

REDD+ Safeguards Module 2: Country Approaches to Safeguards



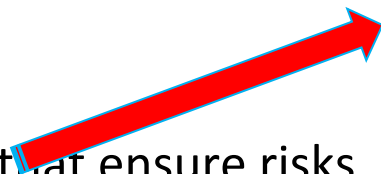
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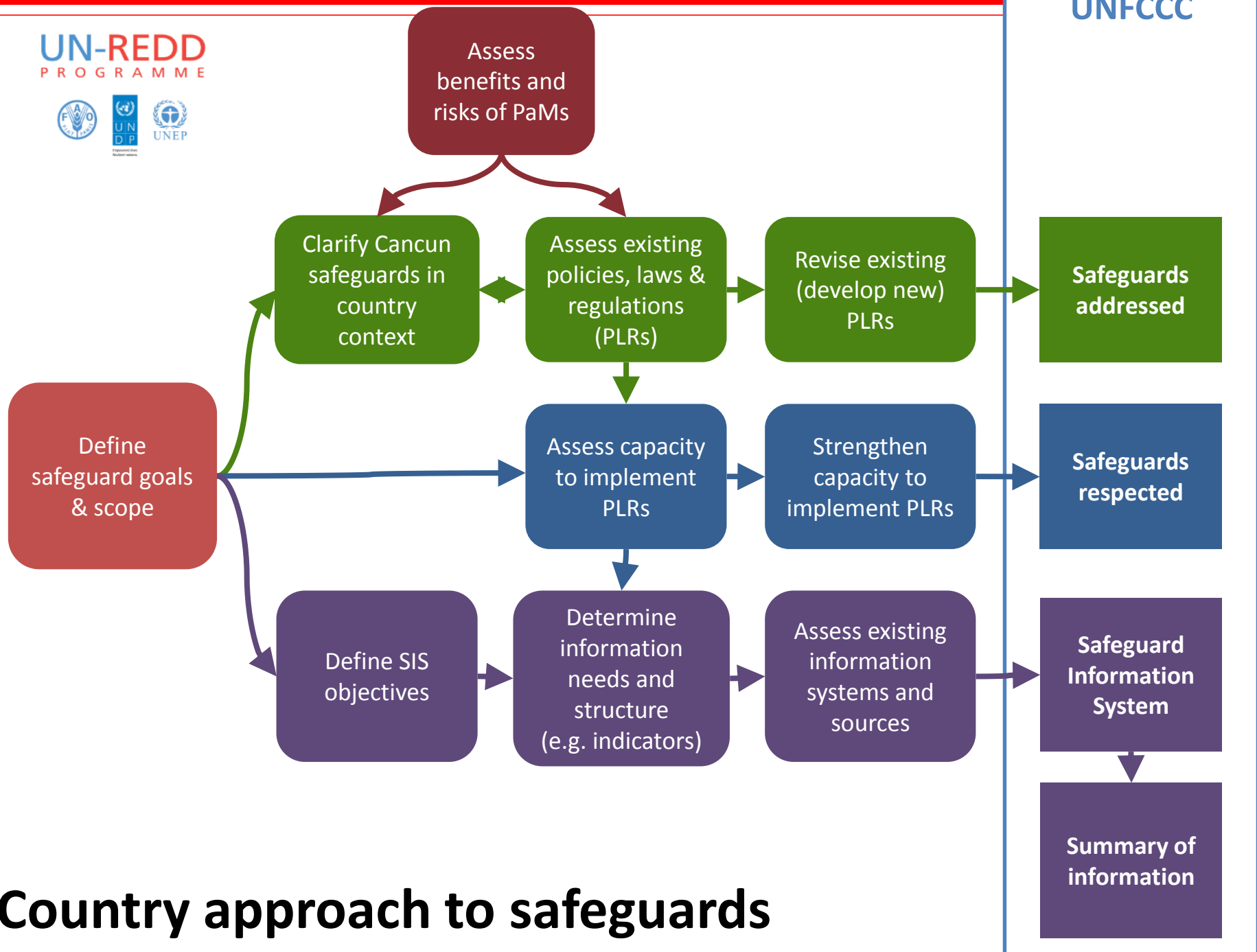
Country approach to safeguards

- country can meet international safeguards, in harmony with national policy goals
- builds on *existing* governance arrangements
- 3 core elements that ensure risks are reduced and benefits are enhanced



1. **policies, laws and regulations** (PLRs), which define, on paper, what needs to be done to address safeguards
2. **institutions'** mandates, procedures and capacities to ensure safeguards are being respected
3. **information systems**, which show how REDD+ safeguards are being addressed and respected



