The UN-REDD Programme supports countries to develop the capacities to meet REDD+ related requirements of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

**ACHIEVING THE PARIS AGREEMENT:**

UN-REDD is the first global UN joint programme on climate change and a pioneer on innovative approaches to valuing nature’s climate and ecosystem services. The UN-REDD Programme has acted as a catalyst for many of the countries that have included forestry and land use measures in their Nationally Determined Contributions to mitigate climate change.

**FORESTS AT THE HEART OF THE 2030 AGENDA**

Forests are not only the lungs of the planet, they also support human livelihoods, provide water, inspire us, and enhance our resilience to climate change.

**WE ARE BETTER WITH FORESTS**

Every year an area of tropical forest the size of Austria is destroyed, caused mainly by demand for commodities. If tropical deforestation were a country it would rank between China and the European Union as a source of greenhouse gas emissions.

**A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR FORESTS**

Forests are home to 80% of the world’s terrestrial biodiversity.

**PARTNER COUNTRIES**

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**NATIONAL REDD+ STRATEGIES**

31% of the planet’s land is covered by forests. An estimated 50% of the fruits we eat come from trees.

**BUT …**

+30 countries have advanced their national REDD+ strategies or action plans, including 17 that have finalized and adopted these strategic documents.

70% of the 34 countries that have submitted forest reference emission levels to the UNFCCC received support from the UN-REDD Programme.

**NATIONAL FOREST MONITORING SYSTEMS**

40 countries developed their national forest monitoring systems and 22 countries developed national web portals for their systems.

15 countries developed country approaches to meet UNFCCC requirements.

**THE UN-REDD PROGRAMME AND ITS PARTNERS CONTRIBUTE TO MULTIPLE SDGS**

- Support food supplies
- Protect us from droughts and storms
- Reduce poverty
- Promote good governance
- Enhance our resilience to climate change
- Protect biodiversity
- Promote peace and security
- Improve human health

**FORESTS OF THE HEART OF THE 2030 AGENDA**

- 30% of the climate solution can be delivered by halting and reversing tropical deforestation.
- Forests supply 75% of the world’s fresh water.
- An estimated 50% of the fruits we eat come from trees.
- Tropical forests and other high-carbon ecosystems can avoid emissions of 5 or more gigatons CO2e/year, more than the annual emissions of the United States.

**ADVANCING GENDER EQUALITY**

UN-REDD Partner Countries made positive strides in integrating gender equality and women’s empowerment principles within nationally-led REDD+ action in 2017.

**THE CBR+ INITIATIVE**

Community projects have been approved and implemented in the six pilot countries of the initiative on community-based REDD+ (CBR+), developed in partnership with the GEF Small Grants Programme.

**TRAINING ON FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

2,000+ REDD+ practitioners have been trained through the REDD+ Academy initiative and in-person technical trainings.

**ADVANCING BIODIVERSITY EQUITY**

Community-based REDD+ projects have contributed to biodiversity conservation.

**23** Community-based REDD+ projects have been approved to date.

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