

# 2023 Workplan and Budget: Technical Assistance (TA) for REDD+ Implementation

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## UN-REDD Programme 2023 Technical Assistance Work Plan and Budget/ Norwegian contribution

The 2023 Work Plan and Budget presented below is fully aligned with the multiyear work plan for the 2022-2025 Norwegian contribution to UN-REDD technical assistance (TA), previously approved by the Board on 26 October 2021. Similarly, it covers the technical assistance, knowledge creation and management and communications support that will be provided by the UN-REDD Programme over the coming year. The total 2023 budget remains the same as indicated in the approved multiyear plan. Further details will be shared with the Board for information and comment as part of the 2023 annual inception exercise that will be undertaken for every country, and global knowledge and communications, by the end of 2022 and shared with the Board in the first quarter of 2023. Annual inception exercises are consultative processes engaging prospective country partners, international partners and donors investing in the Programme.

# 1.1 Country Support (Realising and rewarding forest solutions, and increasing ambitions / Outcomes 1-2-3)

Country support remains the key feature of the UN-REDD Programme. UN-REDD has been supporting countries with REDD+ implementation and increasing ambition and delivery of forest solutions in their NDCs, through both country-tailored technical assistance and knowledge generation, management and dissemination. Recognizing the need, value and transformation potential of direct in-country support in addition to technical assistance, particularly for effective cross-sectoral action, the Programme seeks to secure additional resources to expand modalities of support. From 2021, UN-REDD started to also assist countries to enhance the integrity of REDD+ results and access emerging opportunities to implement Article 6 of the *Paris Agreement*, especially with regards to international cooperative arrangements and carbon market platforms for forests, such as ART/TREES.

UN-REDD is currently supporting countries across Africa, Asia and Latin America, selected through an inception exercise conducted in 2022, on the basis of assessing their REDD+ readiness, their UNFCCC reports, their prospects for both generating forest-based emission-reductions and accessing REDD+ performance-based finance, and the country demand for UN-REDD support. The countries are: Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Ghana, Indonesia, Mexico, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Republic of the Congo, Uganda, Viet Nam and Zambia. Further details on their REDD+ status, their REDD+ prospects and their 2025 plans were presented in the 2022-2025 Technical Assistance Multiyear Plan and 2022 Annual Work Plan and Budget.

The UN-REDD Management Group expects that in 2023 the Programme will continue supporting most of the countries as in 2022, while making effective use of emerging opportunities to advance REDD+ implementation at scale and prepare interested countries for ART/TREES. Further details will be shared for information and comment as part of the 2023 annual inception exercise that will be undertaken for every country, and global knowledge and communications, by the end of 2022 and shared with the Board in the first quarter of 2023.

# 1.2 Knowledge Creation, Management and Communications Support (Connecting actors and knowledge for forest solutions / Outcome 4)

In 2023, knowledge creation, management and communications will continue to be pillars of UN-REDD, and the Programme will continue to provide a suite of global guidance, knowledge management and communications tools and activities to further deliver on Outcomes 1-3, also allowing the Programme to serve its many partner countries in order to turn the tide on deforestation.

UN-REDD will continue to increase the knowledge and capacities of countries, stakeholders and partners committed to REDD+ results and will provide a proven, scientific base to further strengthen global and regional REDD+ efforts through normative good practices, informed by real-world experiences in partner countries. Knowledge on good practices of innovative and scalable REDD+ solutions, drawing on lessons learned from activities undertaken through Outcomes 1-3, will be facilitated, captured and disseminated to scale up delivery of REDD+ and forest solutions across the world.

The UN-REDD knowledge management and communications infrastructure consists of the UN-REDD online portal, a regular flow of knowledge products (e.g. briefs, videos, reports), a set of knowledge events building on the new digital platforms and culture (e.g. UN-REDD webinars, contributions to multi-stakeholder events), a set of communication channels (e.g. newsletter, social media, website) and selected South-South cooperation initiatives. This knowledge management and communications infrastructure allows UN-REDD to disseminate lessons and good practice, to support its partner countries at large, and to stimulate a global movement for forest and climate action. Knowledge management also includes key cross-cutting dimensions, such as gender-responsive REDD+ approaches and informing the works of the UNFCCC Local Communities & Indigenous Peoples' Platform.

### 1.3 UN-REDD 2023 Budget

Outcome 1: Forest Solutions Realised						
Budget categories	FAO	UNDP	UNEP	Total		
Staff and other personnel costs	861,873.00	1,112,465.94	286,000.00	2,260,338.94		
Travel	53,867.00	44,498.64	10,422.43	108,788.07		
Contractual services	-	-	-	-		
Transfers and Grants to Counterparts	107,734.00	-		107,734.00		
General Operating and Other Direct Costs	53,867.00	56,250.00	9,916.82	120,033.82		
Sub-total	1,077,341.00	1,213,214.58	306,339.25	2,596,894.83		
Outcome 2: Forest Solutions Rewarded						
Budget categories	FAO	UNDP	UNEP	Total		
Staff and other personnel costs	723,173.00	907,987.10	825,000.00	2,456,160.10		
Travel	45,198.00	36,319.48	35,958.46	117,475.94		
Contractual services	-	-		-		
Transfers and Grants to Counterparts	90,397.00	-	121,800.00	212,197.00		
General Operating and Other Direct Costs	45,198.00	56,609.87	19,500.00	121,307.87		
Sub-total	903,966.00	1,000,916.45	1,002,258.46	2,907,140.91		
Outcome 3: Forest Solutions Enhanced						
Budget categories	FAO	UNDP	UNEP	Total		
Staff and other personnel costs	178,730.00	385,937.35	154,000.00	718,667.35		
Travel	11,171.00	15,437.49	10,417.76	37,026.25		
Contractual services	-	-	-	-		
Transfers and Grants to Counterparts	22,341.00	-		22,341.00		
General Operating and Other Direct Costs	11,171.00	56,250.00	7,300.00	74,721.00		
Sub-total	223,413.00	457,624.84	171,717.76	852,755.60		
Outcome 4: Global Knowledge Management: Connecting Actors for Forest Solutions						
Budget categories	FAO	UNDP	UNEP	Total		
Staff and other personnel costs	660,674.00	782,568.65	1,100,000.00	2,543,242.65		
Travel	41,292.00	31,302.75	25,000.00	97,594.75		
Contractual services	-	-	124,039.86	124,039.86		
Transfers and Grants to Counterparts	82,584.00	-		82,584.00		
General Operating and Other Direct Costs	41,292.00	56,250.00	44,000.00	141,542.00		
Sub-total	825,842.00	870,121.40	1,293,039.86	2,989,003.26		
	3,030,562.00	3,541,877.27	2,773,355.33	9,345,794.60		
Programme Costs	0,000,000.00	<u> </u>				
Programme Costs Indirect Support Costs	212,139.34	247,931.41	194,134.87	654,205.62		