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**Day 1, Session 3: Assessing existing PLRs
against the Cancun Safeguards: Cambodia**



Background to the process for matching PLR to Cancun safeguards in [Cambodia]

- **Team members, based on author order:**
 - UNDP Cambodia, Clark University, Forestry Administration, and TA-DG Office
- **Comments/ Inputs:**
 - Forestry Administration, REDD+ Taskforce and Secretariat, Safeguards TT, Sub/National Consultations, UNDP and UNEP Regional Offices
- **Time:** Started around June 2013 - December 2014
- **REDD+ Readiness:** Part of National REDD+ Strategy

The process of the PLR matching

- Step 1: Review UNFCCC decisions on Safeguards and SIS
- Step 2: Identify objectives of Cambodia REDD+ safeguards
- Step 3: Review existing relevant PLR and match them with UNFCCC decisions
- Step 4: Consult with key institutions and Safeguards TT on preliminary results from PLR matching
- Step 5: Sub-national consultations
- Step 6: National consultation on revised draft

Results/achievements of the PLR matching

- Many of the UNFCCC safeguards are addressed by existing PLR in Cambodia except for the following:
 - Ensure REDD+ will not be used for conversion of natural forests for planted forest
 - Address the risk of reversals
 - Address the risk of displacement.

Cancun	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
PLR	√√√	√√√	√√√	√√√	√√	---	---



Challenges encountered with the PLR matching:

- Translation: UNFCCC vs. National PLR
 - English \leftrightarrow Khmer
 - Terminologies (e.g. “reversals”)
- Scope of what defines “relevant”
 - Time consuming process to ensure all suggested PLR are reviewed
- Degree of match
 - Coding for exact and synonym terms/ clauses/ paragraphs in PLR

Questions/advice to UN-REDD:

- What and who defines relevant PLR?
- Benefits and Risk Tool (BeRT) was useful as a thinking tool, but to what extent should country answer the list of proposed questions suggested by BeRT?
- How important is rigor for results of matching PLR? Who should make the assessment?



Thank You

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