



ART Announces Stakeholder Consultation for TREES: The REDD+ Environmental Excellency Standard

As Secretariat of the [Architecture for REDD+ Transactions](#) (ART), Winrock International, announces the commencement of a public stakeholder consultation period for [The REDD+ Environmental Excellency Standard \(TREES\)](#).

ART's objective is to provide confidence in the environmental and social integrity of national and jurisdictional-scale forest emissions reductions, creating credits that are fungible with those from other sectors and catalyzing new, large-scale finance for REDD+.

ART's standard, *The REDD+ Environmental Excellency Standard* (TREES) builds on lessons learned from early-action pilot programs and is consistent with UNFCCC decisions, including the Warsaw Framework and Cancún Safeguards.

Under TREES, countries can generate verified emissions reduction credits by reducing their deforestation and degradation emissions and meeting precise and comprehensive requirements for accounting and crediting; monitoring, reporting and independent verification; mitigation of leakage and reversal risks; avoidance of double counting; assurance of robust environmental and social safeguards; and the transparent issuance of serialized units on a public registry. Resulting credits can be sold into voluntary or compliance carbon markets or potentially transferred under the Paris Agreement towards meeting NDCs and increasing ambition.

ART and TREES have been designed to fill a specific niche for REDD+ and to complement, rather than compete, with other REDD+ initiatives. The intent of ART and TREES is to help accelerate progress toward national scale accounting and implementation to achieve emissions reductions at scale. Decisions were taken by the Interim Steering Committee (ISC) on key elements of TREES based on extensive analyses and discussion and recognizing trade-offs.

All stakeholders are invited and strongly encouraged to provide input, feedback and comments on TREES submitting to REDD@Winrock.org by close of business on September 27, 2019. The Secretariat and Board will review stakeholder comments, prepare responses, and incorporate those into the Standard as appropriate prior to publication of TREES in 2019.

As part of the consultation process, the ART Secretariat is hosting a series of webinars to provide an overview of TREES and gather questions and comments from stakeholders. Please follow the links below to register.

[Tuesday, August 13, 2019, 9am-10am Eastern](#)

[Wednesday, August 14, 2019, 1pm-2pm Eastern](#)

[Thursday, August 15, 2019, 1pm-2pm Eastern \(presentation in Spanish\)](#)