

ABOUT US

UN-REDD

The UN-REDD Programme is the United Nations collaborative initiative on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation (REDD) in developing countries. The Programme was launched in 2008 and builds on the convening role and technical expertise of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the **United Nations Environment** Programme (UNEP).

The UN-REDD Programme supports nationally-led REDD+ processes and promotes the informed and meaningful involvement of all stakeholders, including Indigenous Peoples and other forest-dependent communities, in national and international REDD+ implementation.

REDD+ACADEMY

The REDD+ Academy is a coordinated REDD+ capacity development initiative led by the UN-REDD Programme and the UNEP Environmental Education and Training Unit, which seeks to match the scale of the global climate change mitigation challenge and enable systematic, focused capacity development to deliver REDD+ on the ground.

The REDD+ Academy is a comprehensive response to capacity building needs identified by the countries receiving support from the UN-REDD Programme. The main aim of the REDD+ Academy is to empower potential "REDD+ champions" with the requisite knowledge and skills to promote the implementation of national REDD+ activities.

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Welcome to the REDD+ Academy, providing you with a State of the Art overview of REDD+ planning and implementation, developed by some of the world's leading REDD+ experts.

This journal is a part of the REDD+ Academy. It has been designed to accompany you in your learning journey, covering all the main REDD+ topics, from the basics to the finer points of setting reference levels, monitoring, allocation of incentives and stakeholder engagement.

The modules presented in this journal will equip you with the necessary knowledge to better understand the various components of REDD+. I encourage you to apply this knowledge and do your part to make REDD+ a national and a global success!

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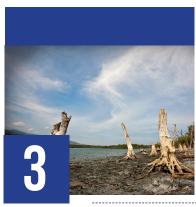
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