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**Enhancing National Capacity on Natural Capital  
Approach and REDD+ Governance**

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## REDD+ AND FORESTS AS NATURE-BASED SOLUTION FOR CLIMATE EMERGENCY IN NIGERIA

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# What is REDD+?



- **REDD** = **R**educing **E**missions from **D**eforestation and Forest **D**egradation in Developing Countries
- “+” signifies:
  - + Conservation of forests
  - + Sustainable management of forests
  - + Enhancement of forest carbon stocks



# NIGERIA REDD+ PROGRAMME



## REDD+ VISION

To Make Nigeria Among Nations With the Lowest Forest Carbon Emissions, Enhanced Forest Carbon Stocks and an Improved Livelihood of the Forest-Dependent Communities While Contributing to Sustainable Development

## REDD+ MISSION

To significantly Contribute to climate change Mitigation and Adaptation Aspirations Using the National REDD+ Strategy so as to Transform Nigeria's Forest Sectors and Contribute to human well Being.



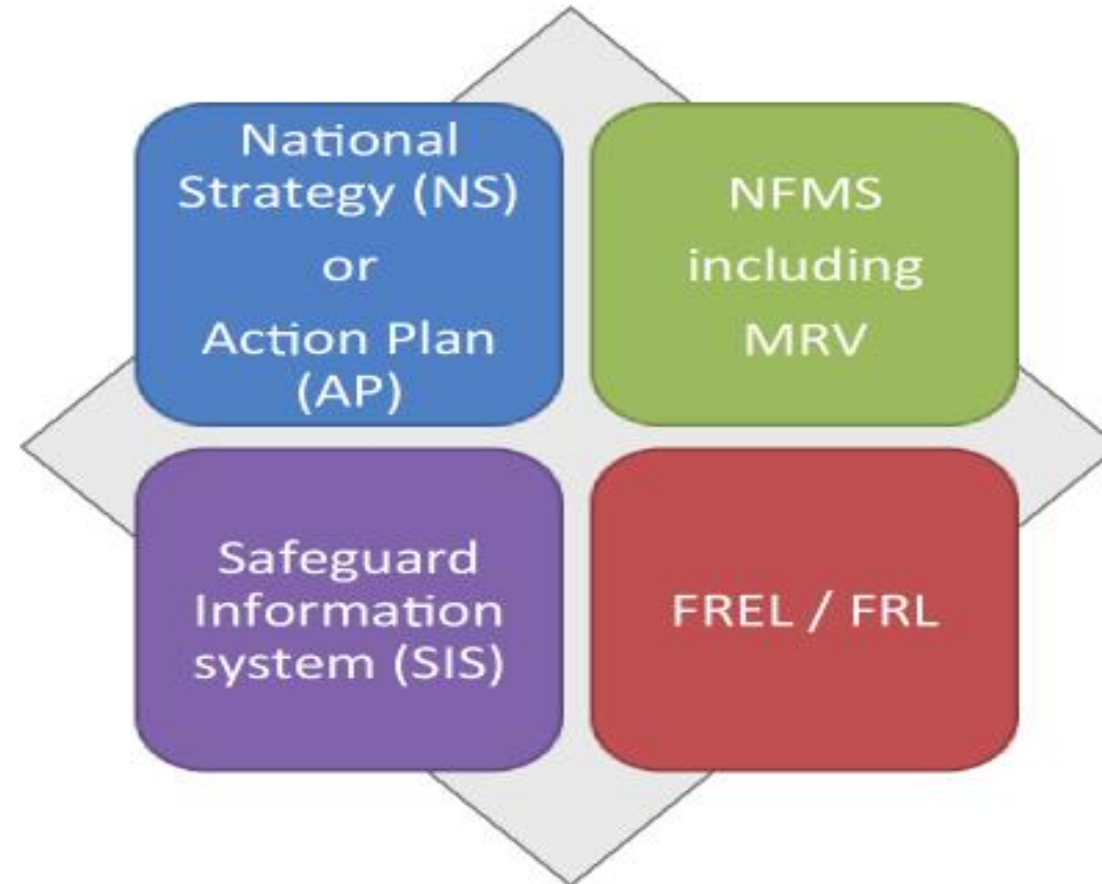
# REDD+ Evolution in international negotiations



