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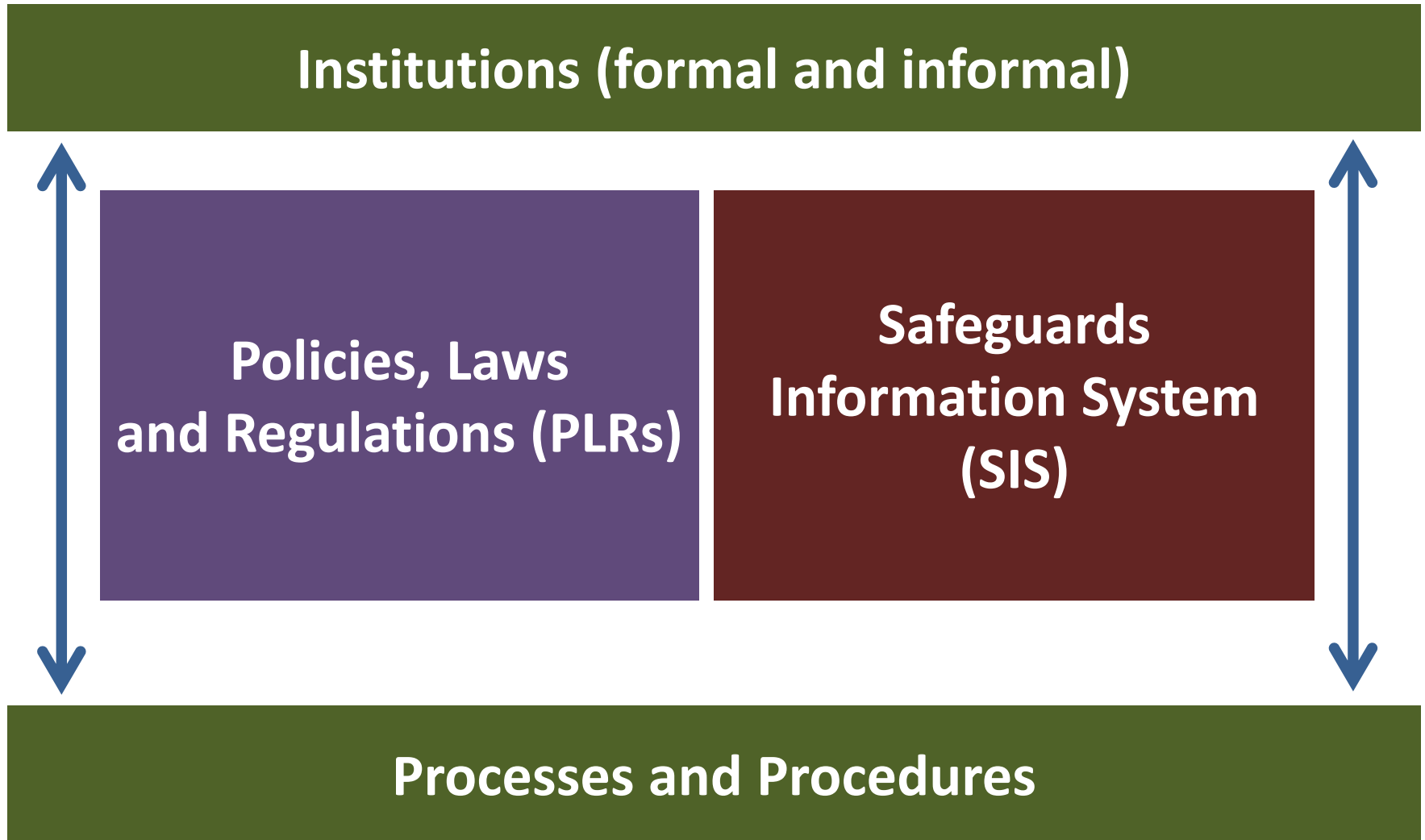


Why Adopt a Country Approach to Safeguards?

