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# Cancun Agreements, Appendix 1, Paragraph 2

Seven safeguards to be promoted and supported



## Existing arrangements and transparent governance

- (a) That actions complement or are consistent with the objectives of national forest programmes and relevant international conventions and agreements;
- (b) Transparent and effective national forest governance structures, taking into account national legislation and sovereignty;



## Effective participation and rights of Indigenous Peoples and local communities

(c) Respect for the knowledge and rights of indigenous peoples and members of local communities, by taking into account relevant international obligations, national circumstances and laws, and noting that the UN General Assembly has adopted the UNDRIP;

(d) The full and effective participation of relevant stakeholders, in particular indigenous peoples and local communities, in the actions referred to in paragraphs 70 and 72 of this decision;



## Biodiversity and other co-benefits

(e) That actions are consistent with the conservation of natural forests and biological diversity, ensuring that the actions referred to in paragraph 70 of this decision are not used for the conversion of natural forests, but are instead used to incentivize the protection and conservation of natural forests and their ecosystem services, and to enhance other social and environmental benefits;



## Climate effectiveness

(f) Actions to address the risks of reversals;

(g) Actions to reduce displacement of emissions



# Cancun COP16 Safeguards Information System (SIS)

Countries shall develop a system for providing information on how the safeguards referred to in appendix I to this decision are being addressed and respected throughout the implementation of the REDD+ activities, while respecting sovereignty;





## What do we mean?

- **A National System:** information is collected and provided on a regular basis.
- **Address:** Institutional, legal and procedural arrangements in place to adequately implement the safeguards.
- **Respect:** extent to which the safeguards are adhered to in practice.



## Durban COP17 Guidance for SIS

The safeguard information system should be consistent with national sovereignty, national legislation and national circumstances, and provide transparent and consistent information on all the safeguards.

The information should be accessible by all relevant stakeholders and updated on a regular basis and it should be country driven, build on existing systems if possible, and be transparent and flexible to allow for improvements over time.

## Durban COP17 Summary of Information

Also countries should provide a summary of information on how the safeguards are addressed and respected and provide this information as part of the National Communications reported to the UNFCCC.



# Warsaw COP19 – National Forest Monitoring Systems

National forest monitoring systems could be useful for providing information on how the safeguards are addressed and respected. (natural forests)



## **Warsaw COP19 – The timing and the frequency of presentations of the summary of information...**

Countries should start to provide a summary of information on how safeguards are being addressed and respected after the start of the REDD+ activities in their national communications, and possibly via the UNFCCC web platform;

The frequency should be consistent with the submission of national communications and on a voluntary basis via the web platform on the UNFCCC website.

## Warsaw COP19 – Results-based Finance

REDD+ countries should have a system for providing information on how the seven safeguards are being addressed and respected and submit the summary of information on safeguards before they can receive results-based financing.



## Conclusion

- No fixed recipe but some guidance
  - Transparent and consistent information
  - All the seven safeguards
  - National system
  - Accessible by all relevant stakeholders
  - Updated on a regular basis
  - Country driven
  - Build on existing systems if possible
  - Flexible and allow for improvements over time

## Cancun Agreements, Appendix 1, Paragraph 2

(c) That actions complement or are consistent with the objectives of national forest programmes and  
**Utilize legal and institutional arrangements to support REDD+ and establish transparent financial mechanisms.**

(c) Respects the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities, by taking into account their knowledge and practices, and noting that the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,  
**Respect the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities and promote their active participation.**

(d) **Build capacities for groups needed to ensure forest governance.** and local communities, in the actions referred to in paragraphs 70 and 72 of this decision,

(e) That actions are consistent with the conservation of natural forests and biological diversity, and that the actions referred to in this decision are not used for purposes that are inconsistent with the protection and conservation of natural forests and their ecosystem services, and to enhance other social and environmental benefits;

(f) Actions to address the risks of reversal;

(g) **Monitor emissions on a regular basis and use information to inform policy and measures.**



# Thank You

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