As the need to address the climate crisis becomes increasingly urgent, businesses strive to achieve a carbon neutral footprint while developing countries seek additional means of financing efforts to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. REDD+ programs (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation) both leverage the ability of forests to mitigate emissions and produce GHG offsets, and also offer an opportunity for financial support to developing countries. Winrock International’s Offset National Emissions through Sustainable Landscapes (ONE-SL) project aims to increase countries’ implementation of jurisdictional REDD+, nesting projects within the larger program and ensuring the capacity to produce credible offsets that attract private sector commitment. ONE-SL will provide technical support and tools to countries, project developers, and private sector entities to support jurisdictional REDD+ programs that yield high quality offsets.

REDD+ is a climate change mitigation approach developed by Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) that enables financial incentives to developing countries for actions to reduce carbon emissions from forest land. Jurisdictional REDD+ operates across political boundaries and land-use types to implement national or sub-national programs that can incorporate – or ‘nest’ – individual projects. To sell offsets on the market, countries must consider existing international commitments towards the reduction of greenhouse gases as outlined in their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) and ensure that emission reductions are not double counted.

ONE-SL will develop an enhanced understanding and capacity for successful implementation of nested jurisdictional REDD+ programs and provide technical support and tools to countries, project developers, and commercial industry offset purchasers. Project activities will...
result in the ability to: 1) identify country-level emission mitigation results that exceed internationally agreed upon national targets; 2) produce marketable carbon offsets for commercial actors; and 3) achieve important economic benefits for developing countries and environmental benefits within and beyond country borders. ONE-SL is intended to serve as a pilot effort that can be scaled up to other countries.

ONE-SL is a four-year cooperative agreement, from 2020 to 2024, funded by the U.S. Department of State. The project will be implemented in three stages as below.

**STAGE 1 (OCT 2020 - JUNE 2021):**
ONE-SL is conducting country assessments in 8 countries – Colombia, Peru, Uruguay, Kenya, Uganda, Zambia, Cambodia, and Vietnam. ONE-SL will develop assessment tools, ascertain the status of REDD+ jurisdictional and nesting efforts and the private sector environment in each country, and then identify 3-4 countries for Stage 2 implementation.

**STAGE 2 (JULY 2021 - SEPT 2024):**
ONE-SL will develop roadmaps in Stage 2 countries and establish country plans for capacity building, private sector engagement, and implementation of jurisdictional REDD+.

**STAGE 3 (JULY 2021 - SEPT 2024):**
ONE-SL will expand the assessment tools and capacity building resources to support REDD+ jurisdictional and nesting efforts and private sector engagement beyond the 8 ONE-SL countries.

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