



COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE:

REDD+ AND BEST PRACTICES INTEGRATING FORESTS AND TREE-BASED MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION IN RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN AFRICA

IMPLICATIONS OF COP27 NEGOTIATION OUTCOMES IN FORESTRY SECTOR: REDD+ PERSPECTIVES

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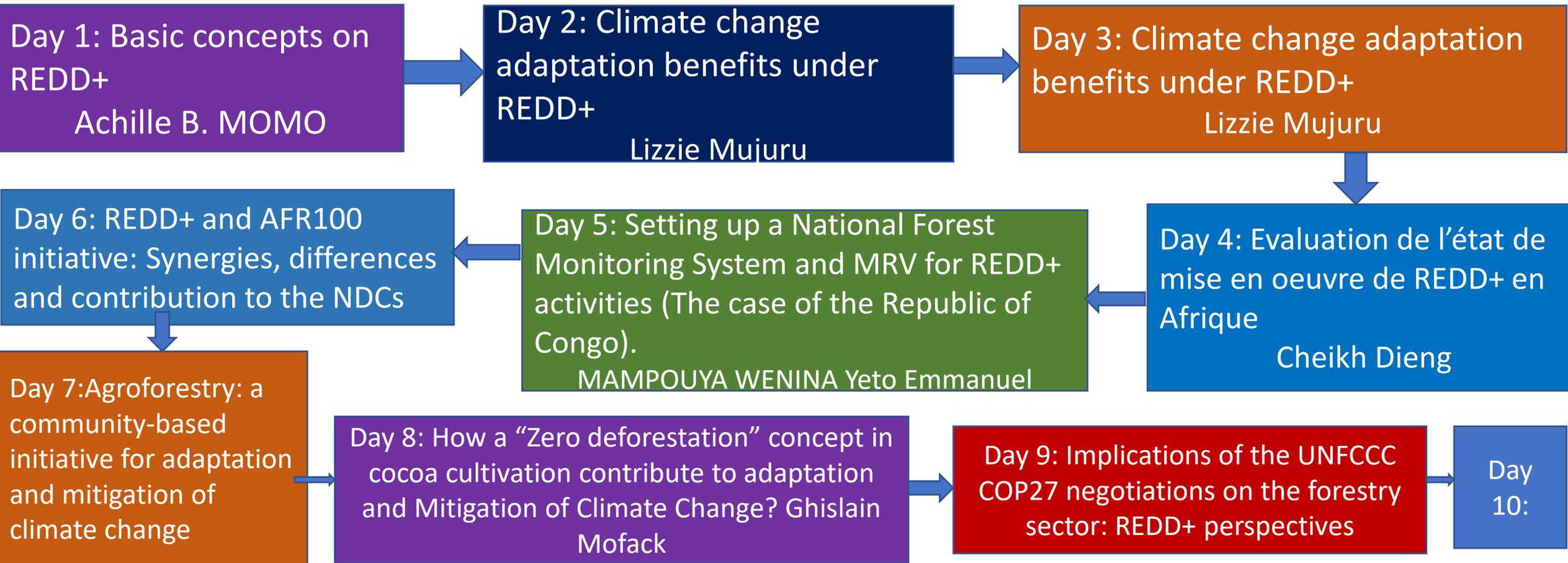
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ROAD MAP ON COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE





Expected outputs

Explain the procedural processes involved in climate change negotiations under the UNFCCC & role of its Bodies



Appreciate the chronological decisions and their implications in REDD+

At the end of this presentation you should be able to:



