Clarifying the REDD+ safeguards in Mongolia:

Recap and overview of results

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1. What is a national clarification?

- Explains what the principles of the REDD+ safeguards mean in country context (e.g. what does 'transparent and effective' forest governance look like?)

- Uses terms/wording that is understood and accepted by national audience

- Identifies priority issues (e.g. which environmental and social co-benefits are most important in the country?)

- Best developed through a participatory process – capturing different perspectives and building consensus

- Known by many names (e.g. interpretation, national standards)

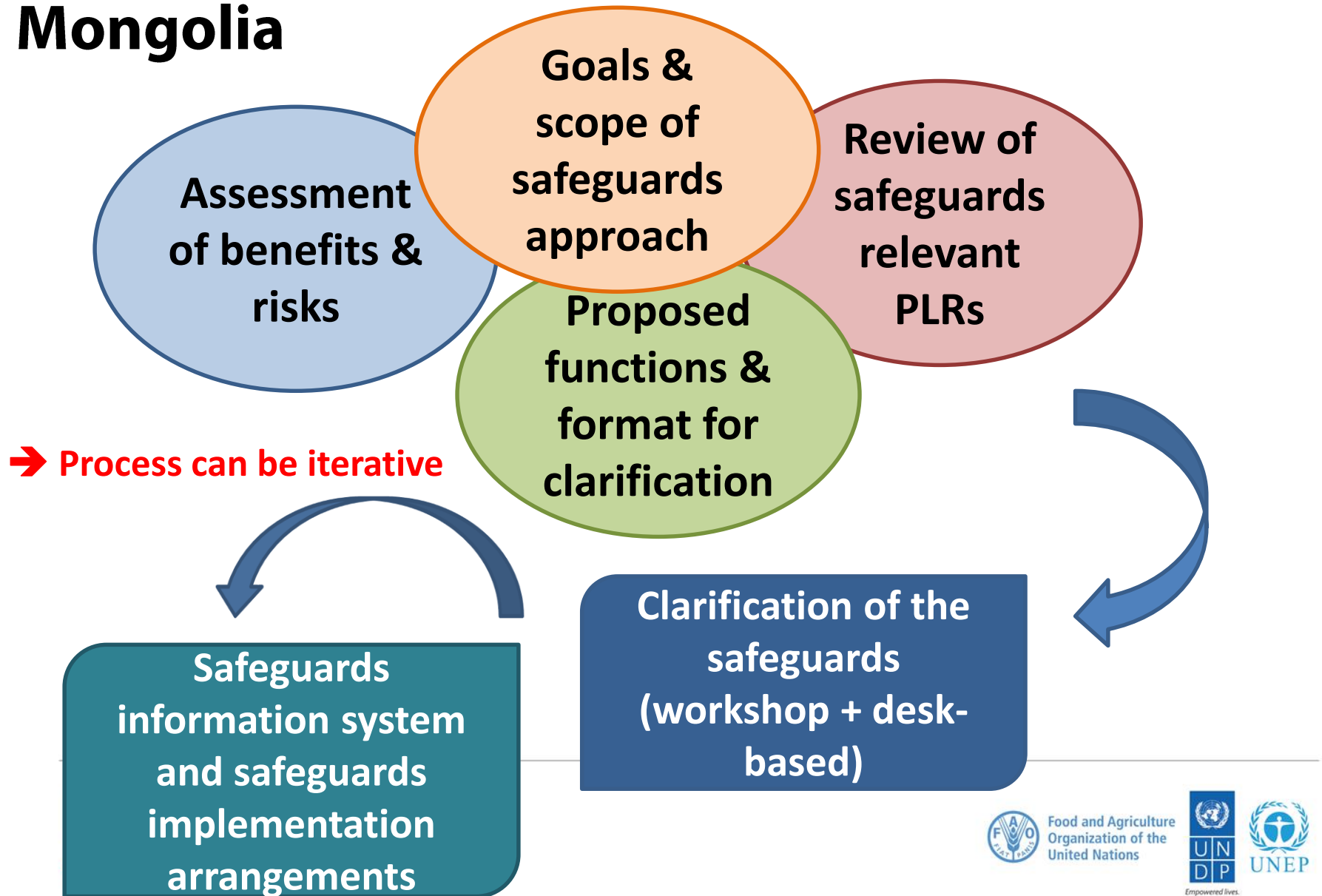# 2. Purposes of Mongolia national clarification

Purposes and functions from TWG discussion in Sept. 2017:

- Assessing and improving PLRs and their monitoring/enforcement;

- Evaluating and informing selection of PAMs;

- Meeting donor and fundraising requirements; and

- Informing the design of the SIS/monitoring and evaluation (M&E) system.

➔ **Desired functions/purpose inform the process and design of the clarification**

3. Process for clarifying safeguards in Mongolia

Goals & scope of safeguards approach

Assessment of benefits & risks

Review of safeguards relevant PLRs

Proposed functions & format for clarification

➜ **Process can be iterative**

Safeguards information system and safeguards implementation arrangements

Clarification of the safeguards (workshop + desk-based)

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4. Clarification approach/design in Mongolia

- TWG discussions in Sept. 2017 showed preference for Mexico style approach/design: narrative explanation of the safeguard alongside the national PLRs that relate to it.

Safeguard			
Elements of the safeguard	Explanation of legal basis	List of relevant laws	National safeguards description

- Modified to include results of benefits and risks assessment (lacking in Mexico example)
- December 2017 workshop provided stakeholder inputs for Mongolian elements
- Further drafting in Q1 2018

5. Results – draft Mongolia safeguards clarification

- Safeguards elements ranked by stakeholders in Dec. workshop
- Draft table prepared, including:

Ranked international elements	Stakeholder inputs	Draft Mongolian elements	Relevant benefits & risks	Relevant PLRs	Areas for improvement

- Draft elements prepared; some merged /moved between safeguards

>>> **38 Mongolian safeguards elements**

For example, two elements from Safeguard B:

International element of the safeguard	Stakeholder input to Mongolian element	Clarification of the Cancun Safeguards in accordance with Mongolia's national circumstances
Resource allocation/capacity to meet institutional mandate	Generate human, technical and technological resources to ensure effective forest governance, and maintain their improvement over time.	**The Government of Mongolia should support the introduction of REDD+ PaMs by allocating sufficient human, technical and technological resources to ensure effective forest governance and improve implementation over time.**
Gender equality	Ensure gender equity	**REDD+ PAMs should be designed and implemented so that they consider and promote gender equity. REDD+ PAMs meet the requirements of the Law on Gender Equity, and support Mongolia's commitments under Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), as well as the Environment Sector Gender Strategy.**

6. Next steps

- Review of draft clarification by TWG, other stakeholders and advisors

- Finalisation of clarification and approval

- Further development of information needs for SIS based on clarification

Group-work today

- 1 hour to review draft clarification, focusing on Mongolian elements

- Split into 6 groups (Safeguards A, B, C, D, E, F&G)

- Use hand-out to provide feedback on Mongolian elements:

  ➢ May have some specific questions for your group in column 2

  ➢ Feedback in column 3

Thank you! Any questions?

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