

REDD+ Social and Environmental Standards Initiative

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What are they?

- Consist of ***principles, criteria and indicators*** which define the necessary conditions to achieve high social and environmental performance
- Provide a ***framework for reporting*** social and environmental performance using a multi-stakeholder assessment process
- Support the ***design, implementation and evaluation*** of ***government-led REDD+ programs***
- Aim to ***enhance benefits*** as well as ***avoid harm***.



Development process and governance

- A 'bottom-up' participatory and inclusive process
- A series of workshops and consultations in REDD countries (Nepal, Tanzania, Ecuador, Liberia) from May 2009
- Two 60-day public comment periods
- Version 1 released June 2010
- International Standards Committee approves standards and guidelines on how to use
 - Governments
 - Indigenous Peoples organizations
 - Community forestry associations
 - Social and environmental NGOs
 - Private sector
 - From developing (REDD) and developed countries
- CCBA and CARE are the international secretariat



Content of the standards

- **Principles** define the objectives
- **Criteria** are the conditions (processes, impacts, policies) needed to deliver a principle
- **Indicators** are quantitative or qualitative information that show progress meeting criteria

Includes:

- Recognition and respect for statutory and customary rights of indigenous peoples and local communities, including free, prior and informed, consent
- Equitable benefit sharing
- Benefits for local people & broader sustainable devt
- Maintenance of biodiversity and ecosystem services
- Full and effective participation
- Access to information



Participating countries

Criteria:

- Significant progress towards a government-led REDD+ program
- Strong government commitment to demonstrating social and environmental performance of REDD

Participating	Interested
Ecuador	Cambodia
State of Acre (Brazil)	Philippines
Province of Central Kalimantan (Indonesia)	Democratic Republic Congo
Nepal	Liberia
Tanzania	Peru (San Martin)
	Guatemala
	State of Chiapas (Mexico)



Using the standards at country level

1. **Governance:** a multi-stakeholder country-level Standards Committee is created to approve indicators, process and reports
2. **Interpretation:** public consultations (workshops, public comment periods) to develop country-specific indicators and assessment process
3. **Assessment:**
 - i. Collection of information to evaluate performance
 - ii. Review of draft report by stakeholders to ensure the information is accurate and credible
 - iii. Approval of the report by the country-level Standards Committee and publication

International Standards Committee will 'peer review' the process used in each country

Design - Readiness

Implementation

SESA

Participatory, iterative, strategic assessment of +ve /-ve impacts feeds back into design

ESMF

Designs and monitors mitigation action

UN-REDD

Guidance on Governance

Participatory Governance Assessment

Participatory, identifies indicators, ongoing assessment of governance

REDD+ SESSM

REDD+ SES

Participatory, identifies indicators, ongoing assessment of governance and +ve/-ve impacts

Contribution of REDD+ SES

- Consistent and comprehensive reporting framework developed through international consensus
- Indicators and assessment process are tailored to the country context
- Multi-stakeholder approach (government, civil society and private sector) enhances quality, credibility and joint ownership
- Supports reporting on higher social and environmental performance beyond 'no harm'
- Enables participating countries to communicate performance to national and international stakeholders
- Enables donors/investors to reduce risk and recognize/reward higher performance

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