

Second Expert Workshop on Monitoring Governance for REDD+

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FAO Headquarters, Rome

Concept Note

Meeting objective

The second expert workshop on *Monitoring Governance for REDD+* aims to take forward the emerging consensus around REDD+ activities and safeguards into a set of operational principles for national monitoring of governance safeguards.

It will build on progress made at a previous event in May in London¹, which brought together a range of stakeholders including civil society as well as REDD+ and donor country Governments, to discuss requirements and guidance for monitoring governance safeguards. The objective this time will be to further develop and agree on underlying principles that enable practical methods for monitoring, informed by relevant multi- and bilateral precedents and practices.

Meeting process

In order to establish a shared conceptual framework for practical, cost-effective governance monitoring within all REDD+ scenarios, a set of principles, derived from international best practice and existing initiatives, has been identified for discussion. A short background paper outlining relevant precedents and operational considerations for monitoring will be circulated to participants prior to the meeting.

Workshop participants are experts drawn from a range of countries and international institutions, governments and civil society organizations. To facilitate substantive discussion, the total number has been limited to about forty.

Expected output

The expected output, as a result of the two meetings, will be a short document to assist in the development of national monitoring systems for REDD+.

The refined operational principles arising from the second workshop will subsequently be developed into recommended guidance to inform:

- Ongoing negotiations on REDD+ in the UNFCCC process;
- National planning, including within FCPF and UN-REDD processes;
- Bilateral REDD+ financing agreements;
- Activities of the REDD+ Interim Partnership;
- The development of country-led governance assessments under the UN-REDD Programme;
- And the incorporation of governance parameters and monitoring methodologies in FAO's Global Forest Resources Assessment.

¹ For papers of the May workshop, please see http://www.illegal-logging.info/item_single.php?it_id=197&it=event