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1. Practice area : PBPS SDC

2. Mission period (incl. of travel days)
From: 13-17 April 2015

3. Type of mission : Conference and Technical backstopping	4. Clients: REDD+ SES meeting participants and UNDP CO, REDD Implementation Centre (RIC), and Ministry of Forest and Soil Conservation (MoFSC)
5. Purpose of mission: to attend the REDD+ SES meeting, and to provide targeted Support start-up support.	6. Documents, materials, resources N/A
7. Mission members: Aki Kono, RTA	8. Costs: UN-REDD Global Programme Budget

9. Brief summary of the mission

The 8th REDD+ SES Exchange & Learning workshop was held in Pokhara, Nepal during 13-15th April 2015. I attended the workshop on behalf of the UN-REDD Programme Safeguards Coordination Group. It was also as an RTA to understand how UN-REDD might be able to support Nepal in the subject area based on the recent EoI submitted to the UN-REDD Secretariat. The goal of the workshop was to support SES countries in the development and implementation of a REDD+ country safeguards approach (CSA), in particular the safeguards information system (SIS). At this workshop, the UN-REDD Programme was asked to present key findings and recommendations from the Asia-Pacific regional expert meeting on safeguards and SIS, which took place in Bangkok earlier this year, and to showcase the latest version of BeRT. Please see the key agenda items covered during the workshop and participants list below in Annex.

I also spent one day in Kathmandu to follow up on the status of the TS start-up process.

9.a Findings

General

- SES reconfigured its approach to safeguards – the PCIs were presented as an option, while stronger emphasis was put on supporting a country-driven process (ie. CSA).
- SES presented their compatibilities with key existing initiatives (ie. UN-REDD, FCPF and SNV) and their approaches and tools, including UN-REDD's CAST and CAST/BeRT and FCPF's SESA, ESMF and safeguards and benefit sharing plans.
- SES wants to further harmonise with UN-REDD the use of terminology (e.g. CAS vs CSA), and further promote the complementarity between the two initiatives. SES proposed further discussion with the SCG.
- Linkage between REDD+ safeguards and PaMs was clearly recognised and emphasised by the participants, and the safeguard work should also support the prioritisation of PaMs from the risk perspective.
- Participants emphasised the importance of linking the safeguards work to NP/APs rather than trying to develop a safeguards framework as a goal in itself.

Nepal

- Nepal has developed its PCI system based on SES/CCBA for its national REDD+ process (a total of 65 indicators – of which 29 are from SES, and 35 country specific indicators, plus an additional general indicator, were adopted) - the PCI was put through a public review process through local newspapers and official website.
- How the developed PCI might fit with FCPF CF process might become an issue.

BeRT

- Many participants found BeRT useful – LAC participants especially show their strong interest in applying BeRT to their local REDD+ planning processes.
- Participants identified BeRT to be complementary with the SESA process and its application potential to support the prioritization of PaMs from the risk perspective.
- CSO and local government participants suggested the use of BeRT at the local level to compare their results against those of their central governments in order to identify gaps in perceptions and understanding of PLR.

- BeRT however has many technical glitches (e.g. works only well with the latest version of Excel, compatibility issues with older versions of Excel and Mac version even after enabling macro), and using a non-Excel based program might make it more user friendly. The language used in the guiding questions needs to be made a little lighter as most non-English speakers struggle to understand complex expressions and sentences.
- Detailed information on the technical glitches has already been passed on to Charlotte Hicks, WCMC.
- Participants were anxious to get the latest version of BeRT!!!

TS on PaMs and Fund Management

- Ministry of Finance's approval on the extension of project duration was still pending. The Government's complex internal procedures have also been identified as a risk.

9.b Results achieved (key outputs)

- Increased understanding of UN-REDD's country approach to safeguards and support tools and compatibility between the two initiatives by the participants.

10. Key counterparts

A participants list in Annex

11. Follow up action matrix

Action to be taken	By whom	Expected completion date
n/a		

12. Distribution list:

UNDP SCG members, Stave Swan

Annex: SES Workshop Agenda and Participants List

This 3-day workshop was organised around the following items.

1. Exchange experiences on elements of CSA on:
    - Interpreting Cancun safeguards in the country context
    - Establishing grievance and redress mechanisms
    - Analysis of Policies, Laws and Regulations
2. Exchange experiences on development of SIS on:
    - Interpreting Cancun safeguards to country context
    - Developing indicators to country context
    - Establishing institutional arrangements and processes for stakeholders participation
    - Collecting, compiling and analyzing information
    - Reviewing, reporting and using information
3. Explore articulation of CSA & SIS at sub-national and national levels
4. Learn from experiences of establishing multi-stakeholder committees and processes for stakeholder participation and the challenges encountered
5. Exploring options for SESA/ESMF to support participatory safeguards monitoring
6. Present available tools to support the development of CSA and SIS and examples of application
7. Learn about outcome evaluation of a transparent, participatory and comprehensive approach to CSA and SIS
8. Raise awareness about addressing equity in REDD+
9. Provide an overview of the new objectives, strategies and activities of the REDD+ SES Initiative

8th REDD+ SES Exchange & Learning Workshop

Participants list

	Name	Country	Organization
1	Pavel Jezek	Acre, Brazil	IMC
2	Ricardo Mello	Acre, Brazil	CEVA, WWF
3	Alcilene Freitas	Mato Grosso, Brazil	SEMA
4	Edilene Fernandes	Mato Grosso, Brazil	ICV
5	Marina Piatto	Brazil	Imaflora
6	Patricia Porras	Peru	Regional Government of San Martin
7	Milagros Sandoval	Peru	Conservation International
8	Lucas Durojeanni	Peru	Ministry of Environment
9	José Roch Vasquez	Quintana Roo, Mexico	Ecology and Environment Secretary
10	Angelica Lara	Campeche, Mexico	Environmental Secretary
11	Novia Widyaningtyas	Indonesia	Ministry of Forestry
12	Jasmine Puteri	Indonesia	Kamitraan
13	Amalia Prameswari	Indonesia	Kemitraan
14	Jagau Yusurum	Central Kalimantan	University of Palangka Raya, CK
15	Wilma Febrina	East Kalimantan	Forestry Agency
16	Fadjar Pambhudi	East Kalimantan	REDD Working Group
17	Peter Mulbah	Liberia	SADS
18	Aymé Sosa	Guatemala	IDB
19	Jolly Sassa Kiuka	DRC	WWF
20	Julien Kabalako	DRC	GTCR
21	Alain BINIBANGILI	DRC	CN REDD
22	Tamrini Said	Tanzania	Ministry of Forestry
23	Narendra Chand	Nepal	REDD Cell
24	Dil Raj Khanal	Nepal	FECOFUN
25	Pabitra Jha	Nepal	CARE Nepal
26	Keshav Khanal	Nepal	CARE Nepal
27	Sandesh Singh Hamal	Nepal	CARE Nepal
28	Krishna Khadka	Nepal	CARE Nepal
29	Akihito Kono	Thailand	UN-REDD
30	Haddy Sey	Thailand	World Bank
31	Ken Green	USA	World Bank
32	Daju Resusodarmo	Indonesia	CIFOR
33	Minnie Dewagan	Philippines	WWF
34	Joanna Durbin	US	CCBA
35	Aurélie Lhumeau	US	CCBA
36	Phil Franks	UK	CARE
37	Nanibeti Shakya	Nepal	CARE Nepal