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Ten years of capacity development

NFMS for REDD+

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A need to better understand progress in forest monitoring capacity development

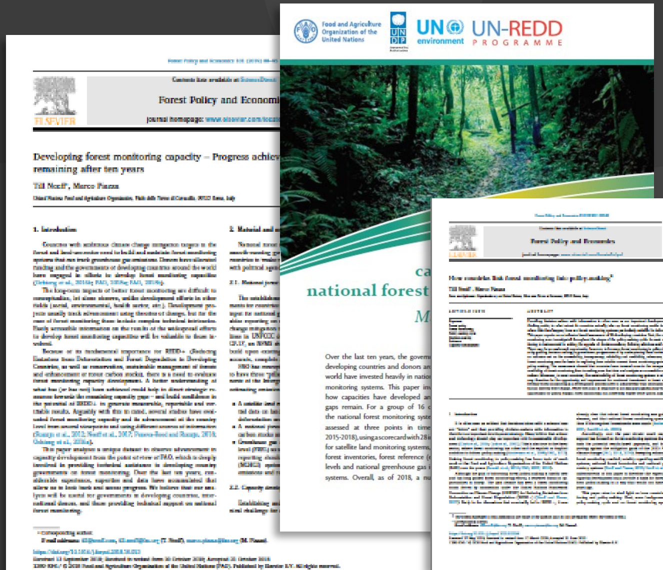
- Much effort has been dedicated to national forest monitoring, since 2008, especially in the context of REDD+
- Headline success: dozens of countries have submitted forest reference levels to the UNFCCC
- But what are the underlying changes in forest monitoring capacity – beyond REDD+? Where are the remaining gaps? And how can they be addressed?

Ten years of capacity development on national forest monitoring for REDD+ - Much achieved yet much more to do: www.fao.org/documents/card/en/c/CA1741EN/

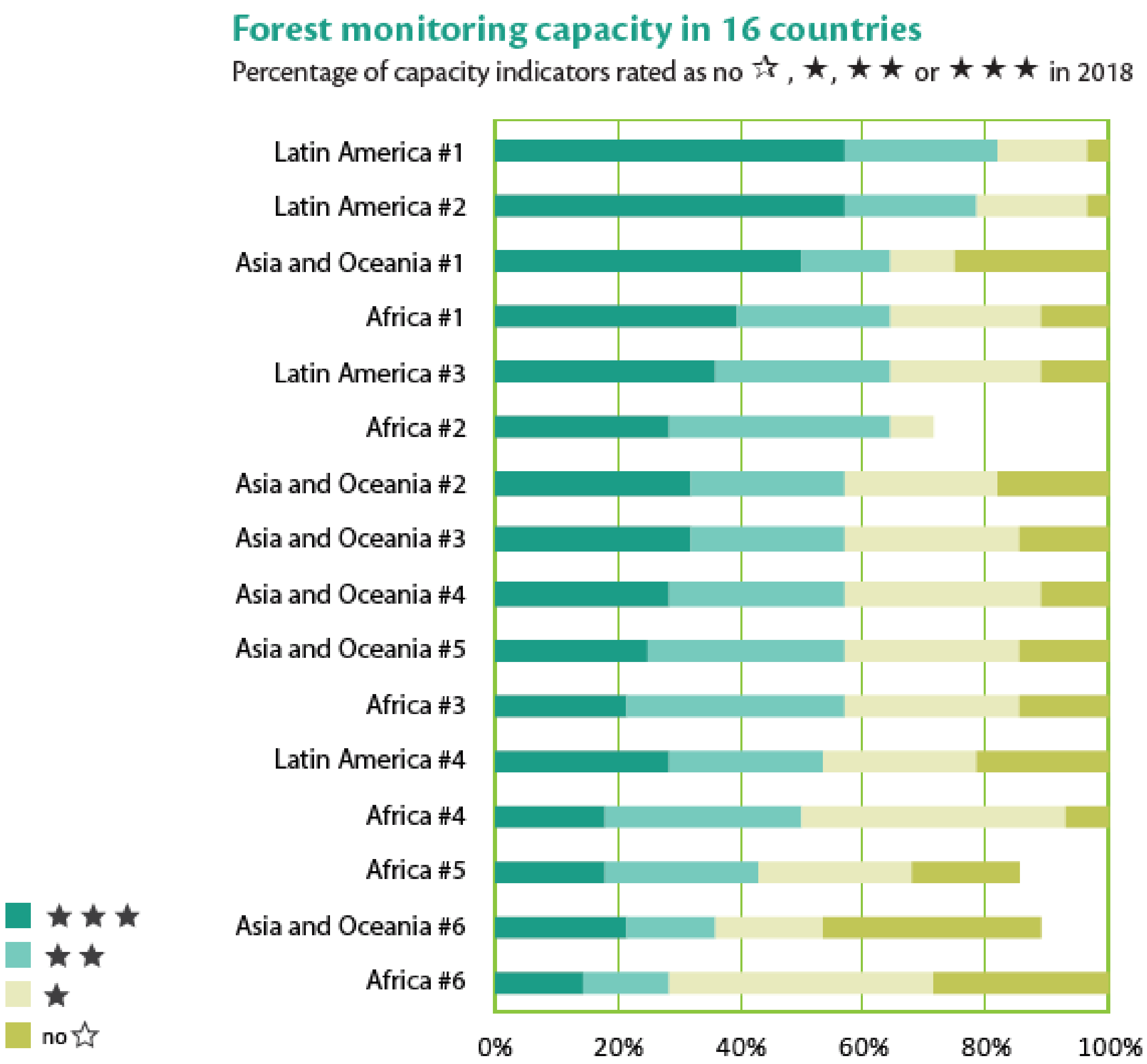
How countries link forest monitoring into policy-making: doi.org/10.1016/j.forpol.2020.102248

