REDD+ part of the international forest policy instruments

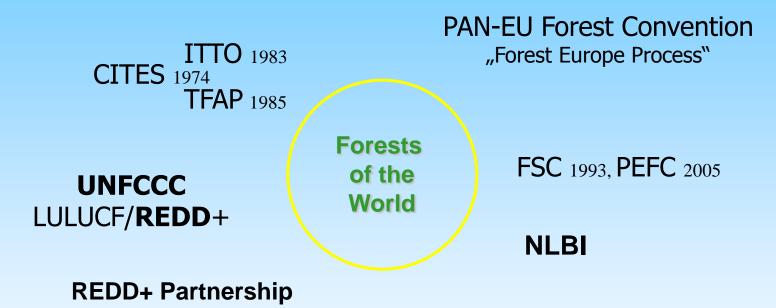
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international forest policy instruments

"The Forest Circle"

... requires coordination – packaging – on international and national level of "fragmented processes"...



CBD Forest WP, PA, Strategic Plan

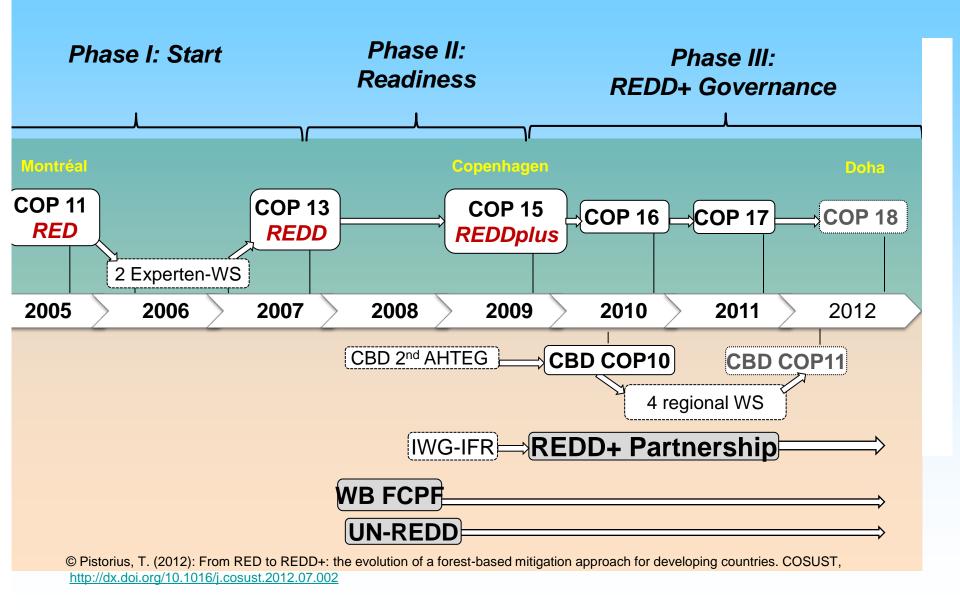
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UNFF 2000 IPF/IFF

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Phases of the REDD+ Debate



Background 1

- 2005 enthusiasm and expectations vs. TFAP 1986-1990
- 2005-2012 REDD+ is now omnipresent
- part of the UNFCCC financial mechanism
- compensation payment results-based
- original idea: top-down Implementation
- reality: bottom-up (!) social integration
- Focus on Mitigation "co-benefits" randomly → Safeguards
- → <u>in Practice</u>: civil society/indigenous and private stakeholders
- divergent interests and ideas
- intensive debate



Background 2

REDDplus implementation has already started

international level

- multilateral "Readiness" and Capacity Building (UN-REDD, WB FCPF)
- bilateral programs Germany BMZ/GiZ, International Climate Initiative BMU
- Interim REDD+ Partnership

national level

 REDD+ Strategies and Action Plans (supported by bilateral technical cooperation e.g. GiZ)

local level

several hundred Pilot Projects (see: REDDplus Database)



Conclusion and outlook

REDD+ is in the center of the international forest and climate debates

- agreement that deforestation and forest degradation need to be stopped
- framing set by the climate negotiations (focus on carbon) early roots eg. TFAP

Discussions dominated by experts and a special REDD+ Community

- in the beginning only few critical voices → "window of opportunity"
- growing interest on ideas, know-how, advice

Still many unrelsoved questions and challenges for implementation

• eg. RL/REL, MRV, definitions (Forest, 2nd D, SMF/SFM), benefit sharing, FPIC

REDD+ on all levels institutionalised

REDD+ is part of the overall climate agreement

(slow process could shift the discussion into other processes eg. REDD+ Partnership)

UNFCCC process uncertain – need of political will

REDD+ is not more and not less than the latest attempt of the international community to tackle the global loss of forests



Many thanks!