REDD+ safeguards and Mongolia's safeguards approach:

Where does SIS development fit?

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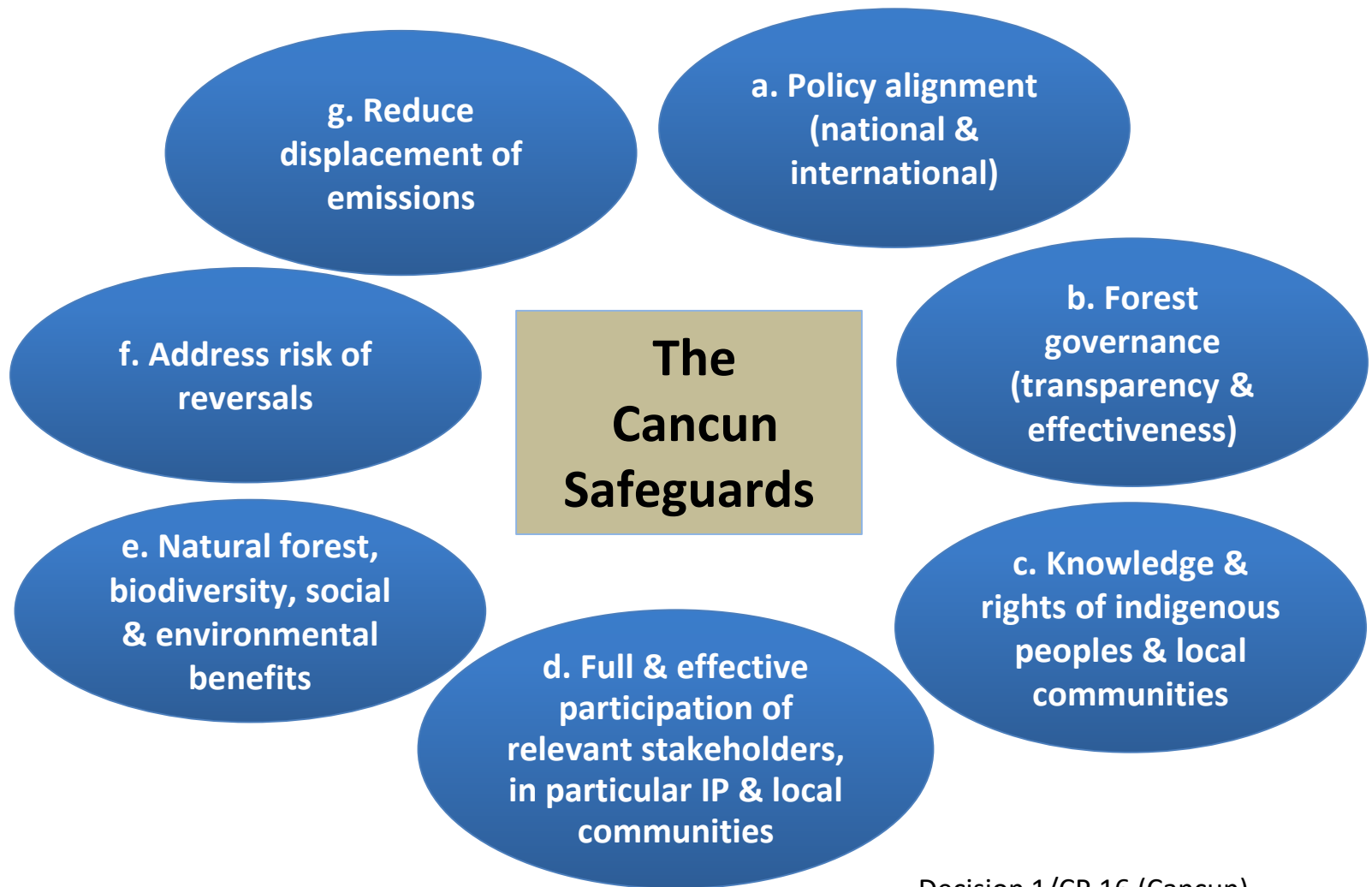
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Outline

1. Recap: the REDD+ safeguards

2. Mongolia's safeguards approach

3. Steps for SIS development in this approach

1. Recap: the REDD+ safeguards

The Cancun Safeguards

g. Reduce displacement of emissions

a. Policy alignment (national & international)

f. Address risk of reversals

b. Forest governance (transparency & effectiveness)

e. Natural forest, biodiversity, social & environmental benefits

c. Knowledge & rights of indigenous peoples & local communities

d. Full & effective participation of relevant stakeholders, in particular IP & local communities

Decision 1/CP.16 (Cancun)

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UNFCCC Safeguards requirements

- Countries ***promote and support*** the **Cancun Safeguards** throughout REDD+ implementation

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- **Safeguard information system (SIS)** to provide information on how the country is ***addressing and respecting*** the Cancun safeguards

- **Summary of information** on how the Cancun safeguards are being ***addressed and respected*** submitted before Results-Based Payments

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What does
"Address and Respect" the 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*)

Other requirements on safeguards?

