

# Overview of the PGA for REDD+ in Ecuador

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# Objectives of the PGA

## Short-term objectives:

- To assess the existence and implementation of adequate policies and legislations
- To assess the capacity of provincial and national governments, to implement the REDD+ Programme
- To assess the existence of mechanisms for effective participation of key stakeholders
- To assess challenges and opportunities for effective participation.
- To identify necessary policies and legislations

# Structure of the PGA

Development of the 'concept note' phase:

- *Facilitation team/Technical Working Group*
- *Research team*
- *PGA's Interim Group* (for the 'inception phase'), including members of the Standards National Committee and UN-REDD Advisory Board<sup>1</sup>

1. Participation platforms formed by representatives from government, civil society, communities, peoples and nationalities established by the Ministry of Environment with the purpose of monitoring the national interpretation process for the REDD+SES and the reviewing process of the UN-REDD Joint National Programme proposal, respectively.

# Governance issues prioritized in the PGA

## Preliminary governance issues for the PGA:

- Land tenure
- Forest law enforcement
- Transparency
- Participation: IP and CSO capacities to participate in REDD+ decision – making processes
- REDD+ funding and expenditure
- Government capacity
- Accountability
- Forestry governance

# Geographical focus of the PGA

The 'inception phase' of the PGA process is targeted to:

- national level
- local level

**Actors** (Government, Civil Society and Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples).

# The PGA process to date

- Conformation of an 'Interim Group' with representatives from the Government, Civil Society and from the local communities and indigenous peoples organizations
- Hiring process for a consultant who will develop the 'concept note'

# Next steps

- Development of the ‘concept note’ for that PGA process in Ecuador
- To conform a unique participation and involvement *Working Group for REDD+*, which will support the next phase of the PGA
- Use the PGA’s concept note development to asses and strenghten issues related to transparency, accountability, effective participation and ‘good governance’ – *Implementation of the PGA itself*