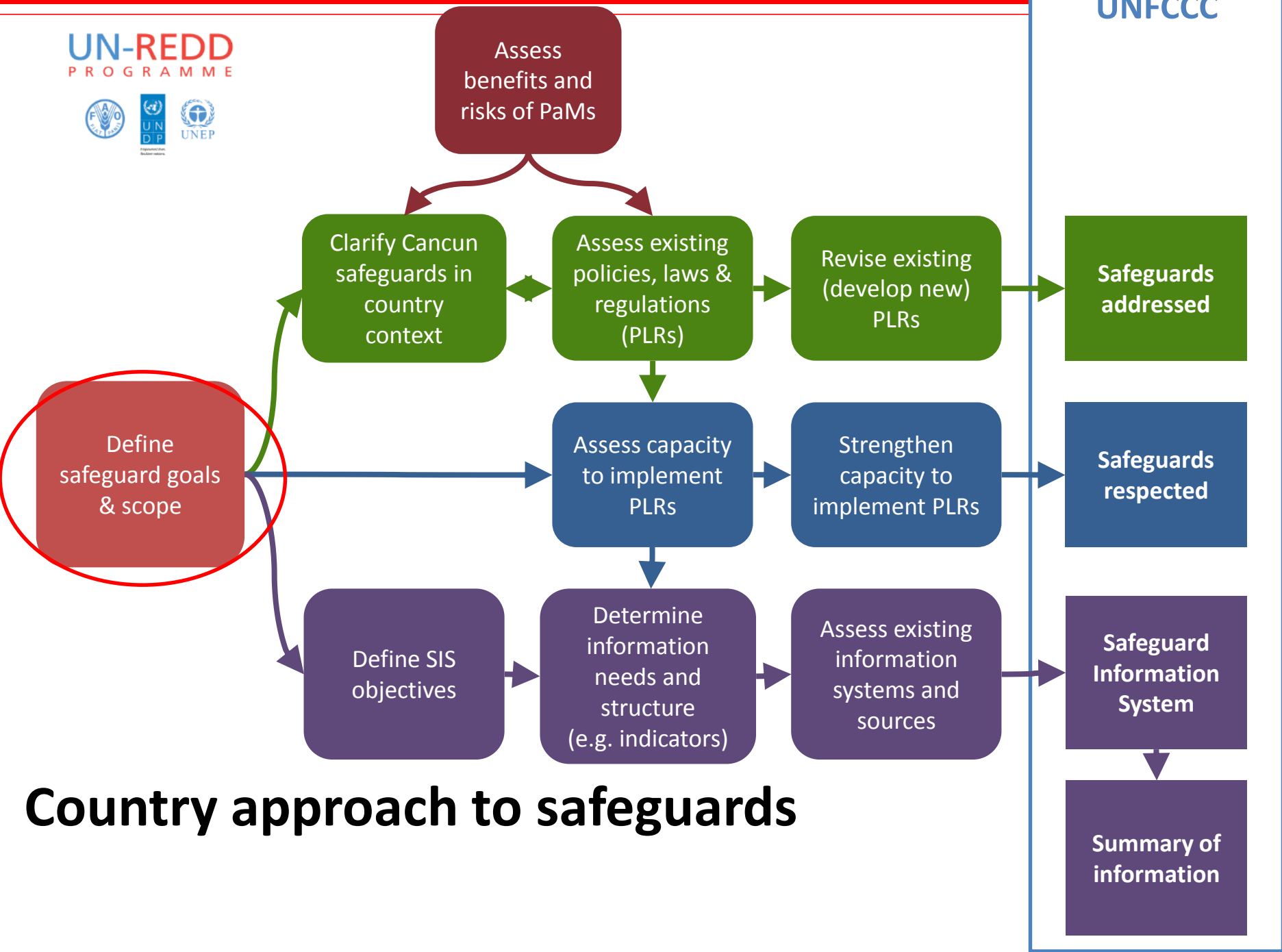


Country approach to safeguards

Developing a Country Approach

- No fixed, linear path to meet UNFCCC requirements on safeguards
- Taking into consideration:
 - Step-wise, iterative approach
 - Existing policies, laws, regulations, institutions, information systems, etc.
- Consultation/participation with stakeholders throughout the process





Country approach to safeguards

Defining Safeguard Goals

- What safeguards does a country choose to apply to REDD+?
 - UNFCCC Cancun safeguards (basic requirement)
 - Other financing entities' safeguards (optional)

