

Africa Region Update

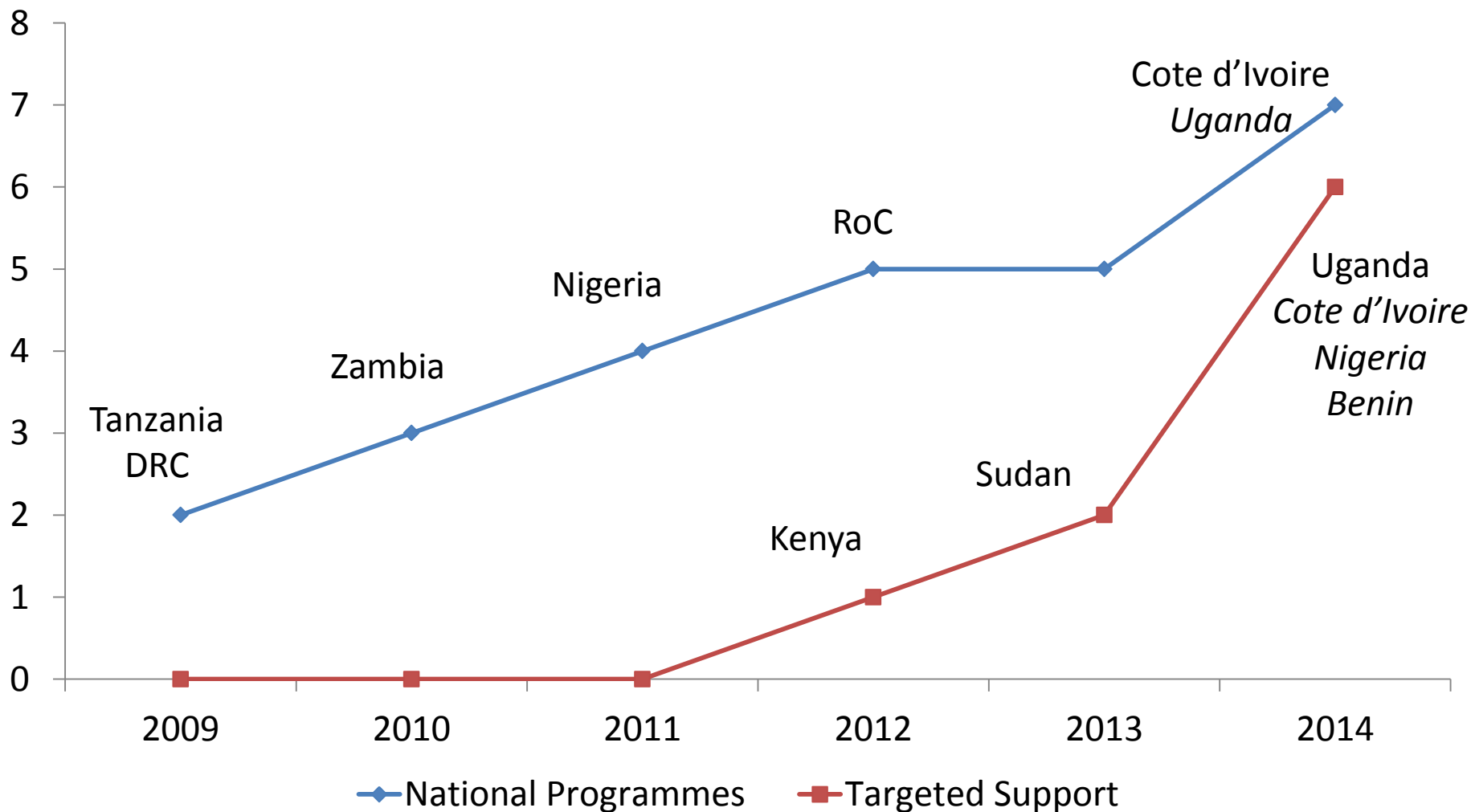
UNEP UN-REDD Retreat

Nairobi, Kenya

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Africa Overview: From 2 to 10



