

Comments on General Principles for Methodological Framework

Principle: What REDD+ results should the Carbon Fund pay for?

EDF believes **payments for REDD+ results should be clearly defined as payments only for emission reductions (tons of GHGs reduced per year), and that actions to reduce those emissions must meet environmental and social safeguards, as required by 1/CP.16.***

Rationale:

Co-benefits will naturally occur from REDD+ activities and policies taken to reduce emissions. A focus on maximizing co-benefits through activities and policies will most likely generate more emissions reductions and reduce the risk of non-permanence and can also help countries to achieve other goals, such as sustainable development. Although results-based payments should be made based on the reduction of carbon emissions, achievement of co-benefits may allow countries to access funding beyond carbon funding, including adaptation or biodiversity financing, to complement carbon payments.*

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