- Concerns of Emissions from forest and (land use) not included in the Kyoto Protocol was the driver of the REDD+ concept
- **COP 11 in Montreal in 2005:** First discussion - The item on reducing emissions from deforestation (RED) in developing countries was formally introduced into UNFCCC negotiations
- **COP 13 -Bali Roadmap in 2007:** agreement on a decision to reduce emissions from deforestation during COP 15.
- **COP15 Copenhagen:** Accord 2009
- **Cancun 2010:** recognition on the need to halt (and not only reduce) deforestation
- **COP19 Warsaw in 2013** - REDD+ Four Pillars.
- REDD+ issue still under discussion at international level – With Article 6 driving the process.



# The four REDD+ “design” elements (WARSAW Framework)



# FIVE REDD+ ACTIVITIES



Reducing emissions from deforestation



Reducing emissions from forest degradation



Conservation of forest carbon stocks



Sustainable Management of Forests



Enhancement of forest carbon stocks



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# Approach to REDD+ Implementation



## Phase 1: Readiness

Countries design national strategies and action plans with relevant stakeholders, build capacity for REDD+ implementation, work on policies and measures for REDD+ implementation and design demonstration activities

## Phase 2: Implementation

National strategies, policies and action plans proposed in Phase 1 are implemented and tested. This phase may include results-based demonstration activities and require additional capacity building, technology development and transfer

## Phase 3: Results-based actions

Results-based REDD+ actions are supported implemented at the national level and results are fully measured, reported and verified



# REDD+ Trend in its Evolution.



- ✓ From single to multiple objectives
- ✓ From PES to broader policies to forest policies and projects?
- ✓ From national to project focus(States/LGAs) – and back?
- ✓ Funding: From market to international public sources and national contributions



# REDD+ Mechanism and Climate change



- REDD+ is helping countries build the necessary systems to reap the results-based rewards of participation.
- Collectively dubbed AFOLU -- agriculture, forestry and other land use -- these activities accounted for approximately 25% of global greenhouse gas emissions in 2010, compared with between 10% and 12% from forests and other land use (FOLU) alone.
- We need integrated approaches to land use that will balance agricultural needs for production and food security with the sustainable management and conservation of forests, and, at the same time, make the most of any climate change mitigation potential.



