



UNFCCC Decisions and Requirements on Safeguards

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Four pillars of the Warsaw Framework

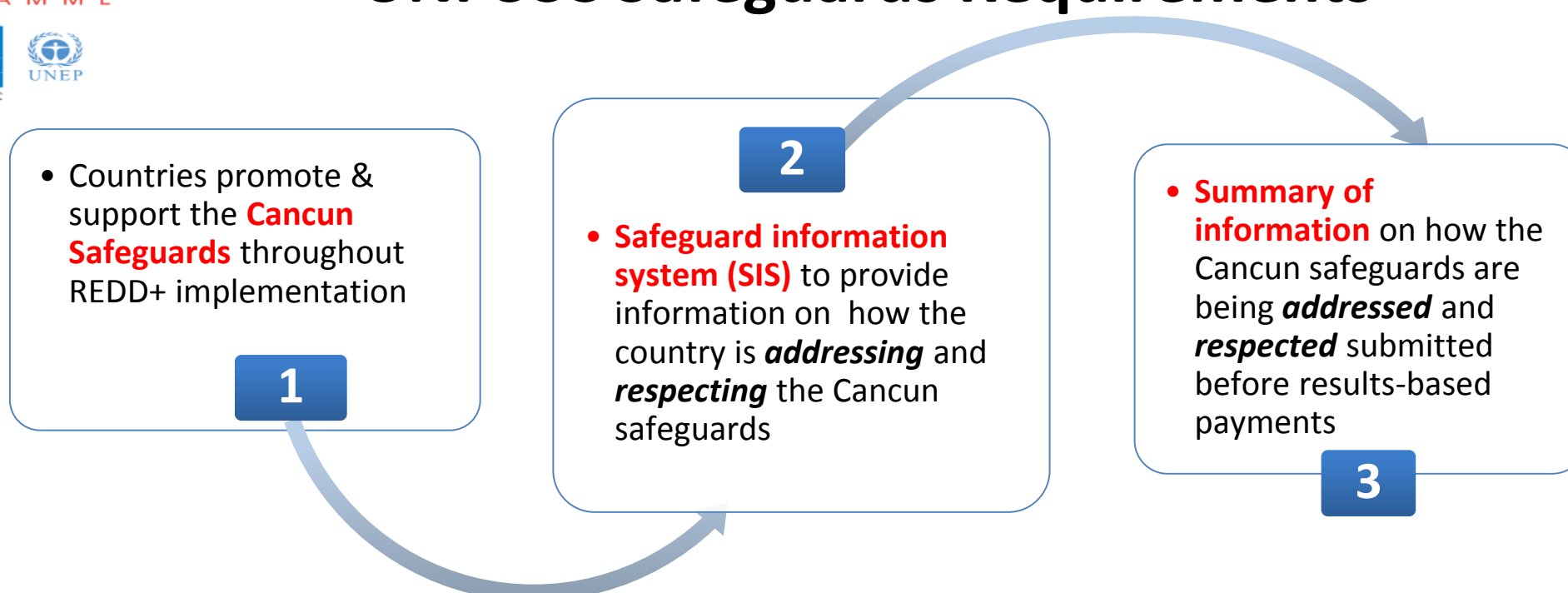
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Action Plan**

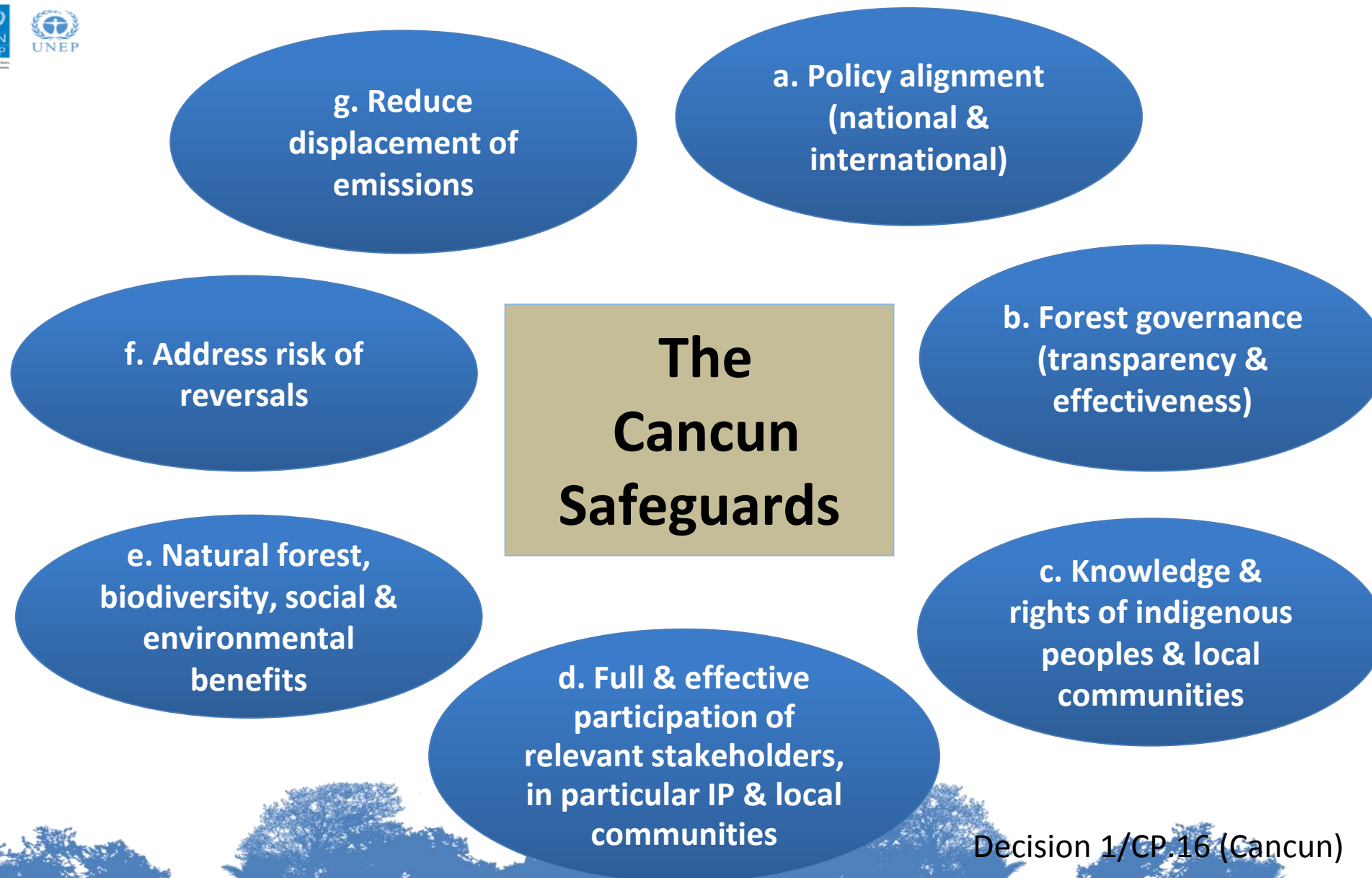
**Forest Reference
Emission Level /
Reference Level**

