

**Agenda**  
**“Expert Consultation Event: Safeguards and SIS”**  
**Date: 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> March, 2015**  
**Venue: Amari Watergate Hotel, Bangkok**

### **Objective and Outputs**

For those countries participating in the event, and taking account of the lack of guidance on SIS emerging from COP-20, the objectives are to:

- Exchange information on their approaches to the Cancun safeguards;
- Exchange knowledge and experiences on developing and implementing of, and providing information on REDD+ Safeguards and SIS;
- Exchange ideas about potential further information to be provided under the Warsaw Framework, in preparation for SBSTA-42; and
- Advise the UN-REDD Programme about required support for Safeguards and SIS.

Outputs of the event will include:

- Proceedings and a Briefing Note on experiences with developing and implementing of, and providing information on REDD+ Safeguards and SIS, and SBSTA-42 discussions

For those partner countries not participating in the event, the UN-REDD Programme will provide support through:

- Videos or other digital will be considered as means of knowledge exchange, which will be posted on the A/P E-Knowledge platform;
- Improved technical support, building on lessons from those countries more advanced in this aspect of REDD+ readiness.

## Outline Agenda:

Day 1: UNFCCC and safeguards	
8:00 - 8:30 am	Registration
Session 1 (8:30 - 10:00 am)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Welcome</li> <li>- Introductions</li> <li>- UNFCCC requirements and guidance: Peter Iversen</li> <li>- Generic elements and steps of the UN-REDD country approach: framework guiding and safeguards intervention: Steve Swan</li> <li>- The importance of safeguards: a donor perspective: Peter Iversen</li> </ul>
10:00 - 10:30 am	Coffee Break
Session 2 (10:30 am - 12:00 pm)	<p><b>Country - led approaches – experiences of countries:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indonesia (20 mins)</li> <li>• Nepal (20 mins)</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion groups: Lessons emerging</b></p>
12:00 - 1:30 pm	Lunch
Session 3 (1:30 - 3:00 pm)	<p><b>Assessing existing PLRs against the Cancun safeguards</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cambodia (15 mins)</li> <li>• PNG (15 mins)</li> <li>• Viet Nam (15 mins)</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion groups</b></p>
3:00 - 3:30 pm	Coffee Break
Session 4 (3:30 - 5:00 pm)	<p><b>Generating data on safeguards</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PNG (15 mins)</li> <li>• Indonesia (15 mins)</li> <li>• Cambodia (15 mins)</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion groups</b></p>
Day 2: Safeguards and Information Systems (SIS)	
Session 1 (8:30 - 10:00 am)	<p><b>Recap of Day 1:</b> Resource person</p> <p><b>Design of SIS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indonesia (15 mins)</li> <li>• Malaysia (15 mins)</li> <li>• Nepal (15 mins)</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion groups: Lessons emerging and guidance for others</b></p>
10:00 - 10:30 am	Coffee Break
Session 2 (10:30 am - 12:00 pm)	<p><b>Preparing a summary of information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Malaysia (20 mins)</li> <li>• Viet Nam (20 mins)</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion groups</b></p>
12:00 - 1:30 pm	Lunch
Session 3 (1:30 - 3:30 pm)	<p><b>Exchange of views</b> on information to be included/Preparation for SBSTA 42</p> <p><b>Preparation of advice for UN - REDD</b> on support required</p>
3:30 - 4:00 pm	Coffee Break
Session 4 (4:00 - 5:00 pm)	<b>Wrap - up – summary and next steps</b>

## Annotated Agenda:

### Day 1: UNFCCC and identification and design of safeguards

#### Session 1 (8:30 - 10:00 am): Welcome and introduction

**Purpose of session:** To introduce the objectives of the meeting and the participants to each other, in order to promote active interactions during the meeting.

**Welcoming remarks** (5 mins)

**Introductions** (35 mins)

#### **Presentations:**

- **UNFCCC requirements and guidance:** 20 minutes, presented by resource person, Peter Iversen
- **Generic elements and steps of the UN-REDD country approach: framework guiding and safeguards intervention:** 15 minutes, presented by Steve Swan
- **The importance of safeguards: a donor perspective:** 15 minutes, presented by Peter Iversen

#### **Resources required:**

- UN-REDD Flyer: “A proposed country approach to the Cancun safeguards”;
- UN-REDD Framework document: “UN-REDD framework for supporting the development of country approaches to safeguards”;
- UN-REDD Policy Brief “Putting REDD+ Safeguards and Safeguard Information Systems into Practice”;
- UN-REDD publication: “Framework of UN-REDD’s ‘Benefits and Risks Tool’ ”;
- REDD+ Cambodia publication “The Road from Bali to Warsaw: Collection of COP Decisions on REDD+”

#### Session 2 (10:30 am - 12:00 pm): Country-led approaches – experiences of countries:

**Purpose of session:** To enable countries to exchange experiences about different approaches adopted in developing national REDD+ safeguards process/frameworks to meet Cancun agreements as under UNFCCC decisions; to examine the reasons and the pros and cons of each approach; and to determine lessons that might be of value to other countries.