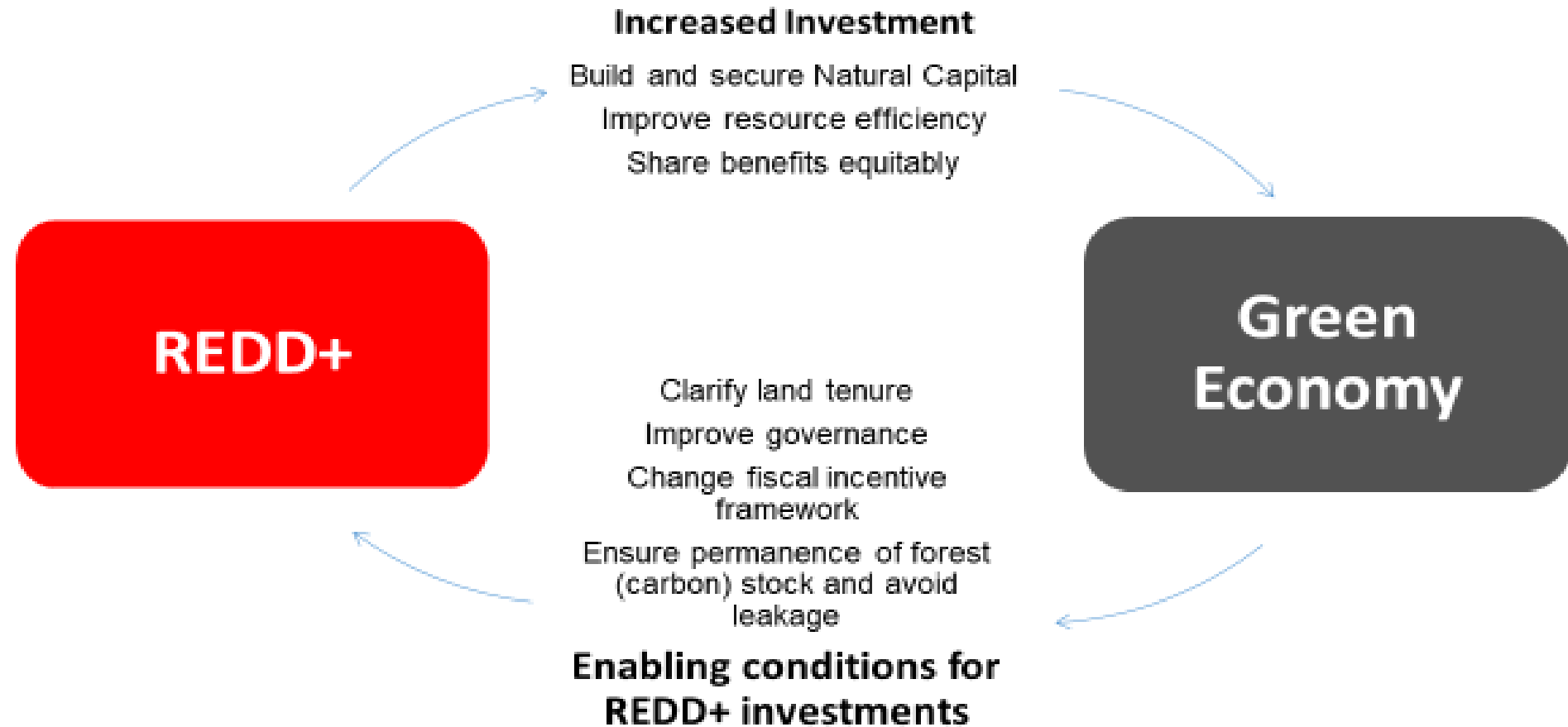
# What countries can get from REDD+



- Support in design and implementation of REDD+ Programme- **Readiness activities**
- Payments per ton of carbon emissions reduced or removed- **Result based payment**
- Fair and adequate price for proven results
- International recognition for their mitigation results- **Response to Paris agreements( NDC commitment).**
- Multiple benefits: biodiversity conservation, poverty alleviation, catalyze a green economy that integrates multiple sectors (forestry, agriculture, energy, finance, etc.)- **REDD+ investments/implementation**



# Potential Mutually Beneficial Relationships between REDD+ and a Green Economy



# Main challenges associated with REDD+



- Ensuring meaningful sources of finance and adequate private sector engagement
- Powerful political and economic interests driving continued deforestation and degradation
- Institutional arrangements: coordination across various government levels
- Benefit sharing: addressing tenure insecurity and safeguards
- Challenges with carbon measurement and establishing reference levels



# SOME CONCLUSION



- REDD+ has undergone significant changes through a learning and maturation process.
- REDD+ is an innovative initiative that aims at tipping the economic balance in favor of sustainable management of forests;
- Under the UNFCCC, REDD+ is understood to comprise reduced deforestation and degradation, forest carbon stock enhancement, sustainable management of forests and forest carbon stock conservation;
- During the UNFCCC negotiations, countries collectively agreed on the importance of having an iterative, flexible and learning-by-doing approach to REDD+ implementation;
- Several multilateral initiatives support countries in getting ready for REDD+ and starting to implement REDD+ policies and measures



# KEYMESSAGES



- REDD+ should be seen as part of the **sustainable development agenda** and utilized strategically
- **Ambitious and transformative REDD+ agenda** require credible stakeholder and institutional engagement
- Nigeria can show leadership
- We need to move from “**Business as Usual**” to “**Business Unusual**” – We need new thinking, and new knowledge
- However, it will require country-led, country-owned initiatives, collaboration and strategic partnerships
- The Good News is that **IT CAN BE DONE!!**



## QUOTE



***“Future generations will surely judge this generation of leaders not by principles they set out in communiquees but by what they actually do to eradicate poverty, build shared prosperity and protect our children and their children from climate disaster. Let us act now and act together”***

***Kofi Annan***



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