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## UN-REDD Africa Regional Knowledge Exchange 2018

### *REDD+ Implementation at Scale: Emerging Lessons on Jurisdictional Approaches & Linkages to National Policy Frameworks*

Conference Room 09-11 | UN Office at Nairobi (UNON) | 2-3 October 2018

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#### Context

The term ‘jurisdictional’ was first coined in relation to REDD+ in exclusive association with carbon accounting. Jurisdictional REDD+ emerged to overcome the pitfalls of piloting REDD+ through a project approach by making an express connection between sub-national government units (i.e.: states, provinces, districts, etc.) and broader national performance measures. The notion of jurisdictional approaches to REDD+ has since evolved to encompass efforts to reconcile competing social, economic and environmental objectives at the level of a sub-national administrative unit with broader national planning and low carbon development objectives through multi-stakeholder governance. To the point that the term is now being picked up by commodity companies and jurisdictional approaches are increasingly seen as a conduit for delivering on sustainable/ deforestation free supply chain commitments.

In principle, jurisdictional approaches should allow for a coordinated framework for delivering on REDD+ through its focus on multi-level and multi-stakeholder governance. There are multiple and divergent country strategies emerging that are loosely associated with jurisdictional REDD+ ; from Ghana’s Cocoa Forest REDD+ Programme, DRC’s Mai Ndombe Emission Reduction Programme, Southwestern Liberia’s oil palm outgrower and forest conservation scheme, to Zambia’s Initiative for Sustainable Forest Landscapes program in the Eastern Province. In practice, most countries are at early stages of jurisdictional REDD+ design, there is a very limited track-record of reducing deforestation and there are many thorny technical challenges associated with its implementation. It follows that making sense of emerging experience and key technical needs in this ever more popular and elusive space has become a priority to many countries in Africa and beyond.

Out of the 11 partner countries targeted to participate in the UN-REDD Africa Regional Knowledge Exchange 2018, 10 have responded to a UN-REDD survey in June 2018. 100% of respondents would be interested in discussing jurisdictional REDD+. 7 out of 10 countries declared they were in the planning stage for jurisdictional REDD+ and 2 noted they were already implementing this approach. With regards to the main topics of interest within this domain, 80% of countries would like to learn more about jurisdictional REDD+ planning and 60% are interested in monitoring REDD+ at scale. REDD+ results accounting equally emerged as a consensual area of interest with 100% of respondents requesting this

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theme was dealt in further detail. Access to REDD+ finance also figured as a priority knowledge domain to 90% of countries. In particular, 7 out of 10 countries identified private sector engagement in national and sub-national REDD+ processes as an issue they would like to see explored.

Given that the Government of Ghana, UN-REDD, SNV and Climate Law and Policy had already jointly convened the 'Africa Regional South-South Knowledge Exchange on REDD+ Safeguards and Safeguards Information Systems' in Accra in June 2018, the survey did not include safeguards. However, once jurisdictional REDD+ emerged as a chief knowledge domain for the UN-REDD Africa Knowledge Exchange 2018, it became evident that environmental and social frameworks should be part of the discussion.

## Objectives:

Through a mix of technical presentations and focused debate among countries, the exchange aims to shed light on emerging lessons, opportunities and challenges associated with jurisdictional REDD+ at both regional and global levels in the hope of strengthening on-going processes within countries. In terms of knowledge products expected to come out of this exchange, there will be a 12-page info brief, as well as a 4-minute video and one infographic.

## Participating countries

Building on the 2017 iteration and on requests that the REDD+ community of practice is strengthened in Africa; the same eleven UN-REDD partner countries are invited to take part in the 2018 discussions. Each country has the right to nominate two representatives and the target audience are REDD+ Focal Points and technical experts involved in sub-national REDD+ implementation. UN-REDD Africa representatives of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and Indigenous Peoples are equally invited.