Developing forest monitoring capacity – Progress achieved and gaps remaining after ten years: doi.org/10.1016/j.forpol.2018.10.013

Scorecard assessment with 28 indicators of 16 countries 2008-2015-2018 to quantify progress



Forest monitoring capacity in 2018 in 16 countries



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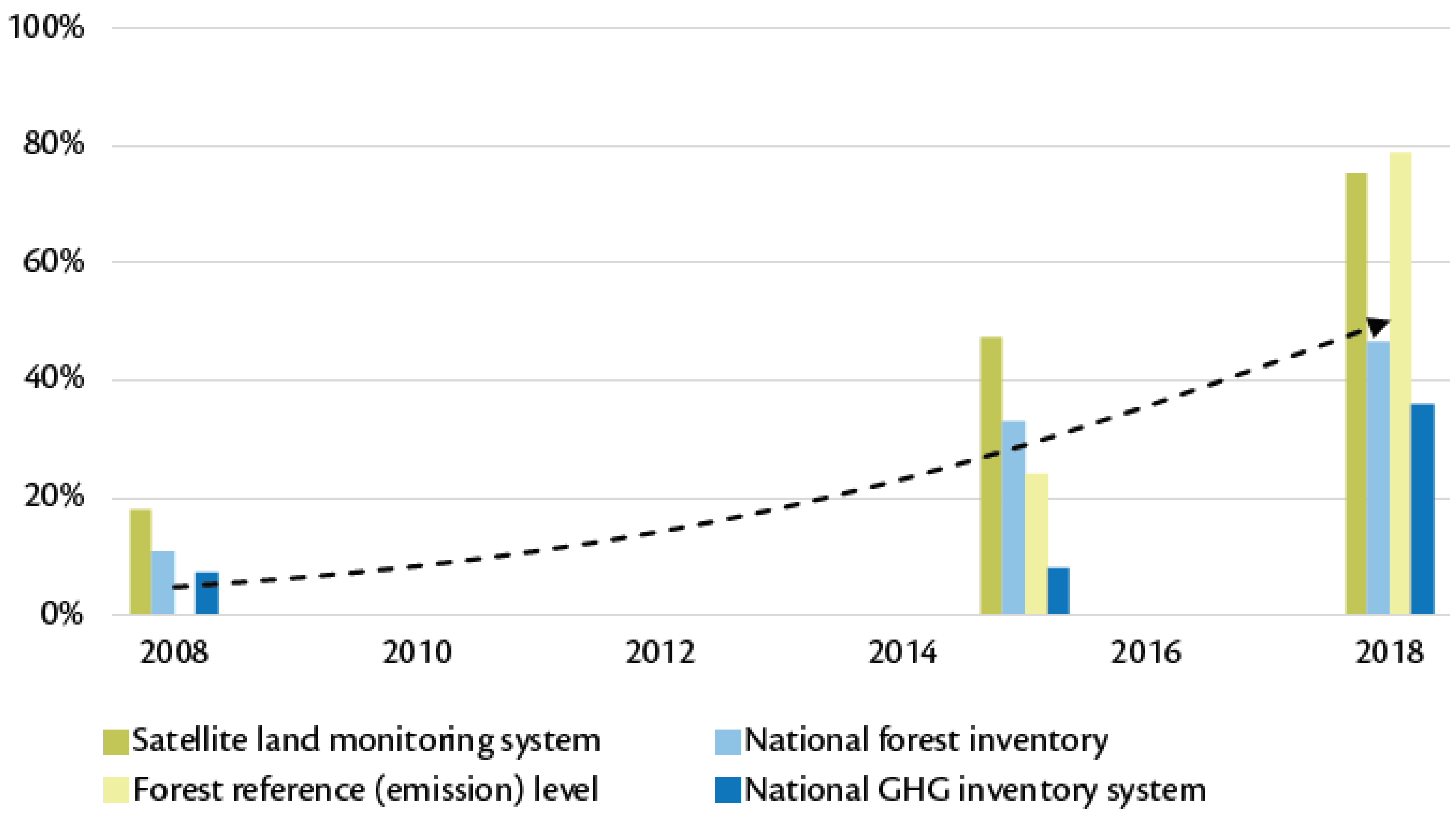
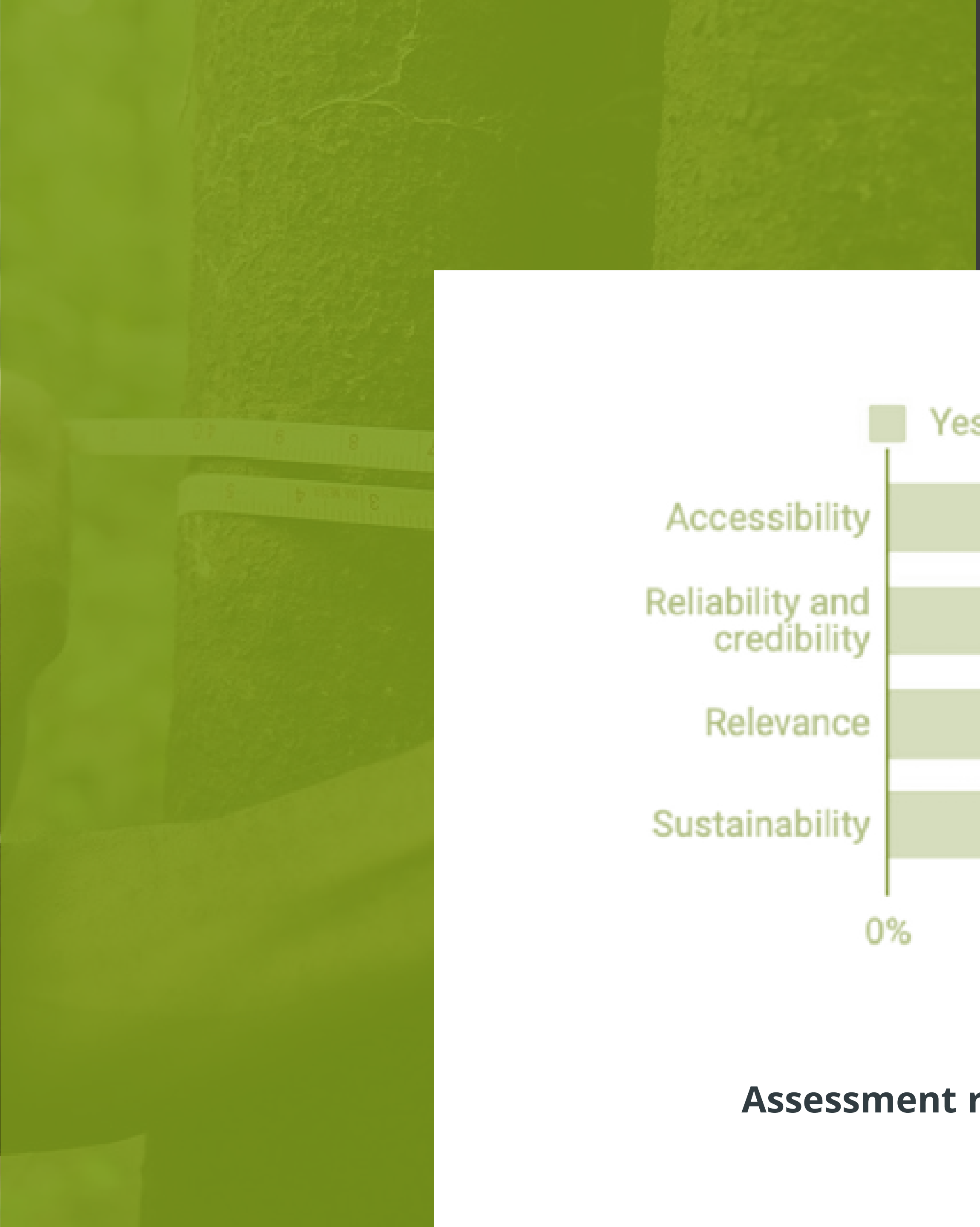
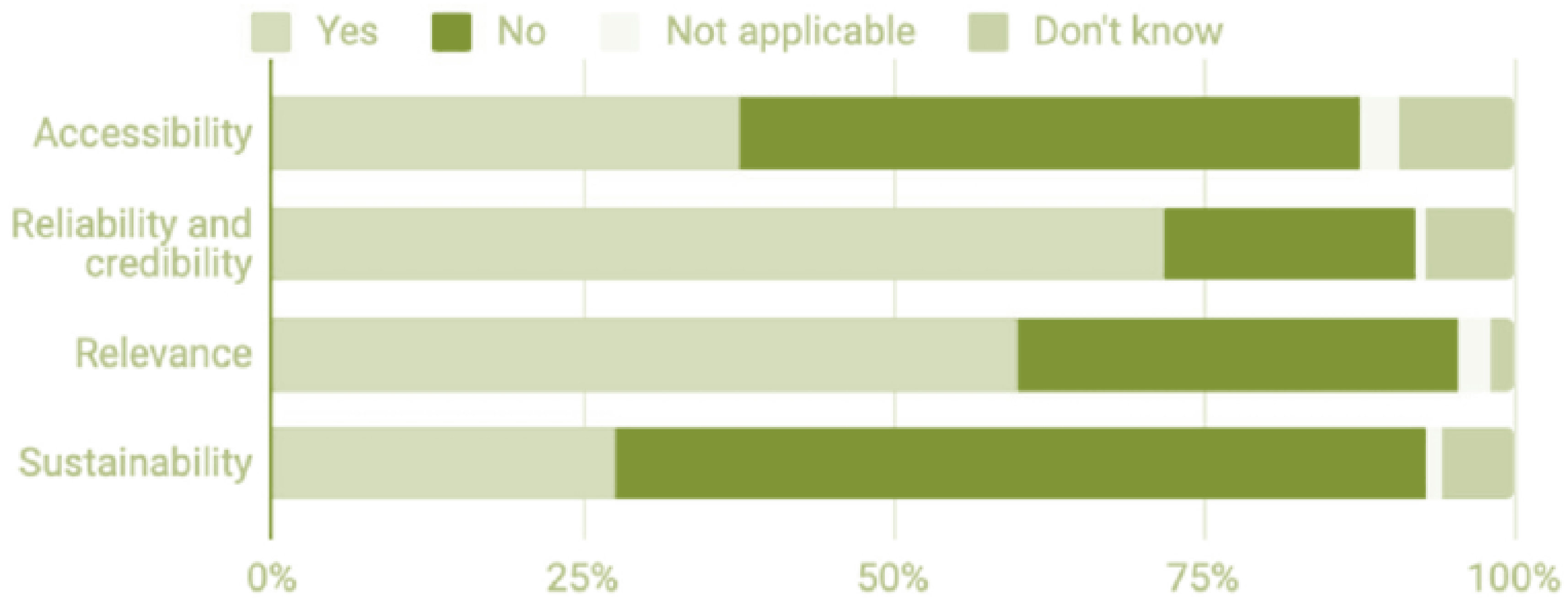
How capacity gains momentum over time

