Asia-Pacific
Expert Consultation on Safeguards and SIS:

Emerging lessons…

Country approach to safeguards

1. **Safeguards should be linked to NS/APs**, i.e. interpreted in the context of the country's selection of REDD+ activities (PaMs to address drivers)

2. **Assessments of existing PLRs**, and their implementation, can help identify how safeguards might be addressed and respected

3. **Operational procedures and their implementation** should be the focus of addressing/respecting safeguards (new PLRs need time/political will)

4. **Differing expectations among stakeholders** can constitute a major challenge - a national dialogue is time consuming; needs careful planning

Safeguard information systems

1. **Countries should align their SISs to the national agendas** related to environment, forest management and sustainable development goals

2. **Info. in a format accessible to all relevant stakeholders** needs to be provided; countries need to consider most appropriate means to do this

3. **Managing expectations** is particularly important when developing PCIs - extensive list of indicators can be difficult and expensive to maintain

4. **Info. will need to be aggregated** from the sub-national to the national level; as REDD+ actions will happen at the local level

UN-REDD take-home messages

1. **Links to NS/APs** need to be explicitly made in the country approach:
   driver analysis → candidate PaMs → benefit/risk assessment

2. **'Goal' and 'scope'** of safeguards need to be explicitly defined, without which, they serve as a source of confusion

3. **Clarification of Cancun** safeguards need to be expressed as an important iterative step in the country approach

4. **PLR assessments**' purpose is to primarily identify existing PLRs that address safeguards; less so on identifying gaps for subsequent PLR reform

5. **Institutions** should be positioned front and centre of the country approach as these are essential in implementing PLRs (i.e. respecting safeguards)

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Thank You