Taking into account:

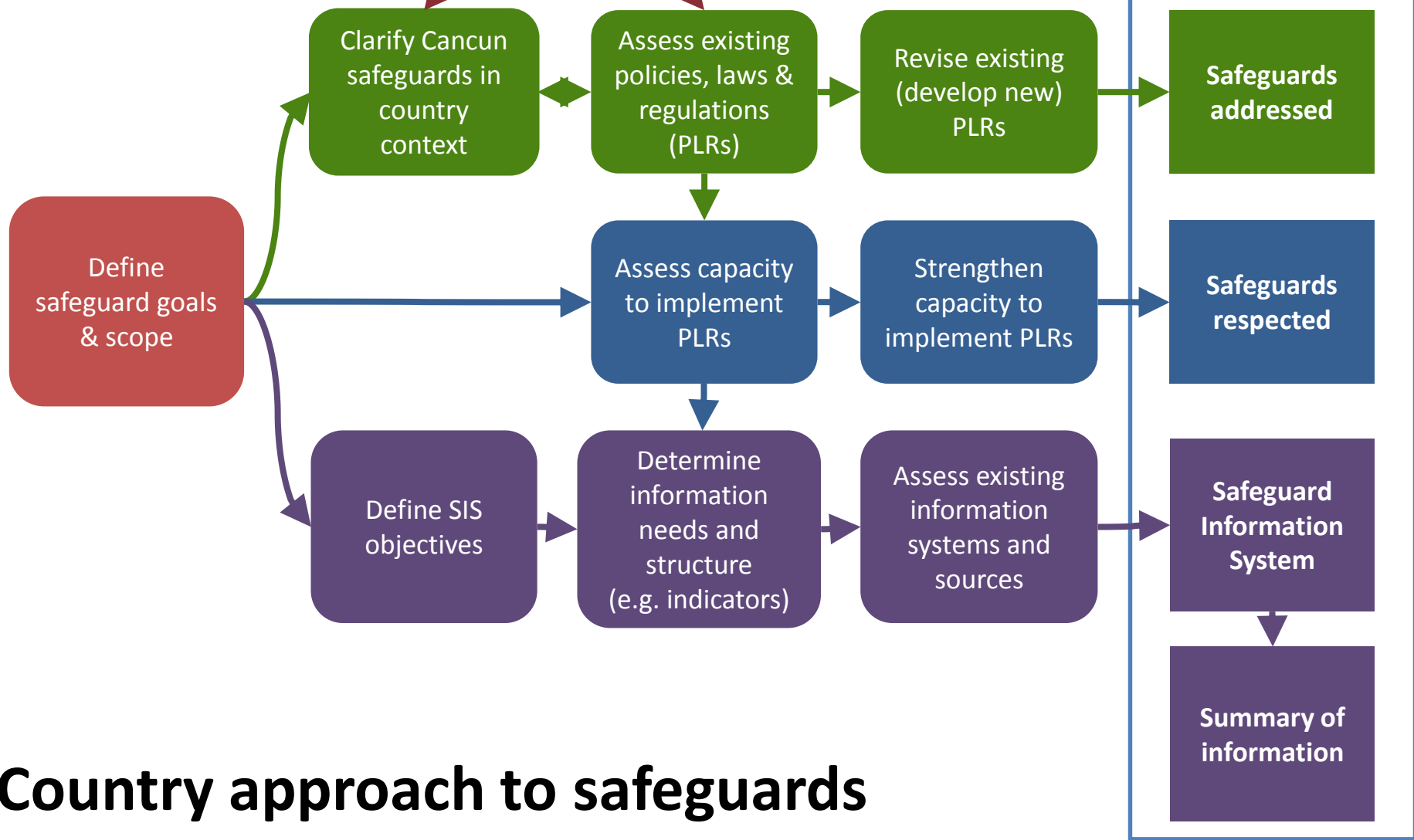
- Existing national policy commitments and reporting requirements
- Additional important issues for national and local stakeholders



Defining Safeguard Scope

- What activities will be covered by the chosen safeguards?
- Safeguards ***should*** cover all REDD+ activities indicated in the national strategy/action plan, as/when implemented
- Could be applied more widely, forestry sector-wide, for example, or across multiple land-use sectors
- An opportunity to access sources of funding other than results-based payments under REDD+?