Percentage of capacity indicators rated as ★★ or ★★★, summed for 16 countries







Assessment results on accessibility, transparency, reliability and credibility, relevance and sustainability of forest monitoring

Some observations

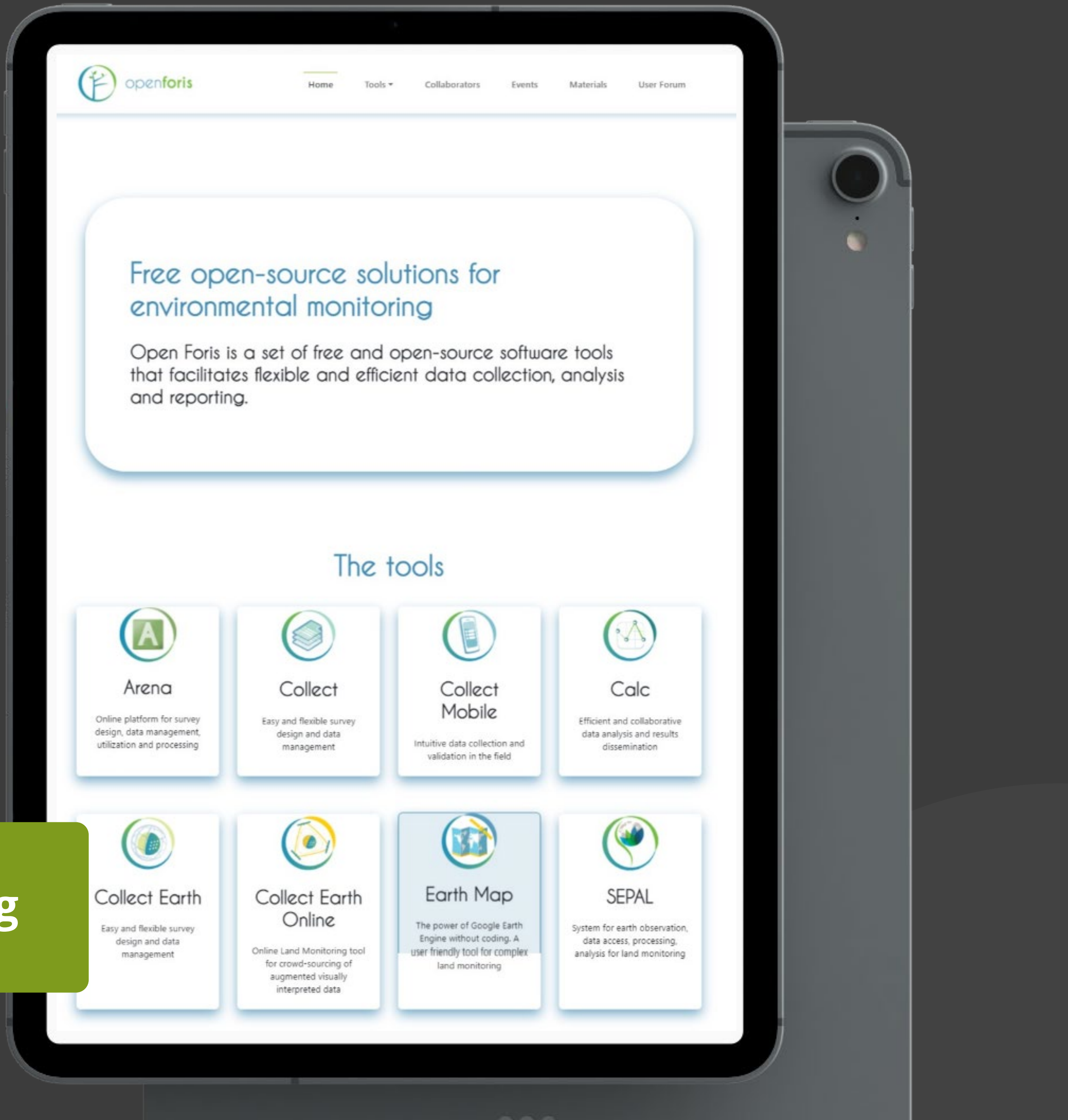
- Weak trend: better forest monitoring capacity in countries with stronger governance context
- Momentum of the national climate change and REDD+ process may be key
- There has been a lot of progress on technical aspects
- Harder to achieve progress on institutionalization and long-term uptake
- Accessibility of data and information could be a current bottleneck which could be addressed