Thematic Areas

Outcome 1: MRV and monitoring

Outcome 2: Governance

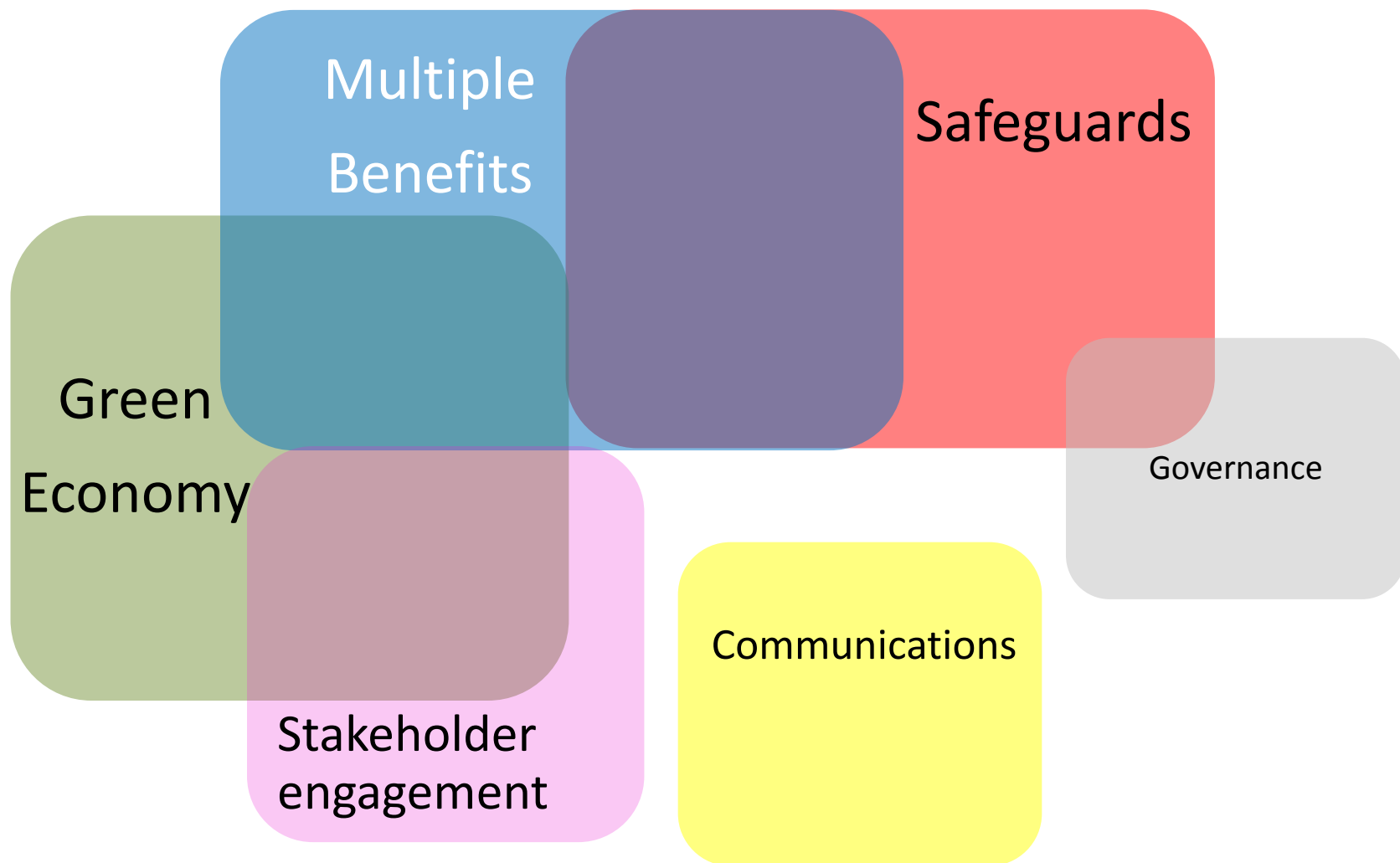
Outcome 4: Stakeholder engagement

Outcome 5: Multiple Benefits and Safeguards

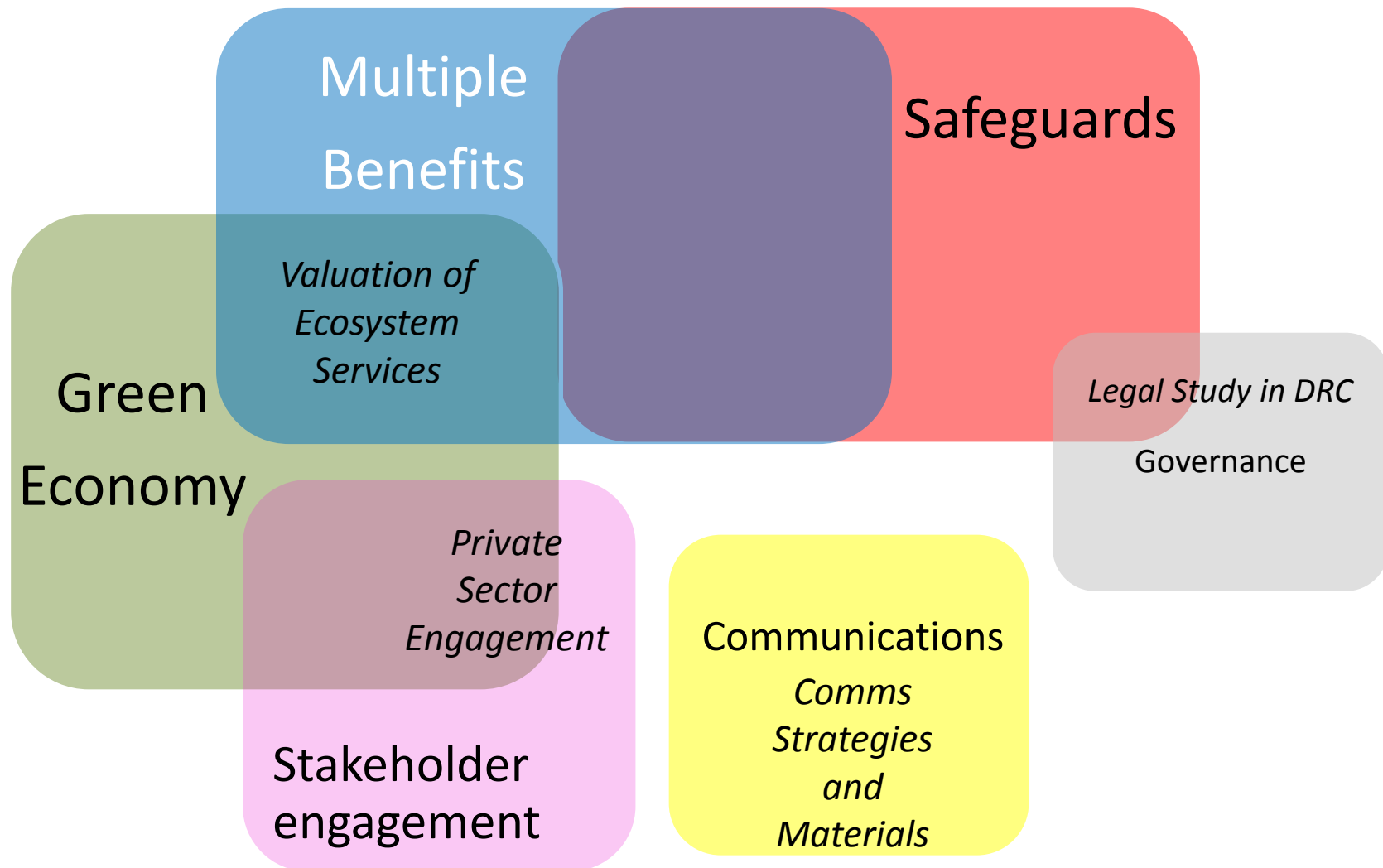
Outcome 6: Green Economy

Outcome 7: KM and Communications

Activities in Africa



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UNEP-led in DRC

Multiple
Benefits

Safeguards

Governance

Green
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UNEP-led Zambia



UNEP-led Nigeria

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Private Sector
Engagement

UN-REDD Africa workshop

UNON, 17-19 September 2013



Safeguards: how to include safeguards in REDD+ planning; development of a Safeguard Information System

Priority concerns

- Enhancing PLRs;
- Further work on Cancun and FCPF safeguards;
- Consulting stakeholders.