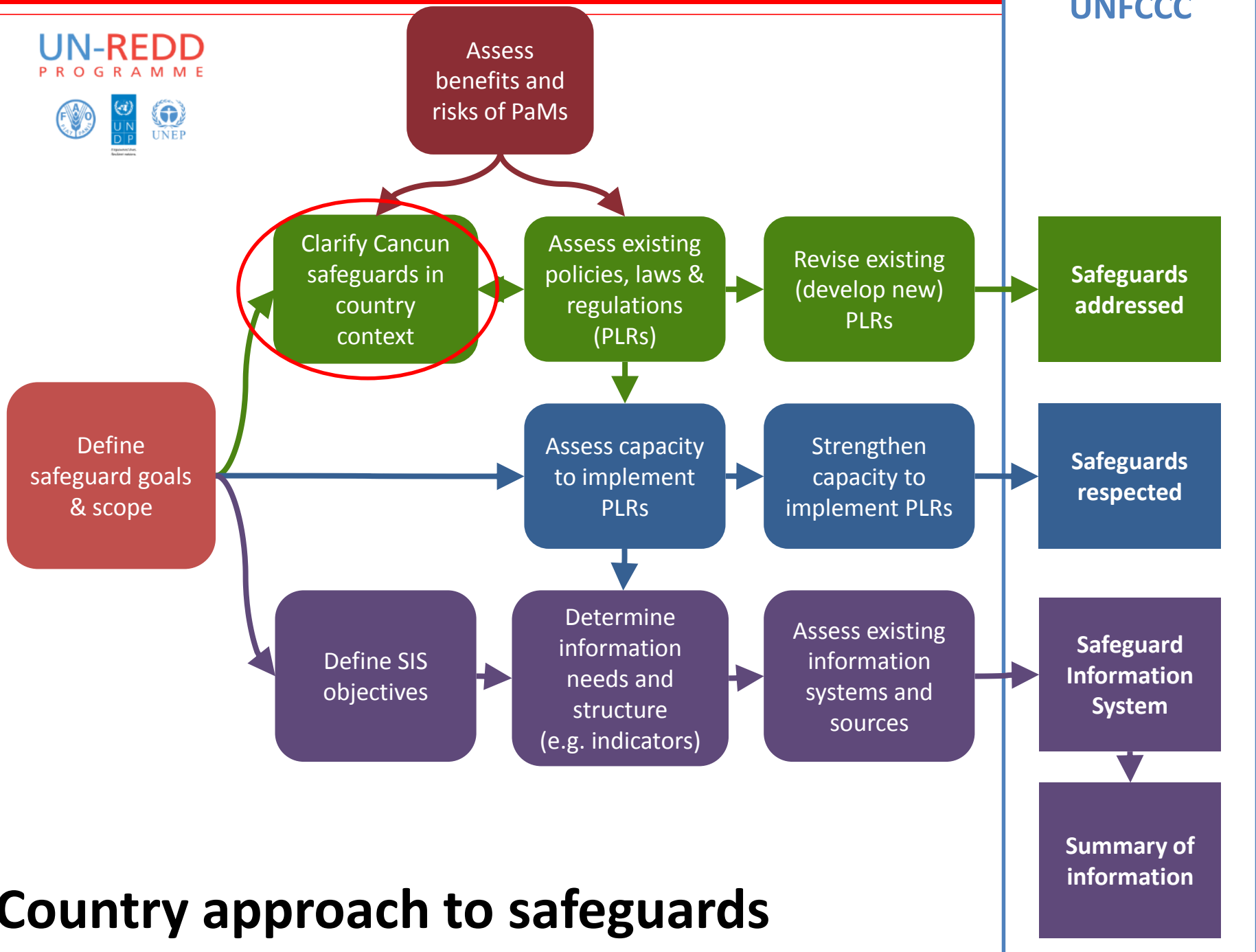




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Assessing Benefits and Risks

- Potential environmental and social benefits and risks of proposed policies and measures ('actions')
- **Crucial** step to link safeguards and national strategy/action plan (NS/AP) processes
- **Anchors** approach to safeguards to the policies and measures in the NS/AP
- Gives **focus to subsequent steps** in the country approach
 - clarifying Cancun safeguards;
 - assessing policies, laws and regulations; and
 - assessing the institutional capacity to implement these



Country approach to safeguards

Clarifying Cancun Safeguards

- Cancun safeguards are broad ‘principles’
- Each country has its own circumstances, context and capacities
- Clarifying - interpreting, specifying or unpacking the 7 ‘principles’... in the specific country context...
- Ideally, draws on identification of benefits and risks of proposed policies and measures (in the National Strategy/Action Plan)
- Helps focus the assessment of the policies, laws and regulations of the country



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