Understand nexus of COP27 and COP 28

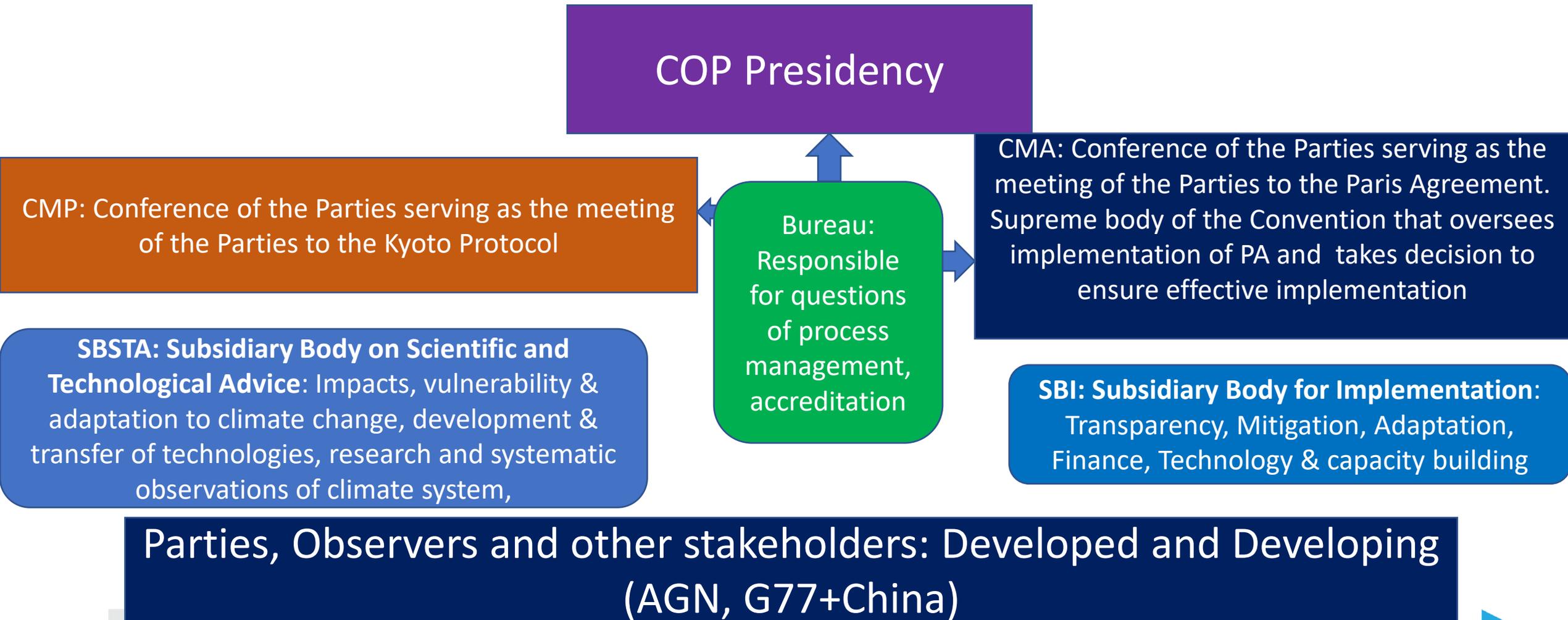


Contextualize REDD+ in the UNFCCC COP 27 negotiations and implications of the outcomes





Procedural issues of climate change negotiations in UNFCCC COPs





Context of REDD+ in the UNFCCC COP negotiations

- ❖ Article 5 of PA compels Parties take action to conserve and enhance, as appropriate, sinks and reservoirs of greenhouse gases as referred to in Article 4, paragraph 1 (d), of the Convention, including forests.
- ❖ Article 5 also encourages Parties to take action to implement and support, including **through results-based payments**:
 - ❖ policy approaches and positive incentives for activities relating to REDD, &
 - ❖ the role of **conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks** in developing countries; and
 - ❖ alternative **policy approaches, such as joint mitigation and adaptation** approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests, while reaffirming the importance of **incentivizing, as appropriate, non-carbon benefits associated with such approaches.**





Chronology of COP key decisions relevant to REDD+

- ❖ **2007; 3-15 December, Bali, Indonesia:** Reducing emissions from deforestation in developing countries: approaches to stimulate action: **2/CP.13.**
- ❖ **2009; 7 to 19 December 2009, Copenhagen, Denmark:** Methodological guidance for activities relating to REDD and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries: **4/CP.15.**
- ❖ **2010; 29 Nov -10 Dec, Cancun, Mexico:** The Cancun Agreements: Outcome of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention: **Mitigation action in forest sector** should be implemented in phases- **begin with development of national strategies or action plans, policies and measures, and capacity-building followed by implementation;** **1/CP.16.**
- ❖ **2011; 28th Nov-11 Dec, Durban, South Africa:** Outcome of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention: *Inter alia, on mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology development and transfer, transparency of action and support, and capacity-building, market approaches:* **2/CP.17**