**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 how the Cancun safeguards are being addressed and respected :

HOW

- To be included in National Communications or communication channels agreed by the COP
- On a voluntary basis, the summary of information can also be provided via the web platform on the UNFCCC website

WHEN

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

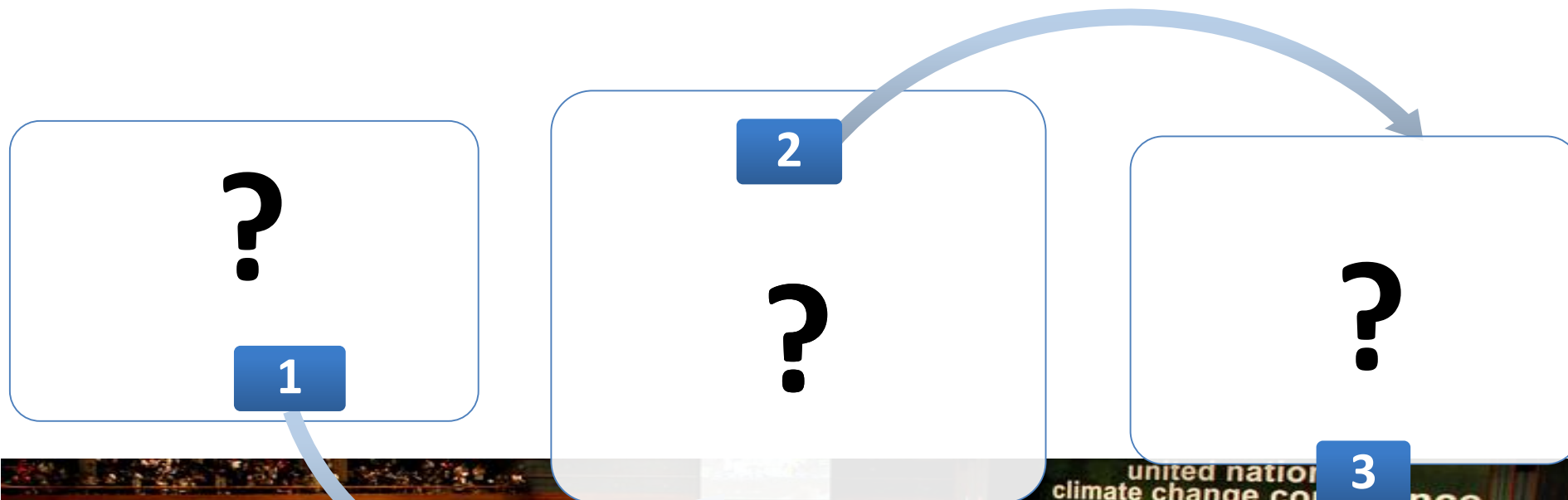


Further UNFCCC guidance coming soon!

- Further guidance on ensuring **transparency, consistency, comprehensiveness and effectiveness** of safeguards information being prepared (SBSTA 42, Bonn, June 2015)
- Draft decision indicates that summaries of information should include:
 - (a) Information on **national circumstances** relevant to addressing and respecting the safeguards;
 - (b) A **description of each safeguard** in accordance with national circumstances;
 - (c) A description of **existing systems and processes** relevant to addressing and respecting safeguards, [including SIS] in accordance with national circumstances;
 - (d) Information on **how each of the safeguards has been addressed and respected**, in accordance with national circumstances;PLUS any other relevant information on safeguards
- Draft decision also encourages Parties to improve the information provided in the summaries over time, using a **stepwise approach**



Now, can you remember what are the 3 key safeguards requirements under the UNFCCC?





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Thank You

