

# Introduction to Cancun Safeguards and their Relevance to REDD+ in Mongolia

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# Four pillars of the Warsaw Framework

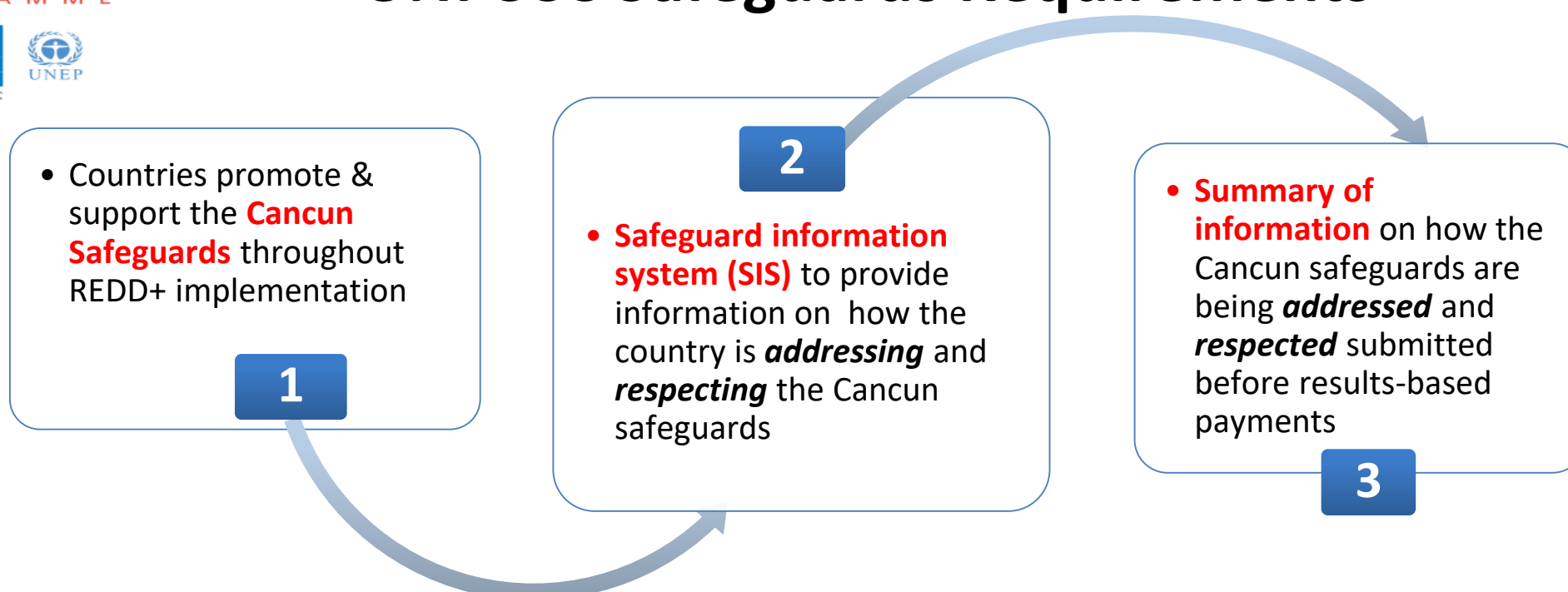
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Action Plan**