Chronology of COP key decisions relevant to REDD+ contd

- ❖ Guidance on systems for providing information **on how safeguards are addressed and respected and modalities relating to forest reference emission levels and forest reference levels** as referred to in decision 1/CP.16: **12/CP.17.**
- ❖ **2012; 28 Nov-11 Dec 2011, Doha, Qatar:** Agreed outcome pursuant to the Bali Action Plan-ways and means to transfer payments of results based action, incentivizing non carbon benefits, improve coordination of results based finance...Work Programme on 19th Session: **1/CP.18.**
- ❖ **2013; 14-25 Nov, Panama City, USA:** Work programme on **results-based finance to progress** the full implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70-ways and means to trans: **9/CP.19.**
- ❖ Coordination of support for the implementation of activities in relation to mitigation actions in the forest sector by developing countries, including institutional arrangements: **10/CP.19**





Chronology of COP key decisions relevant to REDD+ contd...

- ❖ Modalities for **national forest monitoring systems**: **11/CP.19.**
- ❖ The timing and the frequency of presentations of the summary of information on how all the **safeguards** referred to in decision 1/CP.16, appendix I, are being addressed and respected: **12/CP.19.**
- ❖ Guidelines and procedures for the technical assessment of submissions from Parties on proposed **forest reference emission levels** and/or forest reference levels: **13/CP.19.**
- ❖ Modalities for **measuring, reporting and verifying**: **14/CP.19.**
- ❖ Addressing the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation: **15/CP.19**
- ❖ **2020: Lima Peru**





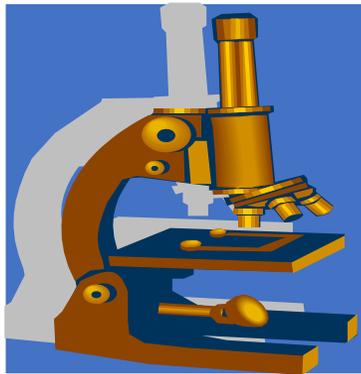
Chronology of COP key decisions relevant to REDD+ contd..

- ❖ **2015, Paris, France 30th Nov-11 Dec.** Alternative policy approaches, such as joint mitigation and adaptation approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests. Developing countries to receive support: **16/CP.21**
- ❖ Further guidance on ensuring transparency, consistency, comprehensiveness and effectiveness when informing on how all the safeguards referred to in decision 1/CP.16, appendix I, are being addressed and respected. **17/CP.21**
- ❖ Methodological issues related to non-carbon benefits resulting from the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, **18/CP.21**
- ❖ The adoption of the Paris Agreement on the importance of REDD+ and the need of financial resources: **1/CP.21**





Chronology of COP key decisions relevant to REDD+ contd...



Review COP 22-26 Decision relevant to REDD+





COP 27 Negotiations, key decisions and outcome relevant to REDD+

❖ **2022: 6-18 Nov 2022, Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt**

Relevant agenda items

❖ **CMA: FCCC/PA/CMA/2022/1**

- ❖ Agenda 14: Guidance on cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement.
- ❖ Agenda 15: Rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement.
- ❖ Agenda 16. Work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement





Agenda for SBSTA 57 Session & COP 27

- ❖ Agenda 16: Guidance on cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement and in decision 2/CMA.3.
- ❖ Agenda 17: Rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement and referred to in decision 3/CMA.3.
- ❖ Agenda 18. Work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement and in decision 4/CMA.3.

Agenda 3 for COP 27: Reports of the subsidiary bodies: (a) Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice; and SBI





Key outcomes of COP 27 relevant to REDD+

- ❖ **Inclusion of forests in Cover Decision under CMA (XVI)**
- ❖ **Recalling of Art 5 Par 2 of PA:** Parties to take action to implement and support, including **through results-based payments:**
 - ❖ policy approaches and positive incentives for activities relating to REDD, &
 - ❖ the role of **conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks** in developing countries; and
 - ❖ alternative **policy approaches, such as joint mitigation and adaptation** approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests, while reaffirming the importance of **incentivizing, as appropriate, non-carbon benefits associated with such approaches**

Encourages Parties to consider as appropriate, nature based solutions or ecosystems –based approach taking into consideration United Nations Environment Assembly resolutions 5/5 for their mitigation and adaptation action while ensuring relevant social and environmental safeguards





Key outcomes of COP 27 relevant to REDD+ contd..

