

Joint Announcement on REDD+¹ by Germany, Norway, the United Kingdom and the United States

Significant reductions in emissions from deforestation and forest degradation before 2020 will be critical in the context of limiting the increase in global temperatures below two degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.

Today, we reinforce the public commitment we made in November 2012² to work together to better coordinate efforts to accelerate action on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation (REDD+). Together and individually we have made progress since then, and we will continue to work together to do more:

Collectively support REDD+ implementation at scale

- **We are proud to announce today an ambitious new initiative: the BioCarbon Fund *Initiative for Sustainable Forest Landscapes*³. This public-private partnership will support countries or jurisdictions in advancing their implementation of REDD+, while providing the food, feed, fibre and fuels on which all depend, and protecting biodiversity and livelihoods. Norway (up to \$135m), the UK (£75m – around \$120m) and the US (\$25m) plan to support this initiative in its first year; additional partners are expected to join.**
- Germany, Norway and the UK have been working closely with Colombia in 2013 and are now considering options for the establishment of a strong partnership to support Colombia's goal of zero net deforestation in the Colombian Amazon by 2020.
- We acknowledge that several approaches to REDD+ are being tested, and resolve to continue working together to provide effective, adequate, predictable and sustainable finance for REDD+, and to increase mitigation ambition in the period to 2020. Ongoing coordination is critical to continue to build coherence between approaches; together we will continue to provide substantial financial and technical support for REDD+.

Explore options for scaling-up demand for Verified Emissions Reductions from REDD+

- **The UK stands ready to contribute further to the *Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) Carbon Fund* to support an additional credible country emissions reduction programme once approved. This complements existing contributions to the FCPF Carbon Fund from Norway, Germany, the US and others to help countries move to large-scale REDD+ action.**
- **Germany scales-up its *REDD Early Movers* programme (€12m) to reward emission reductions from avoided deforestation.**

¹ REDD+ stands for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation, plus the conservation of forest carbon stocks, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks.

² The joint statement from 29 November 2012 by Australia, Germany, Norway, the United Kingdom and the United States is here: <http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20130109092117/http://decc.gov.uk/assets/decc/11/tackling-climate-change/international-climate-change/7126-joint-statement-tackling-deforestation.pdf>

³ For additional details on the BioCarbon Fund Initiative For Sustainable Forest Landscapes, please see <http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/feature/2013/11/20/biocarbon-fund-initiative-promote-sustainable-forest-landscapes>

- Norway and Germany intend to provide significant support for results-based payments of verified emission reductions in Colombia and Ecuador, as part of an expansion of the German-led *REDD Early Movers* programme.
- We recognise the importance of incentivising REDD+ through payments for verified results and mobilising private-sector incentives for better land use. The Green Climate Fund is important in this context and we remain committed to working through the Green Climate Fund Board to make this happen.

Continue to support REDD+ Readiness

- More countries are demonstrably progressing on REDD+ readiness through the *FCPF Readiness Fund*, and we expect most countries will have signed grant agreements by next year. We are heartened to see progress on the implementation of REDD+ activities, including: the development of national REDD+ strategies, systems for national forest monitoring and measuring, reporting and verifying emissions; and safeguards.
- With the progress made in 2013 on the REDD+ methodological rulebook, we hope to start seeing the submission of reference levels to the UNFCCC ahead of COP20.

Support efforts to transform commodity supply chains

- Norway and the UK joined the *Tropical Forest Alliance 2020*⁴ (TFA 2020), which was launched by the US and the Consumer Goods Forum in 2012.

Demonstrate the benefits of early REDD+ action

- We have seen concrete progress on REDD+ implementation by a number of stakeholders as highlighted last week⁵, and applaud on-going leadership from REDD+ countries. We recommit ourselves to working with countries that have the ambition to tackle forest loss at scale.

Momentum behind REDD+ is building as we move towards implementation at scale. The international community has made meaningful progress over the past year in various multilateral and bilateral partnerships as well as through the UNFCCC. In Warsaw we have an opportunity to make progress on both the methodological rulebook for REDD+ and on the international architecture for REDD+ finance. This is an opportunity too important to miss. Continued advances will lay foundations for the provision of incentives for reducing emissions in the land sector in the post-2020 climate agreement.

⁴ <http://www.tfa2020.com/> The TFA 2020 is a public-private partnership in which members take voluntary actions, individually and in combination, to reduce the tropical deforestation associated with the sourcing of commodities such as palm oil, soy, beef, and pulp and paper.

⁵ REDD+ Results: Real Stories from the Forest <http://www.youtube.com/user/TheUSCenter>