• Some donors / sources of REDD+ finance and results-based payments may have additional requirements related to the safeguards

• For example:

- Operational policies of development banks (e.g. World Bank, ADB)

- Green Climate Fund (GCF safeguards policy + additional requirements)

• Beyond the requirements of the UNFCCC, some countries may also have additional goals for their safeguards approach

2. Mongolia's national safeguards approach
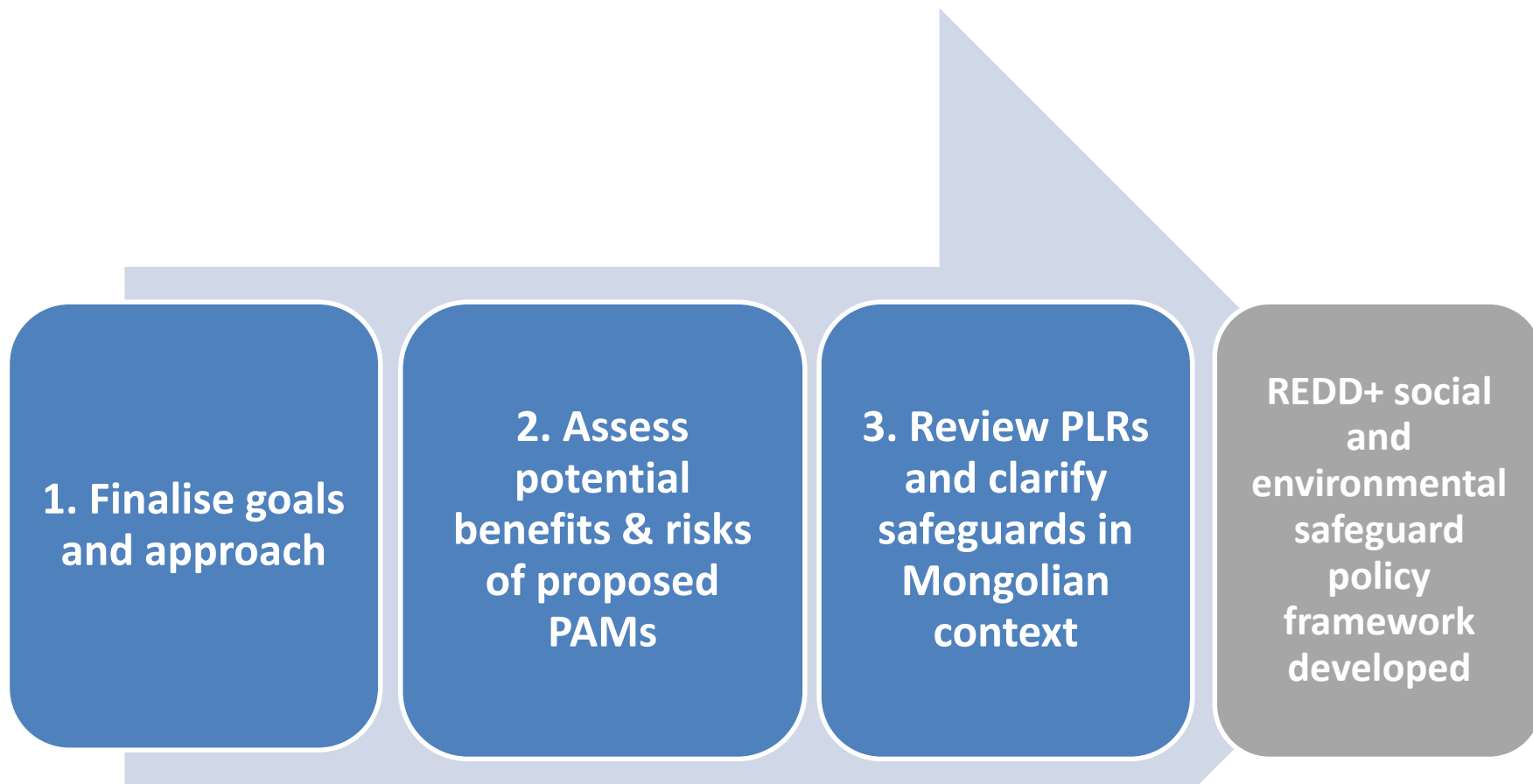
Safeguards in the UN-REDD Mongolia National Programme

- Safeguards are a cross-cutting issue across the National Programme

- Two key outputs:

  – REDD+ social and environmental safeguard policy framework developed

  – Safeguards Information system (SIS) established

- So how can we achieve these two outputs?

Proposed **goals & scope** of Mongolia's national safeguards approach (2017):

Safeguards goals: to meet UNFCCC Cancun safeguards requirements, with reference to requirements for key climate finance initiatives relevant to Mongolia, such as the safeguards used by the Green Climate Fund.

Safeguards scope: to apply to all REDD+ activities and PAMs in the National REDD+ Strategy, taking into account its multiple objectives for climate change mitigation, adaptation to climate change, and support for 'green development'.

Steps in Mongolia's safeguards approach

1. Finalise goals and approach

2. Assess potential benefits & risks of proposed PAMs

3. Review PLRs and clarify safeguards in Mongolian context

REDD+ social and environmental safeguard policy framework developed

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Steps, cont.

4. Define information needs and structure for SIS

5. Review existing information systems and sources

6. Identify SIS design options, building on existing systems

Establish Safeguards Information system (SIS)

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3. Steps for developing the SIS

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Establish Safeguards Information system (SIS)

- Based on benefits, risks and PLRs relevant to country, as well as on clarification and objectives for SIS
- Information needs – what specific information is needed to demonstrate appropriate PLRs are in place (addressing safeguards) and are being adequately implemented (respecting safeguards);
- Information structure – how will the identified information be aggregated and organised in the SIS?

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4. Define information needs and structure for SIS

5. Review existing information systems and sources

- Assess what information is already available to show that Mongolia is addressing/respecting safeguards, and identify gaps
- Help to link to and build on existing information systems
- Help to identify sources of information and gaps
- Help to understand possible structure and institutions to involve

Thank you! Any questions?

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