- ❖ In COP 26, the REDD+ was controversially removed from the implementation Article 6 of Paris Agreement. This was renegotiated back into COP 27 Sharm-El Sheikh.
- ❖ This re-affirmed the REDD+ mechanism at the global initiative for tackling deforestation under the PA.
- ❖ This re-affirmation reiterated the role of private finance in supporting developing countries' efforts to slow deforestation and reduce emissions at the national level in line with the NDCs.
- ❖ **Developing countries fought to ensure that the REDD+ mechanism was included in the cover decision.**





Key outcomes of COP 27 relevant to REDD+

- ❖ **Internationally Transferred Mitigation Outcomes (ITMOs): Information countries need to report when trading ITMOS-whether should be kept confidential: (Art. 6.2)**

VII. Confidentiality

22. The participating Party may designate information provided to the Article 6 technical expert review team during the review as confidential. In such cases, the participating Party should provide the basis for protecting the confidentiality of such information, and the Article 6 technical expert review team and the secretariat shall not make the information publicly available on the centralized accounting and reporting platform, in accordance with decision 2/CMA.3, annex, paragraph 24, or in any other way. The obligation of the members of the Article 6 technical expert review team to maintain confidentiality continues after the completion of the Article 6 technical expert review.

23. When confidential information is to be reviewed, the Article 6 technical expert review team shall report in the Article 6 technical expert review report the inconsistencies found in the confidential information, if applicable, ensuring that any review process for confidential information and any reporting arising from the review process does not directly or indirectly compromise the confidentiality of the information.

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Key outcomes of COP 27 relevant to REDD+

- ❖ **Art 6.4 of PA: Create a new international carbon market.** This will allow carbon-cutting projects to sell offsets, known as “**Article 6.4 emissions reductions**” (**A6.4 ERs**), for use towards national climate goals or for other regulatory purposes.
- ❖ **Corresponding adjustment.**

18. *Acknowledges* the work undertaken by the Supervisory Body based on the request from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement in decision 3/CMA.3, paragraph 6(c–d);

19. *Invites* Parties and admitted observer organizations to submit, via the submission portal, by 15 March 2023, their views on activities involving removals, including appropriate monitoring, reporting, accounting for removals and crediting periods, addressing reversals, avoidance of leakage, and avoidance of other negative environmental and social impacts, in addition to the activities referred to in chapter V of the rules, modalities and procedures;

20. *Requests* the Supervisory Body to consider the views of Parties and observers in elaborating and further developing recommendations on activities involving removals, as referred to in paragraph 19 above, on the basis of the rules, modalities and procedures, and taking into account the mandate provided to the Supervisory Body contained in paragraph 24(a)(ix) of the rules, modalities and procedures, for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its fifth session;