Open Foris initiative

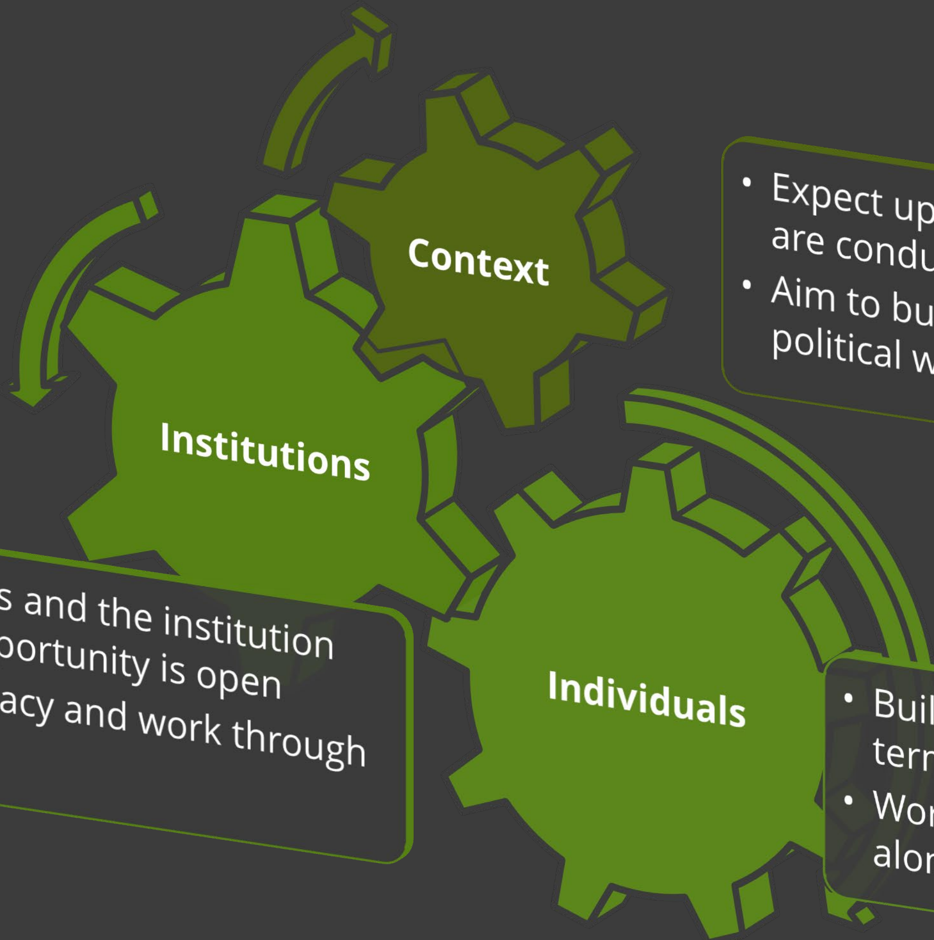
accessibility of data and information at the centre stage

Free and open source tools and methods for data collection, analysis and reporting

www.openforis.org



… and if long-term uptake is the hard part, what are strategies to achieve progress nonetheless?