1. Côte d'Ivoire
2. Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)
3. Republic of Congo (Congo)
4. Ethiopia
5. Ghana
6. Kenya
7. Liberia
8. Madagascar
9. Nigeria
10. Uganda
11. Zambia

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## Agenda

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Conference Room 09-11   UN Office at Nairobi (UNON)   2-3 October 2018		
Time	Session	Responsible
<b>Tuesday, 2 October 2018</b>		
8:30-9:00	Registration	All
<b>Part 1: Setting the scene</b>		
9:00-9:10	Welcome	Dr. Musonda Mumba, Chief, Terrestrial Ecosystems Unit, UN Environment
9:10-9:40	Introduction: exchange objectives and participants	Tony Atah, Moderator
9:40-10:00	Setting the scene: Jurisdictional approaches and national policy frameworks – what is at stake? (10 min)	Elsie G. Attafuah, Head UNDP UN-REDD Africa
	Q&A (10 min)	
<b>Part 2: Planning and Implementation</b>		
10:00-10:30	Aligning jurisdictional REDD+ planning to national policy objectives: emerging regional and global experiences for comprehensive REDD+ implementation	Elsie G. Attafuah, UNDP
10:30-10:45	<b>Coffee-break</b>	
10:45-11:30	Aligning jurisdictional REDD+ planning to national policy objectives: emerging regional and global experiences for comprehensive REDD+ implementation	Panel discussions <i>with selected countries</i> (moderated by Wahida Shah)
11:30-12:00	Enabling a coordinated framework to deliver REDD+ results at scale through strategic partnerships and resource mobilization opportunities	Wahida Shah, UNDP
12:00-1:30	<b>Lunch</b>	
1:30-2:45	Enabling a coordinated framework to deliver REDD+ results at scale through strategic partnerships and resource mobilization opportunities (continued)	Panel discussions <i>with selected countries</i> (moderated by Elsie Attafuah)
2:45-3:00	<b>Coffee-break</b>	
<b>Part 3: Finance</b>		
3:00-4:15	Financing jurisdictional approaches to REDD+: opportunities, challenges and emerging practice	Steve Swan, UN Environment

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Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana and  
Liberia

## Wednesday, 3 October 2018

**9:00-9:10** Recap of Day 1 and Welcome to Day 2

Tony Atah, Moderator

## Part 4: Monitoring and reporting

**9:10-10:25** Addressing and respecting safeguards: linking national and jurisdictional frameworks and processes

Countries Madagascar  
and Nigeria (as key  
informants in moderated  
plenary discussion)

Victoria Suarez,  
Safeguards Specialist, UN  
Environment

## 10:25-10:45 *Coffee-break*

**10:45-11:00** Global overview of FREL/FRLs and REDD+ results submissions

Marieke Sandker, FRL  
technical lead, FAO

**11:00-11:10** Madagascar: Two FREL submissions to the UNFCCC, reflections on FRL construction, technical assessment and lessons learned

Andrianina Rakotosoa,  
National REDD+  
Coordinator Madagascar

**11:10-11:20** Republic of Congo: a national UNFCCC reference level and jurisdictional CF reference level : Lessons learned from these two processes

Georges Boundzanga,  
National REDD  
Coordinator Congo

**11:20-11:30** Uganda: Lessons learned from national UNFCCC submission and considerations on subnational reference levels

Xavier Mugumya Nyindo,  
Coordinator Climate  
Change, NFA Uganda

**11:30-12:00** Panel and group discussion

Panelists and all other  
countries, moderator  
Marieke Sandker

## 12:00-1:30 *Lunch*

**1:30-2:00** Background on nesting and some key lessons from a recent WB study

Donna Lee, Senior  
Climate Change  
consultant, FAO  
(recording)

**2:00-2:15** DRC nesting and benefit sharing at the provincial level: lessons learned and early reflections

Didier Mboma Mazembi,  
FONAREDD, DRC

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**2:15-2:45** Moderated discussion on REDD+ implementation at different scales: nesting, registries and early thoughts on benefit sharing  
Moderated by Marieke Sandker and Mino Randrianarison

## Part 5: Closing plenary

**2:45-3:15** Closing plenary: lessons learned & next steps  
All  
Moderator: Mino Randrianarison, Regional Technical Advisor for Africa, FAO

**3:15-3:30** Close of the Exchange  
Government of Kenya  
Tony Atah, Moderator

**3:30-3:40** Exchange satisfaction survey  
All

**3:40-4:00** *Coffee*