

Key Issues

I would just like to talk here about some of the key issues that I think are very important related to this. These frameworks at the national level already exist. In the case of many developing countries, we have already engaged with several commitments related to reducing deforestation bilaterally or through other types of agreements. These small and medium initiatives have to nest within the national NDC processes and have to nest within what the commitments that the Peruvian government has made. Therefore, this is quite an interesting challenge, and I think Peru is definitely one of the countries that has very important challenges to nest this type of projects within their national framework. Therefore, we have to develop some language related to this at the national level so that the private sector does not feel that it is risky to invest in our country, but also that we are establishing specific safeguards for them to come so that they do not feel that there is no political will from our country. This is ongoing work that we are doing now in the country related to the nesting processes, and how these activities are going to continue being promoted.

The private sector continues to be welcome in the country, but definitely there are quite a few challenges related to that. These are not necessarily at the technical level, but probably more at the political level because there is a need to take political decisions related to this issue, and this is not necessarily something just for Peru. It is probably for many, many countries that are going through the same process.

Key Messages

I would just like to finish up by indicating some of the key messages that I would like to indicate. One is that stakeholder participation is a key to working on initiatives relating to reducing deforestation. There are different ways to participate. Not everybody will want to participate, but there is a need to open the space to participate. There is a need to build capacity or strengthen capacity for people to effectively participate. Definitely, that is something that changes within each country.

Second is that legal frameworks and institutional arrangements are fundamental to establish clear positions and can reduce risk. We can have a perfect reference level or a perfect MRV system, but if there is no legal framework that supports that type of technical information, then things will not necessarily work. Therefore, we have to start looking at these legal issues more thoroughly and identify what things have to be done in each of our countries.

A third message I would like to indicate is related to the impact on livelihoods. We have been talking about REDD, about the technical issues, and about the legal issues, but we also have to start speaking about what the impact of this type of project is. That can be from the small scale, or the medium scale, or the national scale, but what is the impact to the livelihoods of the people that are living in the forests? If we do not have some type of monitoring system, or if we do not measure our impacts or the impact of these activities, then we will probably not be able to achieve the objectives of reducing deforestation. If there is no direct impact to the people that are related or that are living in the forest, probably these measures will not be sustainable throughout time.

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The fourth and last message I will like to say is related to private participation on these initiatives. We have to be creative, and definitely I think that lawyers have a lot of challenges here. We have to be creative considering the needs of developing countries to fulfill commitments under the NDC. This is not necessarily a process of just of each country at the national level. This is what I think many of the presenters have already indicated. This is a process that is being discussed at the international level. Therefore, until there is no clear guidance at the international level, many countries will be uneasy to make decisions to implement or to establish certain legal frameworks on the ground that do not necessarily reflect the guidelines of what is being discussed at the international level.



Thank you very much.