

Mexico's Vision

for **REDD+**

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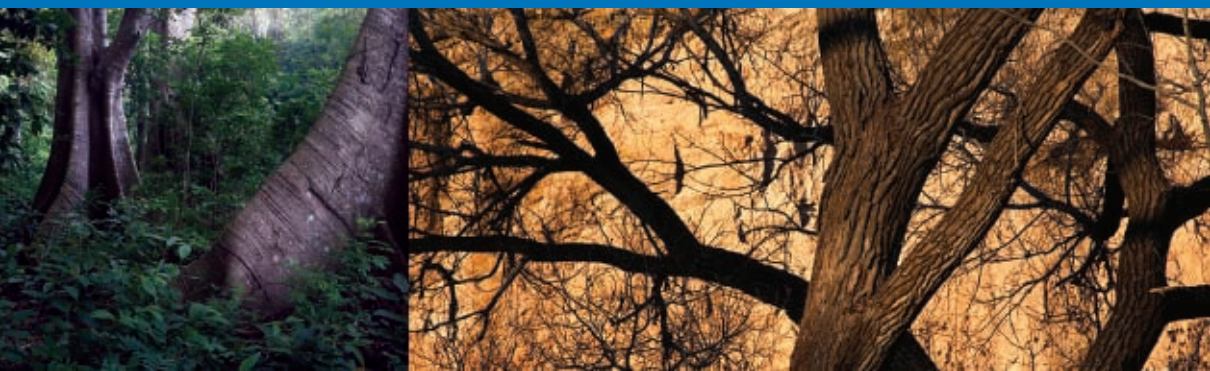
The vision contains three main aspirations that are no small challenge and it will require immense creativity, political and social will, and a strong sense of responsibility that the future is in our hands.

- In 2020 Mexico will have zero net emissions associated with land use change and, additionally, it will enhance existing carbon stocks, ensuring the preservation of biodiversity and ecosystem integrity through actions such as sustainable forest management, conservation activities, and enhancement of carbon stocks.
- By 2020, the national rate of forest degradation in Mexico will be reduced significantly compared to the reference level. Sustainable use of resources, as well as natural and induced regeneration, will spread. Uncontrolled fires will be effectively discouraged: improved prevention, combat and control of ecosystem disturbing agents will be in place; and incentives for sustainable land use practices will be created. Also acknowledged is the need for stronger law enforcement, more effective environmental education and increased participation so as to promote the value of forests in support of efforts to eliminate illegal markets for wood, forest products and non-forest products.
- By 2020 Mexico will have maintained its territory's biodiversity, strengthened rural communities' social capital and promoted economic development through sustainable rural development.

Mexico's REDD+ vision represents a crucial first step in the development of the National REDD+ Strategy. Rooted in a heightened awareness of the complexity of the challenges presented to humanity by both deforestation and forest degradation, Mexico's Vision for REDD+ outlines the long-term goals and objectives, as well as the key short-term strategies and activities to be carried out, including the design and development of the National REDD+ Strategy, to turn expectations into results and ultimately impact.

No one person, institution, or organization takes this step alone. From the opinions, perspectives, and experiences that inform our approach, to the aforementioned goals and objectives that will guide our way forward, the Vision is the result of active participation by a diverse set of stakeholders with interest in and influence over the issue of global climate change. The outcome is founded in a partnership that is still a work in progress, but in which unprecedented levels of dialogue and collaboration have taken place between civil society and government, bringing into the fold some of the most respected experts and specialists in the field.

The Vision also sets forth the guiding principles that have informed the development of Mexico's REDD+ actions.

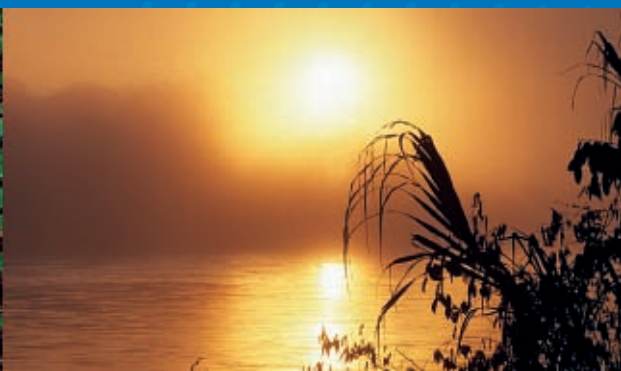
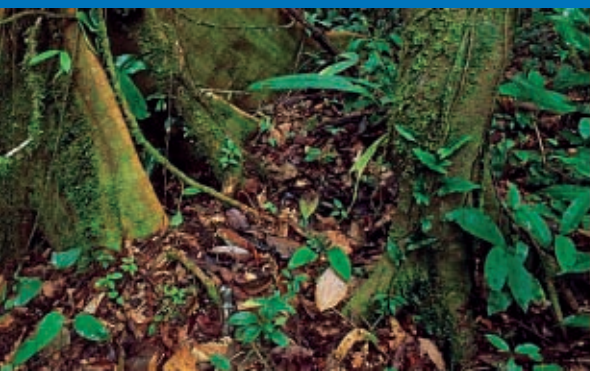




We have determined that the most direct path to reduce deforestation and forest degradation is through sustainable rural development, facilitating the consolidation and coordination of the array of policies and activities implemented in various parts of the country. Addressing climate change has brought us all together and requires that we deliver on a much deliberated and vehemently defended premise: that conservation and development can be compatible by applying the principle of sustainability.

The Vision also states that the collective experience and existing institutions, both environmental and others, form a strong foundation upon which all levels of government can enhance coordination of their efforts.

This will effectively address drivers of deforestation and degradation while enhancing our forests' carbon reserves. Mexican forest communities, in particular, receive recognition for their efforts and experiences. As owners of most of the forests in Mexico, they are key players and decision makers in the context of rural development.



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