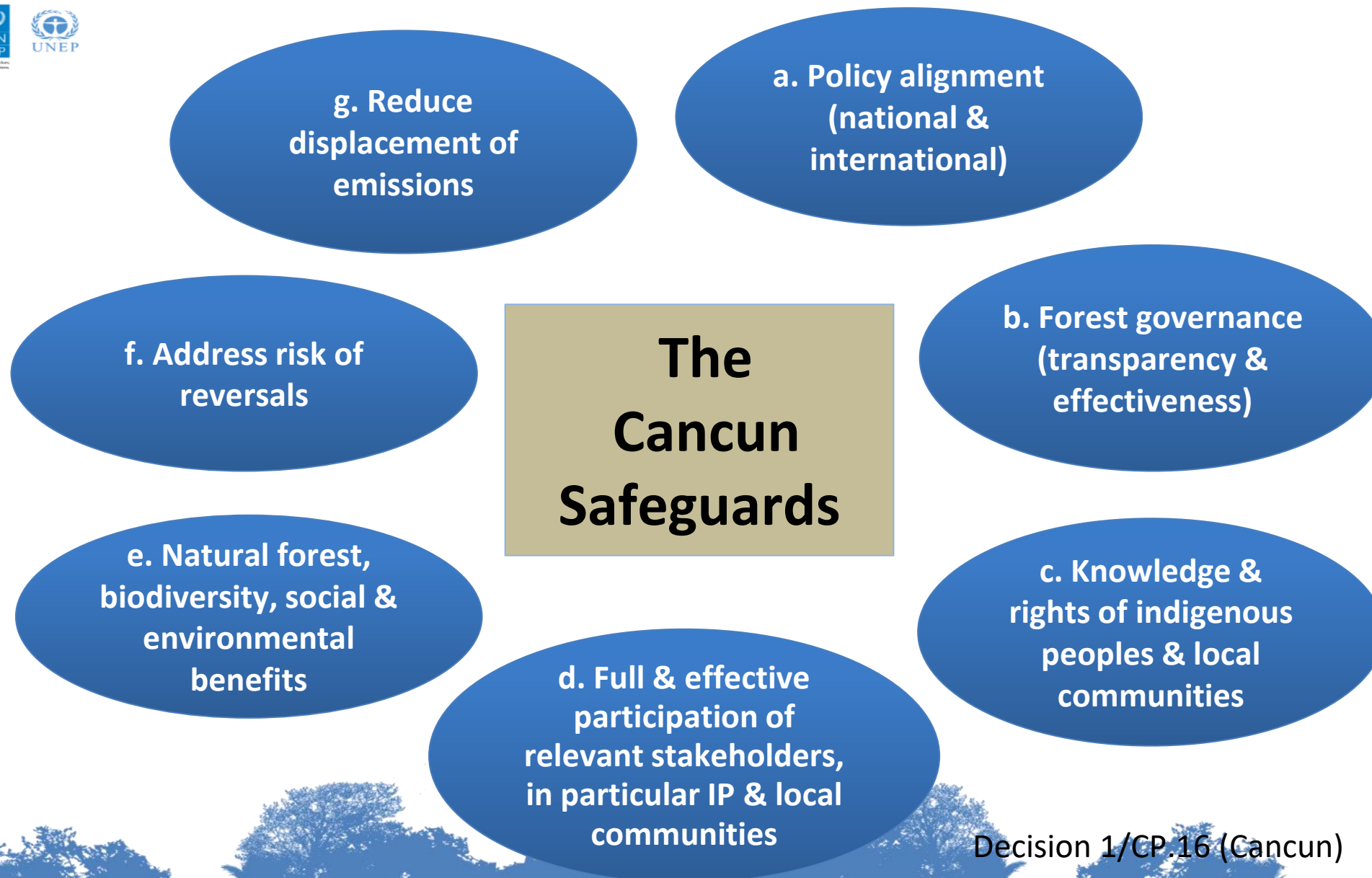
**Forest Reference  
Emission Level /  
Reference Level**

**Safeguards &  
Safeguard  
Information  
System**

**National Forest  
Monitoring  
System**

# UNFCCC Safeguards Requirements





# How are Cancun Safeguards Applied?

## Applied to What?

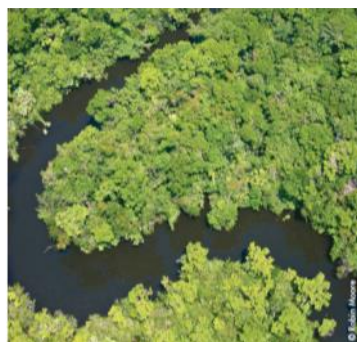
All REDD+ actions in the **National Strategy or Action Plan** as defined by the government

## How?

Through application of **policies, laws, regulations, and institutions** to implement/enforce them


## When?

Throughout **implementation of REDD+** actions



## The Cancun Agreements also...

... requested Parties implementing REDD+ to *‘develop a system for providing information on how the Cancun safeguards are being **addressed and respected** throughout the implementation of the REDD+ activities’,*



Safeguard  
Information  
System (SIS)

# What does “Address and Respect” Safeguards Mean?

## “Address”

The governance arrangements - including policies, laws, regulations and the institutions, information systems, etc. – to deal with safeguards, are in place (*on paper*)

## “Respect”

How these governance arrangements are being implemented and affect real and positive outcomes on the ground (*in practice*)





## UNFCCC Guidance for SIS

Decision  
12/CP.17  
(Durban)

- a) *Be consistent with the guidance [for policy approaches and positive incentives on issues relating to REDD+]*
- b) *Provide transparent and consistent information that is accessible by all relevant stakeholders and updated on a regular basis*
- c) *Be transparent and flexible to allow for improvements over time*
- d) *Provide information on how all of the safeguards are being addressed and respected*
- e) *Be country-driven and implemented at the national level*
- f) *Build upon existing systems, as appropriate*

