

## UN-REDD Programme update for the FCPF PA14/PC30 Meeting

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### Introduction

- Thank you for this opportunity to provide you with an update from the UN-REDD Programme. I have been able to follow some of the great exchanges today and over the last days.
- Looking at what is happening globally, it is crucial to move from an era of negotiations and goodwill into to a decade of massively scaled up forest solutions.
- As we clearly heard last month at the COP26 World Leaders Summit 'Action on Forests and Land Use', the forest announcements delivered political ambition and a package of commitments including a 20+ Billion USD envelope of public private finance, reconfirming there is a strong, widespread political understanding of the potential of solutions from forests for climate, development, Covid recovery.
- With so many pieces coming together and moving in the right direction, there is a substantial opportunity to accelerate delivery of concrete results and ensure that our common objectives on forests are delivered at scale. A number of key milestones in 2022, including UNEA5, Stockholm+50, G7, G20 and COP27, offer possibilities of forging concrete and strategic action agenda to conserve, restore and manage forests.
- And it is also very important to bring forest solution into the green recovery agenda:
  - Forests are best shields against emergence of new pathogens, and
  - REDD+ actions are job creators, livelihood generators, essential for socioeconomic recovery

### UN-REDD

- UN-REDD is a programme that works with 65 countries. [As demonstrated during the discussion,] we have very strong collaboration with FCPF and other partners at both country and global levels and we will continue our commitment to take this forward to reach our shared goals on forests and climate.
- Important to recognize that the work we have all done collectively has been instrumental in moving the agenda forward in the past 10 years. And it is critical now to scale this up in next 10 years.
- Some of UN-REDD's contributions include supporting:
  - 45 countries with forest monitoring systems
  - 36 countries with safeguards requirements
  - 31 countries with REDD+ National strategies adopted
  - More than 30 countries with inclusive, participatory, gender-mainstreamed national REDD+ strategies adopted
  - 29 countries supported on FRELs
  - 100 countries stakeholder engagement
  - UN-REDD has mobilized about 1 billion USD dollars (including 350 M USD for RBPs) to participating countries, who have already reported about 700 million tCO<sub>2</sub>e in emissions reductions from avoided deforestation and forest degradation

- UN-REDD is equipped for its next phase, with 65M secured and programmed for the 2021-25 phase, which is structured along 4 elements:
  - **Forest solutions realised:** *On-the-ground actions to generate forest-based GHG emission reductions and enhanced removals, of increasing quality, across countries and jurisdictions*
  - **Forest solutions rewarded:** *Mobilising finance for REDD+ results, including performance-based, finance schemes, emerging carbon markets and private sector's offset commitments*
  - **Forest solutions enhanced:** *Raising ambition and acceleration of nationally determined contributions (NDCs) to the Paris Agreement*
  - **Connecting actors and knowledge for forest solutions:** *Deploying a global, transformative nature-based solution (NBS) movement to accelerate climate action.*

### **Conclusions**

- We are at a make or break moment. The coming year is going to be of phenomenal importance and we need to forge collective efforts and ensure that the COP26 commitments on forests are delivered at scale.
- UN-REDD will continue to work together to achieve shared objective of REDD+ implementation, reinforcing successful partnerships
- **Thank you.**