REDD+ Readiness Roadmap Safeguards

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Terms of Reference of Safeguards WG

- Review Sections 2 and 4 of Roadmap
- Stakeholder mapping
- Ensure full and effective consultation
- Review and recommend awareness raising materials
- Process for Free, Prior and Informed Consent
- REDD+ Social and Environmental Standards

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Stakeholder Mapping

- Accurate assessment of stakeholders underpins:
  - Effective consultation
  - Awareness raising programme
  - Capacity Building needs assessment
- Based on analysis of:
  - Influence
  - Interest and motivation in REDD+
  - Potential roles in REDD+
  - Scale of action (local to national)

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Consultation Processes

- Initiate formation of REDD+ Stakeholders' Forum (RSF)
  - Key multi-stakeholder advisory body within the REDD+ management structure
  - Ensure accountability of REDD+ decision-making to all stakeholders
  - Starting point for all consultation processes under REDD+
- Safeguards WG will facilitate launch of RSF in March 2012

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Review of Materials

- Initial stage of Awareness Raising Programme
- Review REDD+ materials from:
  - UN-REDD, REDD-net, RECOFTC, CIFOR, ForestCarbon Asia, others
- Facilitate translation and adaptation to Bangladesh context

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Process for Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC)

- A key element of REDD+ Social Safeguards
- Ensuring customary forest tenure and use rights are upheld
- The right to FPIC for indigenous peoples and all forest-dependent communities; no activities related to REDD+ which will affect their tenure and use of forest resources without their consent
- Using customary decision-making systems (Matbars, Headmen), linking these systems to REDD+ management structure
- Establish a process of continuous communication and negotiation

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Grievance Mechanism

Village Courts
- Dispute resolved: report to Local commissions
- Dispute unresolved: refer to Local commissions

Local Commissions
- Conduit between Village Courts and Special Court
- Consist of 3 tiers of local elected representatives

Special Court on Environmental Issues
- In parallel with an Independent National Commission on Environmental Issues

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REDD+ Social and Environmental Standards (SES)

- System of verifying performance against S+E Safeguards under Cancun Agreements

- Developed by southern civil society groups with support of CCBA and CARE International

- Key source for UN-REDD Social and Environmental P&C and other guidelines

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Principles for REDD+ SES

- International SES Principles and Criteria cover 'doing no harm' and 'doing more good':
  1. Rights to land are respected
  2. Benefits are shared equitably
  3. REDD+ improves long-term livelihood security
  4. Contribute to broad sustainable development and good governance
  5. Maintains and enhances biodiversity
  6. Full and effective participation
  7. FPIC
  8. Compliance with local, national and international laws and obligations

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National indicators for REDD+ SES

- Principles and Criteria are standard internationally; Indicators must be developed for national context
- Safeguards WG will develop draft indicators
- Two rounds of full multi-stakeholder consultation to finalise indicators
- Development of a SES monitoring plan based on indicators
- Draw on experience from Indonesia and Nepal

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