Follow up actions requested

- Support to Côte d'Ivoire (TS) and Kenya;
- Support to Uganda (TS) to elaborate preparation documents.

Multiple benefits: how to enhance multiple benefits/mitigate risks in REDD+ planning; use of spatial planning tools

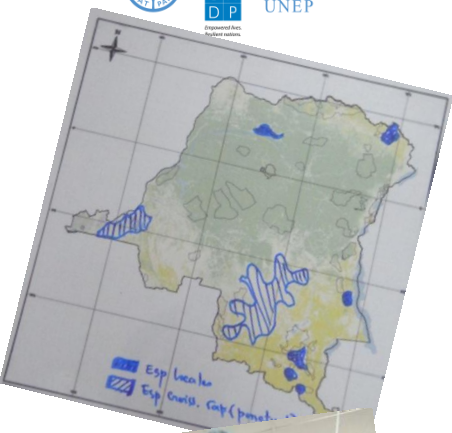
Priority concerns

- Collecting more reliable spatial data, involving local communities;
- Training technical people in country;
- Accessing GIS software.

Follow up actions requested

- Ethiopia asked for support on getting spatial data for East Africa;
- Uganda asked WCMC to highlight the use of international data at the national level

Outcomes of the workshop



Common themes in participants' feedback

- Very strong interest in spatial planning
- Useful workshop for PLR gap analysis, harmonisation & reform
- More information on PES would be useful
- Most useful parts of the workshop were found to be:
 - Sharing countries experience
 - Interactive clinic sessions were found to be most useful
 - Using maps printed on transparencies



Tanzania NJP

- Closed in 6/2013 with some activities continuing to 12/2013 by FAO and UNDP (e.g., UNEP-WCMC/FAO MB mapping)
- Second phase in preparation but UN-REDD agencies hesitant and GoT needs to take the lead
- Illegal timber trade project includes Tz
- Valuation of Tz forest ecosystem services on-going, funded by SNA
- Some REDD+/GE funds secured in UNDAF, implementation through UNEP's Tz office

Lessons learned from the Tz final evaluation

Programme design:

- NJP should be flexible in changing its approved prodoc as REDD+ is an evolving topic with changes in the operating field
- GoT buy-in affected by many factors e.g., disproportionate amounts of funds available from Norway but the design phase was also poorly conceived

=> Rec: smaller amount for capacity building and dialogue as first stage in new NJPs. If demonstration of interest and leadership could move to next project with larger finance. This would give the time for new countries to build understanding and consensus

Effectiveness & efficiency:

- Difference in cash transfer modalities considered a major problem/transaction cost by Tz => UN-REDD agencies have to be able to harmonize these processes
- High level commitment from both GoT and UN key to success (had little of either)
- Complexity and timeframe under-estimated. => New NJPs/next phases should cater for these elements combined with transition phases and exit strategies.
- FAO/UNEP-WCMC collaboration highlighted as a great example of collaboration

Challenges and Opportunities

- Staffing
- Collaboration on the ground
- Varying capacities in countries
- UNEP engagement and activities better defined
- Political commitment and stability, lack of engagement of other ministries
- **Process related burdens detracting from substantive achievements**
- Increased potential for South-South cooperation
- UNEP's presence and capacity on the ground
- **More country-drive, increased understanding on the ground**
- More countries!!!



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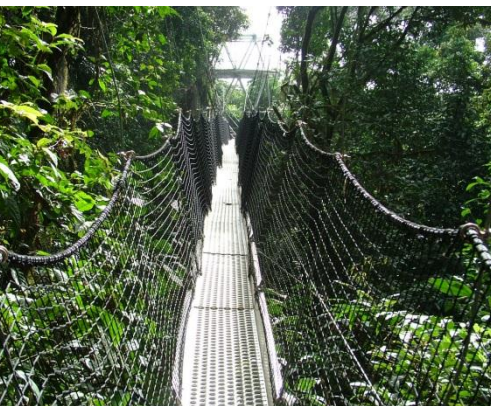
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