Norwegian International Climate and Forest Initiative

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Background

- Norway prepared to allocate 3 billion NOK ($600 M USD) a year to efforts to reduce GHG from deforestation in developing countries.
GOALS

1. Work towards the inclusion of emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in a new international climate regime.

2. To take early action to achieve cost-effective and verifiable reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

3. To promote the conservation of natural forests to maintain their carbon storage capacity

- Research indicates that natural forests store more carbon than planted forests.
STRATEGY

- To play a part in establishing a credible system for monitoring, assessment, reporting and verification of reductions in emissions from deforestation and forest degradation.

- includes expertise and capacity for monitoring trends in forest cover and biomass, collection of data on
STRATEGY

- Collection of data on forest carbon volumes and for analysis of data to provide reports on emission levels.
- Capacity must be built at national and local level
- Play a part in establishing a robust, effective and flexible international architecture for REDD.
STRATEGY

- national coordinating unit for each forest country.
- international support programme for each national unit
- support structure at international level

Important elements of strategy development
ELEMENTS OF STRATEGY

- Establishment of monitoring forest cover and biomass and collecting data on forest carbon volumes.
- Incorporation of sustainable development concerns including opportunities for economic and social devt., conservation of biodiversity, and local and indigenous peoples' rights.
- Thorough analyses of the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation and best ways of dealing with them.
- Capacity building for national and local authorities, anti-corruption measures
ELEMENTS

- Mechanisms for compensation for ecosystem services.
- Establishment of necessary legal, administrative and economic framework for sound SFM.
- Cost effectiveness: maximum possible reduction of emissions per unit expenditure.
PROJECT PORTFOLIO

- **Multilateral channels**
  - UN System, WB, Regional Devt. Banks.

- **Bilateral programs**
  - Brazil – Amazon Fund (700 M)
  - Tanzania – (500 M NOK)

- **Norwegian and international research institutions and NGOs** (www.norad.no)