# Summary of Information on Safeguards

Durban decision (COP17, 2011) & Warsaw decision (COP 19, 2013)

Countries are also requested to submit summaries of information on safeguards:

## HOW

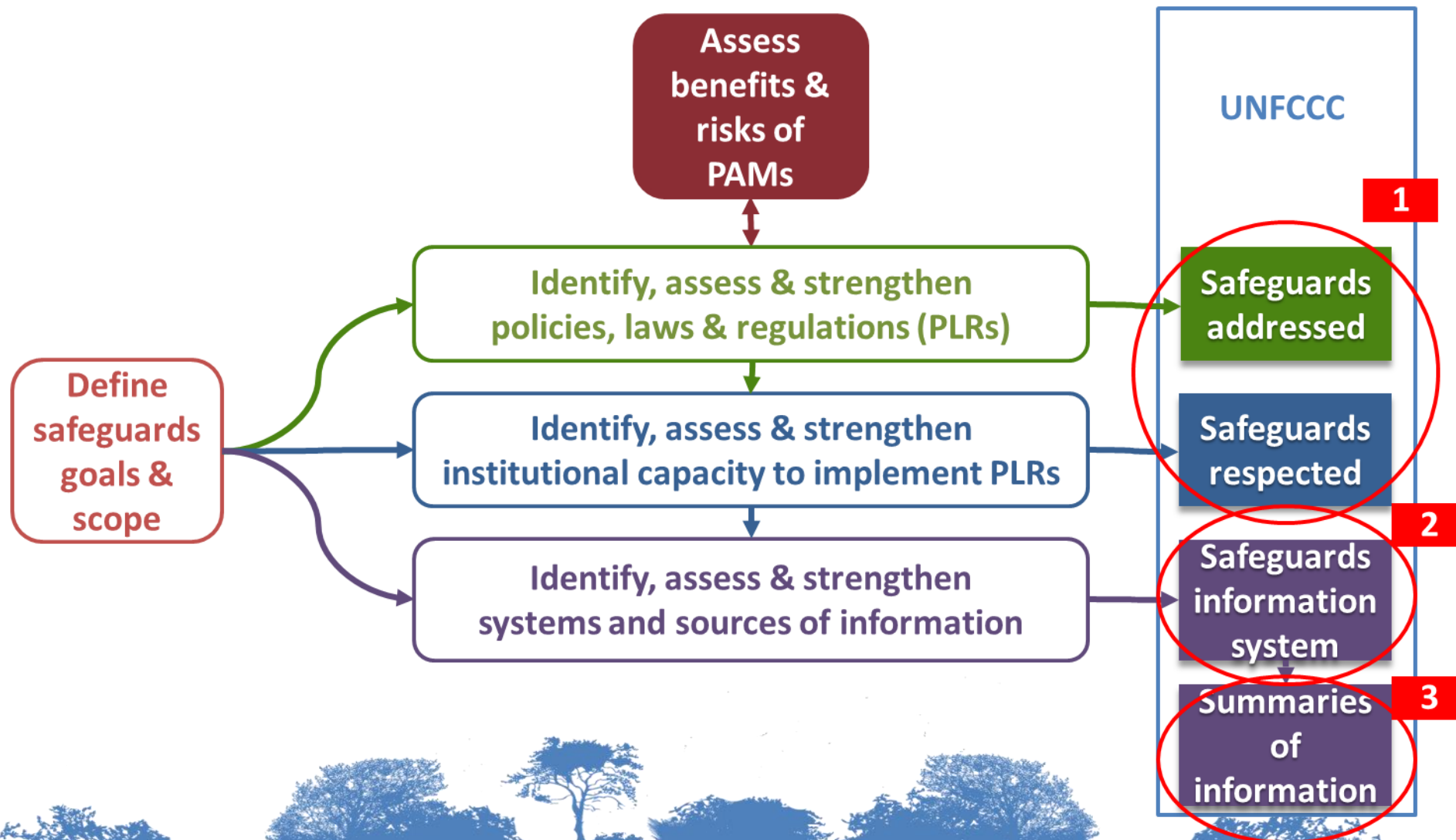
- To be included in National Communications
- On a voluntary basis, can also be provided via the UNFCCC web platform

## WHEN

- Periodic submission of information
- Provision of first summary at the start of the implementation of REDD+ activities...
- ... and to follow the same frequency as the submissions of the National Communications



# Process – developing a country approach to safeguards



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**Thank You**

