

**UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

**BDP/EEG - MISSION REPORT SUMMARY**

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**Approved Mission Itinerary:**

Geneva- Nairobi- Geneva

**Documents/Resources:**

The following background documents and presentations are available on the workspace at this link:

[http://www.unredd.net/index.php?option=com\\_docman&task=cat\\_view&gid=3269&Itemid=53](http://www.unredd.net/index.php?option=com_docman&task=cat_view&gid=3269&Itemid=53)

- Presentation slides: UN-REDD, FCPF, countries
- Workshop booklet (agenda, session plans, list of participant)
- Final workshop report (will be added to the folder by UNEP-WCMC)

**Inclusive Travel Dates:**

16-22 September 2013

**Key counterpart(s) in each location:**

Location: Nairobi, Kenya

- Interagency Safeguards Coordination Group: Julie Greenwalt (UNEP, Nairobi), Emelyne Cheney (FAO, Rome)
- UNEP-WCMC: Lucy Goodman, Lisen Runsten, Blaise Bodin
- Kenyan Testing Group:
  - Alfred Gichu, National REDD+ Coordinator Officer and Focal Point
  - Collins Handa, National Museums of Kenya
  - Judy Ndichu, Transparency International – Kenya Chapter
  - Joram Kagombe, KEFRI
  - Jackson Muchoki, Senior Programme Officer, GIZ-Private Sector Development in Agriculture (PSDA)
  - Phil Franks, REDD+ SES Global Coordinator (Observer)
- Workshop participants

**Purpose/Objectives of Mission**

- Participate in 3-day workshop facilitating a group session to test the decision-support-tool and to gather feedback from participants.

**Summary of Mission Activities/ Findings**

**Workshop on “Planning for REDD+: Incorporating multiple benefits and safeguards” on 17-19 September.**

- Aim: Enhance knowledge of participants, in order that they can advance their countries’ work on safeguards and multiple benefits, through the exchange of national experiences and access to support from technical experts.
- Workshop gathered 45 participants from 16 countries, alongside donor, civil society and indigenous peoples’ representatives.
- The workshop was organized in interactive working sessions and technical clinics around the five generic non-linear steps to develop a country approach to safeguards: a) stakeholder analysis, awareness raising and capacity-building; b) planning the development of the country approach to safeguards; c) defining or developing safeguards PLRs; d) collecting information on safeguards; e) providing/sharing information on safeguards.
- Key conclusions from the workshop and assembled by UNEP-WCMC are:
  - *Countries who are relatively advanced in their REDD+ planning (DRC, Tanzania and Nigeria) can share their experience effectively with those who are just starting to develop their strategies, and this type of workshop was an appropriate setting.*
  - *Simple approaches to spatial planning, for example the use of collaborative drawing on transparent map layers, is a useful awareness raising tool on the importance of REDD+ planning to minimize risks and enhance benefits. Several countries expressed an interest in developing maps to inform spatial planning at a national scale.*
  - *Participants expressed a need for materials that would support them in community consultations for REDD+ as part of developing their national approach to safeguards.*
  - *Significant awareness raising is still needed on the Cancun safeguards, even amongst safeguards experts. This ranges between making countries aware of them, to breaking down their content for ease of understanding.*
  - *The SEPC were perceived by many as a useful tool for comprehensively identifying potential risks, benefits and mitigation measures for different REDD+ actions in the process of REDD+ planning and strategy development.*

**Decision-support-tool testing group on 17 September 2013**

- The Safeguards Coordination Group is developing a decision-support tool that intends to assist countries while putting into place or further developing a country approach to safeguards; this tool is to have two components or modules, a self-assessment (with an auto-generated analysis) and a set of graphics/maps.
- During this group session, a multi-stakeholder team formed by five Kenyans participants tested the decision tool; a representative from REDD+ SES also participated, as an observer.
- As for the first module, participants found the tool very useful as it provides a clear and broader view of the overall REDD+ process, regardless which multilateral safeguard(s) approach(es) in place; leading them to even consider activities that were not yet seen as important/valuable/necessary.
- Participants suggested including a way to prioritize the next steps and activities included in the analysis. The testing group also expressed their interest in not only seeing a multi-donor set of tools (FCPF/REDD+SES/UN-REDD) but also tools developed by other countries.
- Regarding the second component, participants found the graphics too prescriptive and in some cases very strict, making them even reconsidering changing some of the answers given at the self-assessment.
- Overall, participants considered that it would be good to share the self-assessment with the rest of the workshop participants, as it could help countries seeing “the big picture” and probably take more advantage of the workshop.

**Follow-up actions:**

- Claudia to put all feedback together into a one single document, including those from internal/external email consultations, as well as those from the workshop (*done*).
- Decision-support-tool working group (Emelyne Cheney, FAO; Kimberly Todd and Claudia, UNDP,) to analyze received feedback and to plan next steps (*done*).
- Safeguards Coordination Group to discuss/address feedback and decide next steps.
- Claudia to revise the tool based on feedback from the workshop and the SCG’s agreed next steps.
- Presentation of the tool at the PB11 Information Session (tbc)

**Distribution List:**

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Safeguards Coordination Group (SCG)  
UN-REDD Global team  
UN-REDD Africa regional team

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