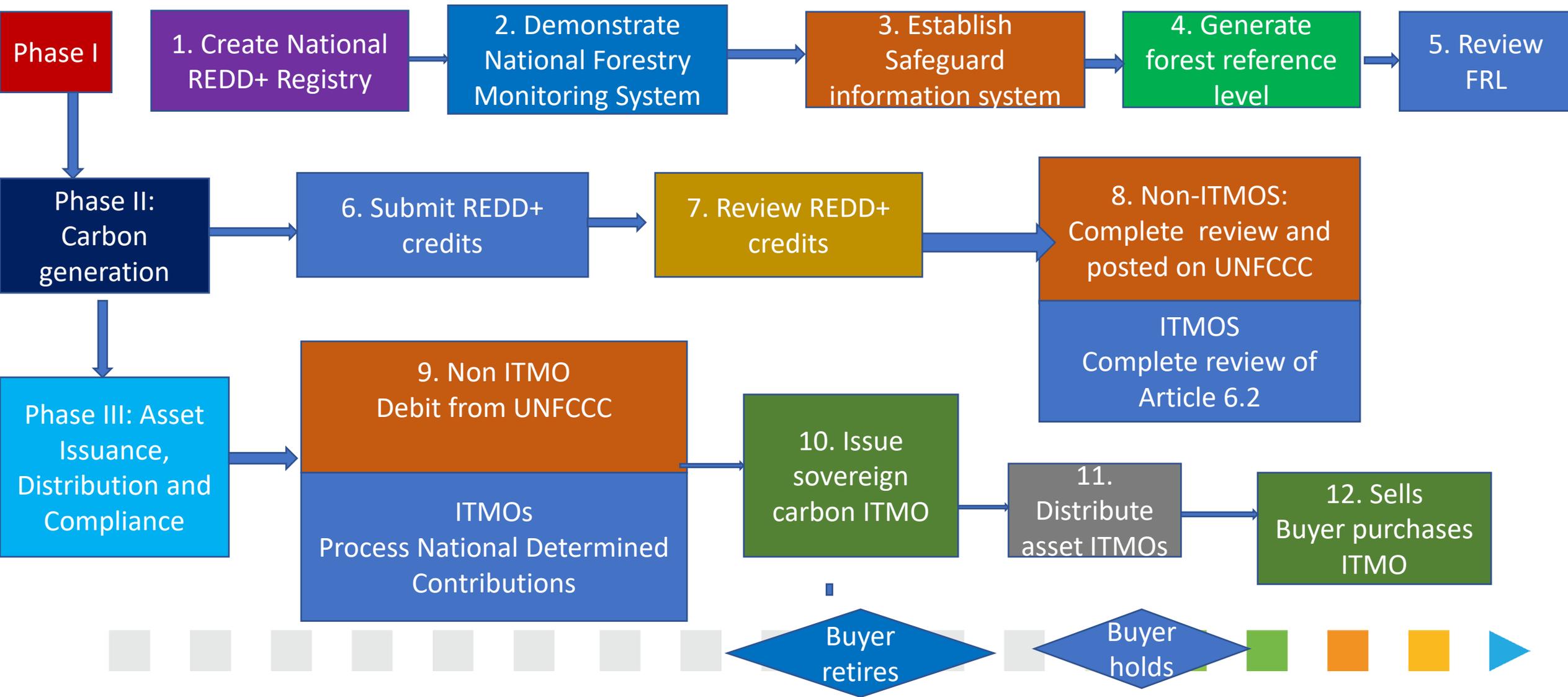
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(b) A6.4ERs not specified as authorized for use towards achievement of NDCs and/or for other international mitigation purposes (mitigation contribution A6.4ERs), which may be used, inter alia, for results-based climate finance, domestic mitigation pricing schemes, or domestic price-based measures, for the purpose of contributing to the reduction of emission levels in the host Party.

- ❖ Results-based finance provides developing country Parties for the full implementation of activities that are **new, additional and predictable** (decision 1/CP.16 par 70) and funding may come from a variety of sources: public and private; bilateral; and multilateral including alternative sources (decision 2/CP.17 par. 65).
- ❖ Multilateral development banks to contribute to significantly in **climate ambition** using the breadth of their **policy and financial instruments** for greater results including **private capital mobilization and ensure higher financial efficiency** and maximize use of existing concessional and risk capital vehicles to drive innovation and accelerate impacts



Key outcomes of COP 27 relevant to REDD+





Road to COP 28 relevant to REDD+

- ❖ Negotiations at COP27 included the definition of carbon “[removals](#)”, meaning engineered or natural processes that suck carbon dioxide (CO₂) out of the atmosphere.
- ❖ A “[supervisory body](#)” set up to run this new carbon market had been [tasked](#) with suggesting rules on what should count as a carbon removal and when this could generate carbon credits for sale.
- ❖ Emission avoidance vs removals for carbon trading
- ❖ Modalities and procedures on the new carbon market based on removals and avoidance
- ❖ Methodological issues, reporting and tracking of carbon emission reduction
- ❖ Capacity development
- ❖ Financing of REDD+ projects





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