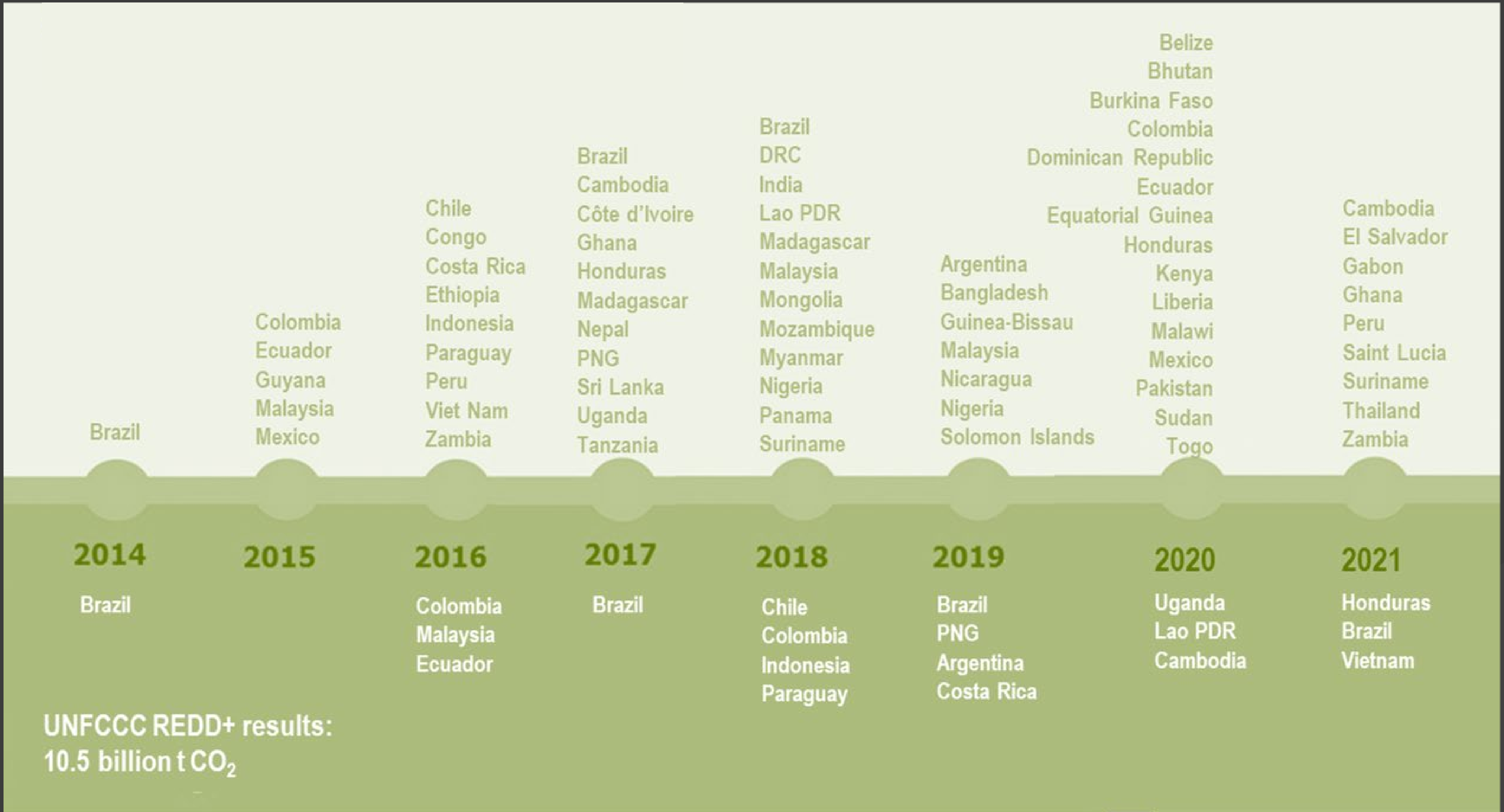


- Expect uptake only where circumstances are conducive from the start
- Aim to build awareness, momentum and political will over long time frames

- Focus on the processes and the institution where a window of opportunity is open
- Build your own legitimacy and work through stakeholders

- Build personal relations through long-term in-country presence
- Work with senior decision makers alongside technical staff

FREL/FRL submissions to the UNFCCC



Thank you for listening!

Let's discuss!

- From reference levels to results reporting: REDD+ under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change: 2020 update: www.fao.org/3/cb1635en/cb1635en.pdf
- The Importance of High–Quality Data for REDD+ Monitoring and Reporting: www.mdpi.com/1999-4907/12/1/99/pdf
- Institutionalization of forest data: Establishing legal frameworks for sustainable forest monitoring in REDD+ countries: www.fao.org/3/CB3525EN/CB3525EN.pdf
- Better data, better decisions: Towards impactful forest monitoring: www.fao.org/3/cb0437en/CB0437EN.pdf

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