#### **Presentations:**

- Indonesia (20 mins)
- Nepal (20 mins)

#### **Resources required:**

- SNV Publication: “Country-Led Safeguards Approach: Guidelines for National REDD+ Programmes”

**Discussion groups:** Four groups will be established to consider key questions, including the following:

- **Group 1:** What capacities do countries need to develop to address and respect Cancun safeguards?
- **Group 2:** A country-approach is time consuming, especially to engage with stakeholders – how can the process be made more efficient?
- **Group 3:** In addition to Cancun safeguards, various donors/initiatives have their own expectations – how can these be managed?
- **Group 4:** Prepare proposals for UN-REDD support

### **Session 3 (1:30 - 3:00 pm): Assessing existing PLRs against the Cancun safeguards**

**Purpose of session:** To allow countries to exchange experiences about how they matched existing safeguards against Cancun safeguards, and how they addressed any gaps identified; to discuss the pros and cons of this approach and to explore alternative approaches

**Presentations:**

- Cambodia (15 mins)
- PNG (15 mins)
- Viet Nam (15 mins)

**Resources required:**

- SNV publication: “A country-led approach to REDD+ safeguards and multiple benefits”

**Discussion groups:** Four groups will be established to consider key questions, including the following:

- **Group 1:** How to decide on the scope of a PLR exercise – which have to be included, which can be excluded?
- **Group 2:** Legal reforms are slow, so what can be done to promote alignment whilst legal changes are processed?
- **Group 3:** Many PLR exist only on paper – how can stakeholders (including women) support better implementation?
- **Group 4:** Prepare proposals for UN-REDD support

### **Session 4 (3:30 - 5:00 pm): Generating data on safeguards**

**Purpose of session:** To exchange experiences about the identification of processes to generate data on safeguards, including criteria and indicators; to discuss how to balance a desire for comprehensiveness and the need for pragmatism; and to determine lessons that may be of value to other countries.

**Presentations:**

- PNG (15 mins)
- Indonesia (15 mins)
- Cambodia (15 mins)

**Resources required:**

None

**Discussion groups:** Four groups will be established to consider key questions, including the following:

- **Group 1:** What is a reasonable number of indicators, and is it realistic to develop entirely novel indicators?
- **Group 2:** What alternatives are there to criteria and indicators in generating data on safeguards?
- **Group 3:** What roles are there for stakeholders, including women in data collection?
- **Group 4:** Prepare proposals for UN-REDD support

## Day 2: Safeguards and Information Systems (SIS)

### Session 1 (8:30 - 10:00 am): Design of SIS

**Purpose of session:** To allow countries to describe progress made in the design of an SIS that will meet UNFCCC requirements/expectations; to discuss the pros and cons of each approach, and to determine recommendations for countries still to develop an SIS.

**Recap of Day 1:** Resource person

**Presentations:**

- Indonesia (15 mins)
- Malaysia (15 mins)
- Nepal (15 mins)

**Resources required:**

- Meridien report “*REDD+ Safeguards: Practical Considerations for Developing a Summary of Information*”;
- REDD+ SES publication “*Lessons learned for credible and effective REDD+ Safeguards Information Systems*”

**Discussion groups:** Four groups will be established to consider key questions, including the following:

- **Group 1:** How to balance quality of the SIS with practicality and cost of operation?
- **Group 2:** What capacities are required to develop and implement an SIS?
- **Group 3:** Is it desirable to be able to generate disaggregated information (e.g., sub-national, nesting)?
- **Group 4:** Prepare proposals for UN-REDD support

### Session 2 (10:30 am - 12:00 pm): Providing a summary of information

**Purpose of session:** To allow countries to exchange information and experiences on how to approach providing a summary of information on how the Cancun safeguards are addressed and respected.

**Presentations:**

- Malaysia (20 mins)
- Viet Nam (20 mins)

**Resources required:**

- CIFOR Information brief “*Further guidance for REDD+ safeguard information systems?*”

**Discussion groups:** Four groups will be established to consider key questions, including the following:

- **Group 1:** What might a summary of information look like?
- **Group 2:** How to provide a summary of information on risks of reversal and displacement?
- **Group 3:** How can the summary of information be used domestically to increase support for REDD+?
- **Group 4:** Prepare proposals for UN-REDD support

### **Session 3 (1:30 - 3:30 pm): Preparation for SBSTA-42**

***Purpose of session:*** To enable countries to exchange views on technical matters likely to arise during SBSTA-42; and to develop recommendations and advice to UN-REDD on support that the UN-REDD Programme can provide over the next 6-12 months.

***Discussion groups:*** Groups will be asked to develop ideas on:

- Potential information to be included/Preparation for SBSTA 42
- Preparation of advice for UN-REDD on support required

### **Session 4 (4:00 - 5:00 pm): Wrap-up – summary and next steps**

***Purpose of session:*** To conclude the Expert Meeting and to identify next steps.

***Presentations:***

- **Summary of the Workshop, highlighting key points established and support required from the UN-REDD Programme** by Peter Iverson