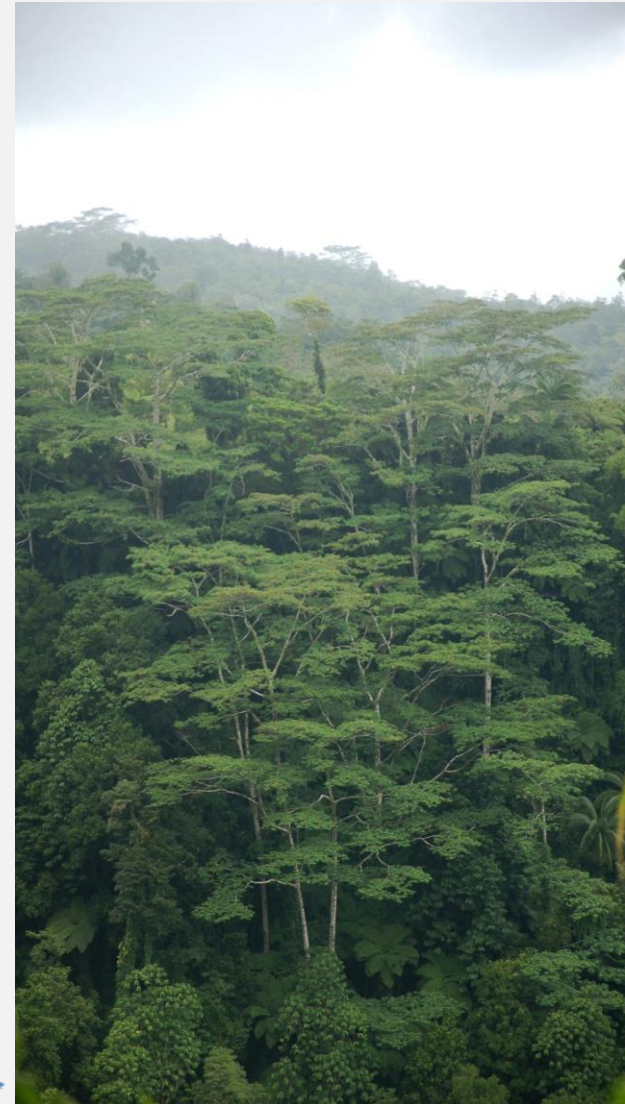
RELs/RLs

- Historical data on forest cover and activities

- Assessment of national circumstances

- Build institutional and technical capacity

- Develop and test RELs/RLs
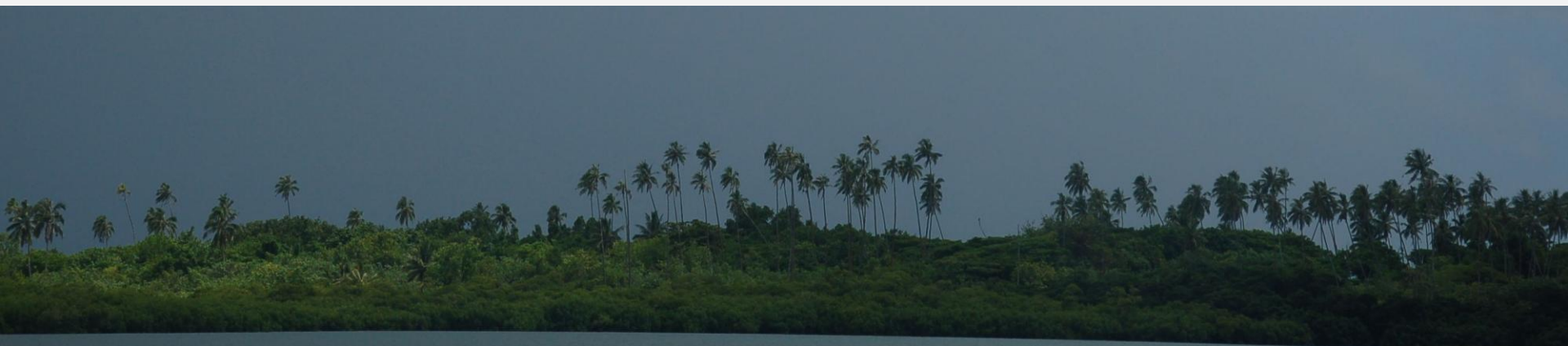
National Forest Monitoring System

- Forest and Land use classification
- National Forest Inventory
- Satellite Land Monitoring System
- Greenhouse Gas Inventory
- Monitoring of REDD+ policies and measures
- Assessment of multiple benefits
- Transparent Forest Information System, database

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Thank You

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