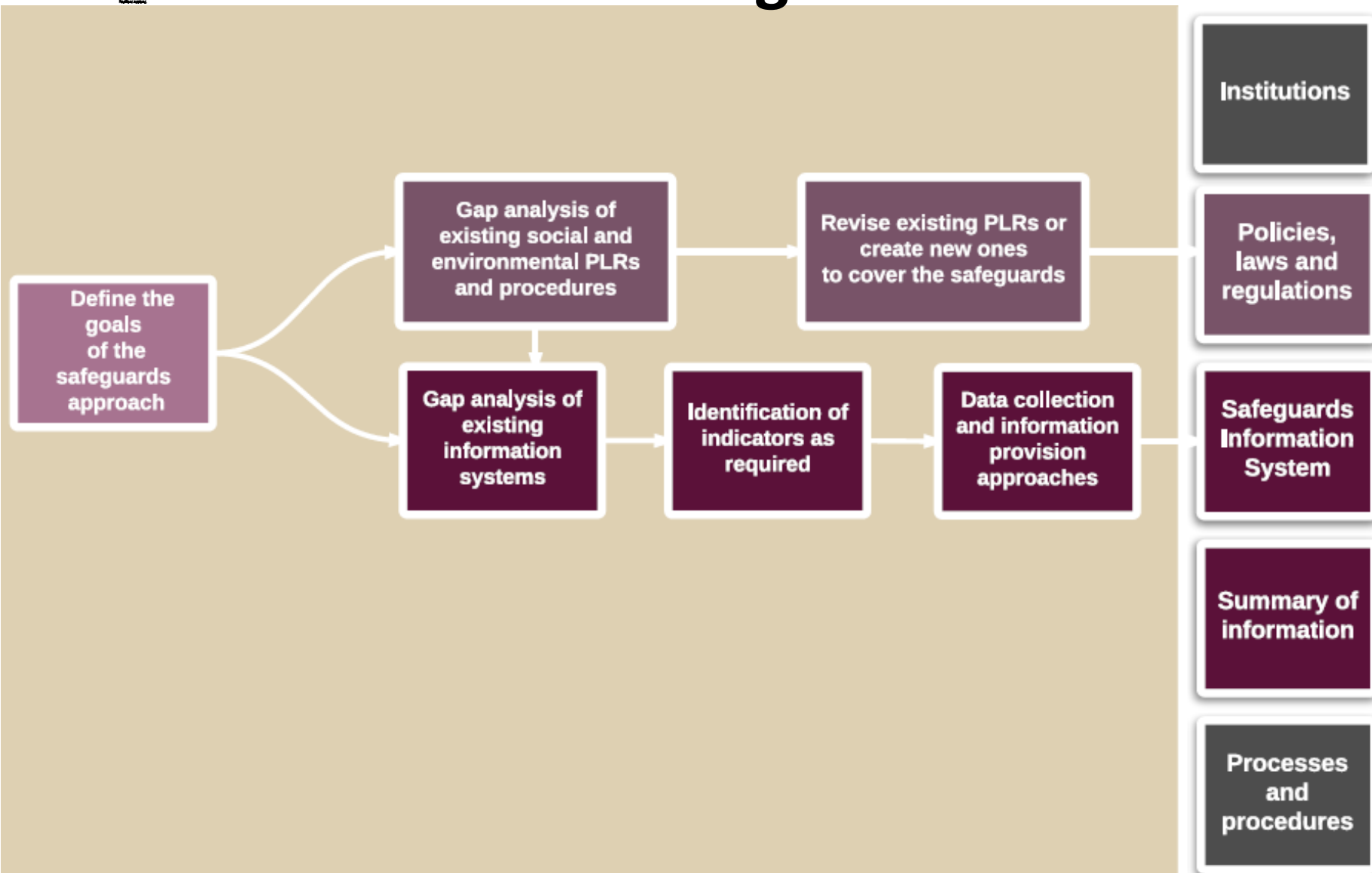
- Respond to UNFCCC requirements in accordance with national circumstances, context and capacities
- Opportunity to strengthen existing governance arrangements
- Opportunity to make significant contribution to existing national (and international) development goals
- Respond to the requirements of organizations financing REDD+ activities



What is a Country Approach to Safeguards?



UN-REDD Country Approach to Safeguards



Country Approach to Safeguards

Key Elements/Steps

Scope and goal setting:

- What does a country want to achieve with safeguards?
 - Cancun 'compliance' or beyond?
- What will safeguards apply to?
 - Just REDD+ activities or beyond (forestry sector, other sectors)?

Assessment of existing governance arrangements:

- What PLRs does a country have in place to *address* safeguards? What is missing?
- How well do a country's institutions and institutional processes and procedures implement PLRs to *respect* safeguards?

Assessment of existing information sources and systems:

- What does a country have in place to demonstrate safeguards are addressed and respected?

