



### **SBSTA intervention on methodological guidance on REDD+**

We are encouraged by progress in SBSTA on methodological guidance on REDD+.

The safeguards information system discussion identified commonality between parties concerning:

- the full and effective participation of relevant stakeholders including indigenous peoples and local communities;
- the need to build on existing systems;
- regular international reporting, including biennial reports; and
- participation of observers in Submissions and Expert Meetings and Workshops.

We support the establishment of 'Principles' including Transparency, Regularity, Simplicity, Accuracy, Reliability, Participation, and Completeness.

Unfortunately, the continued failure to differentiate 'natural forests' from 'plantations' means further attention is required to properly address the safeguard against conversion.

We emphasise the urgent need for recourse mechanisms for affected people, in particular indigenous peoples and local communities.

Reference levels should be set to contribute to mitigation of climate change, encourage broad participation of countries, and we support the use of historical baselines for reference emissions levels.

We encourage further discussion on international baselines to address international leakage and the potential to address drivers of deforestation and forest degradation.

Finally, modalities for forest carbon monitoring and MRV will be important to address this year, in particular full and independent review and addressing gaps in COP and IPCC Guidance.

Thank-you