

# **International support to REDD strategies: Options and consequences**

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- What to do with demonstration REDD projects? Consistency with MRV requirements? More learning by doing required.
- Need for powerful political signal that nations will be compensated for early efforts (« baseline protection » or « early crediting »)
- Handshake to be invented – an UNFCCC body and a national authority for REDD
- Clarity on offsets required. Terminology problems (credits, offsets, allowances, etc.).
- Flexible and efficient rules for governance, inc. re- IP&LCs. UNFCCC limitations. IPs participation into UNFCCC talks is great signal.


- On the structure: Meridian, PRP, Eliasch review... all point to similar structures. Need for reality-check with proposal for new centralised mega-financing unit.
- REDD is helping both US and UN negotiation moving forward but they look very different now. Need to avoid collision course. « US rules will follow US money ».
- How to make performance-based policy support work in absence of GHG MRV. Discussion on indicators, proxies to be used for performance prior to the rise of GHG based incentives. Simplicity and effectiveness. To be continued.

- Need to streamline the actions of FCPF, UNREDD, etc.
- Nations should go ahead and not wait for perfect UN rules. Be supportive of development of common rules
- Some believe early action should be rewarded by finance, not private crediting
- Discussion on what costs would be. Time was spent discussing baselines and ways to reduce REDD surplus.
- Discussion on the sequencing of events. Needs for formal phases with graduation criteria? How to progress thru? Match up with things happening at different layers of government at same time (set-aside finance vs. offset happening at same time)?

- Need to distinguish of province or state-level subnational approach, vs. project-based approach (see Waxman bill).



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