PLR Assessment

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**REDD+
Policies and
Measures**

(NS/AP
process)

**Benefits
and Risks
Analysis
of PAMs**

(BeRT)

**Specification of
Cancun
Safeguards**

Constituent
elements of
each safeguard
relevant to
identified
benefits/risks

**PLR gap
analysis**

What PLRs in
place?
(addressing)

How
effectively
are they
implemented
? (respecting)

**Refine PAMs
(NS/AP)**

**Strengthen
PLRs and their
implementation**

Stakeholder engagement throughout

Safeguard Information System



Key design considerations

1. **Objectives** – what is the SIS going to do...beyond provide a summary of information...?
2. **Information structure** – what information will populate the SIS and how will it be organised?
3. **Institutional functions** – who will be responsible for doing what with this information?
4. **Dissemination solutions** – how will information be communicated to target audiences?

Applying the Country Approach to Safeguards

- No fixed, linear path
- Taking into consideration:
 - phased approach
 - what is already in place
 - objectives/scope defined by the country
- Throughout the process, stakeholder participation will be essential



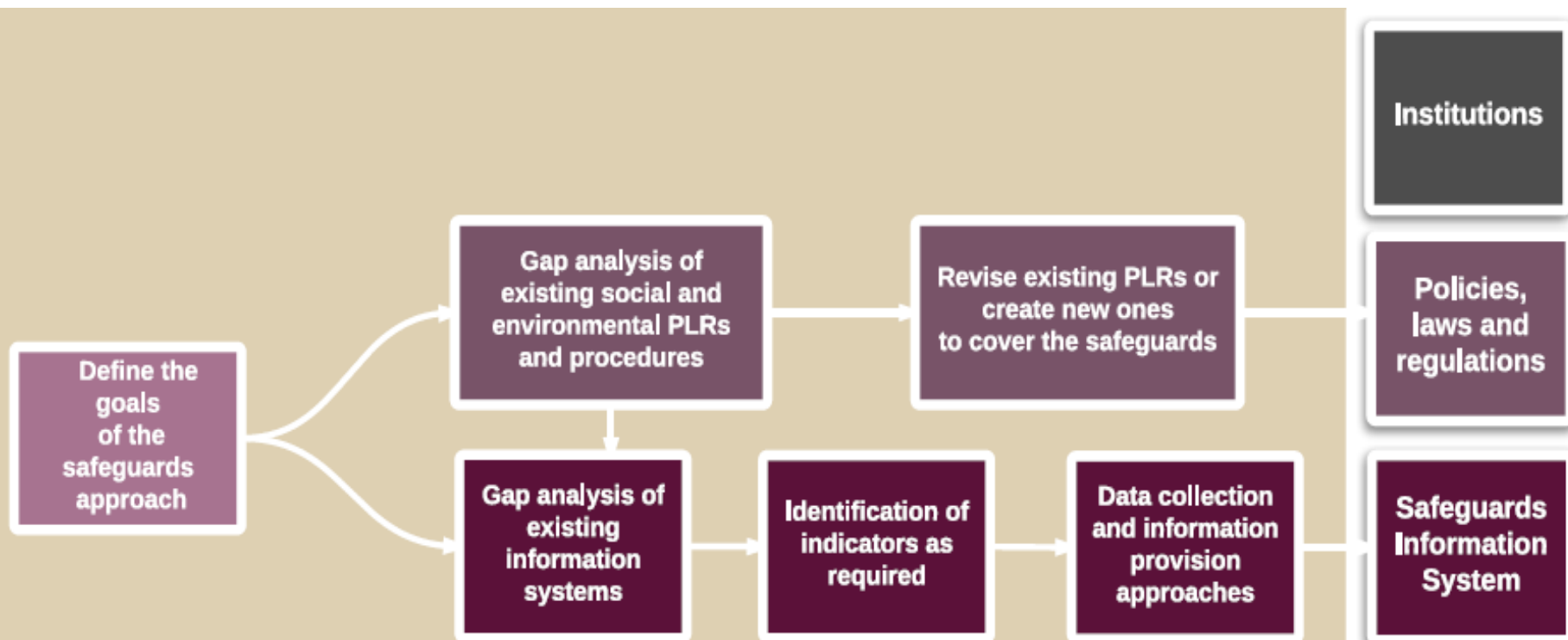
UN-REDD Programme Support on Safeguards

- Flexible support, based on specific needs identified by countries, adapting and applying the country approach
 - Includes optional use of UN-REDD Programme tools (BeRT; CAST)
- 1. Support initial (and crucial) goal-setting and scoping step
- 2. Analysis of PLRs, and relevant institutional arrangements, to operationalise safeguards
- 3. Help to countries with development/design of SIS and summaries of information

Take-home Messages

1. Respond to UNFCCC (and other) requirements
 - in accordance with national circumstances, context and capacities
2. Opportunity to strengthen existing governance arrangements
 - PLRs; institutions; information systems
3. Opportunity to make significant contribution to broader development goals
 - national and international





Thank You!

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