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Background to the Process for Assessing PLRs Against Cancun Safeguards in Papua New Guinea

- Understanding what REDD+ safeguards are
- Understanding why we need Social and Environmental safeguards (SES)
- Understanding the primary consideration for SESs in PNG
- Do gap analysis to inform standards
- What do SES standards address?
- How are SES standards presented and applied?
- Where do we go from here?

Through the technical and financial support from the national UN-REDD Programme, PNG was able to progressively work on this issue



The Process of the PLR Matching

- Reviewed the national status of safeguards
- Reviewed international safeguards
- Reviewed regional examples
- Did gap analysis

#	Legal Doc	Types		Sectors	
		No.	Examples	No.	Examples
1	Legislation	29	Environment Act 2000	16	Oil and Gas
2	Regulations	11	Mining Regulation 1992	7	National Forest Plan
3	Policies	19	Forest Policy 1991	10	Mining

- **Recommended a twin-track approach with legal reforms on current legal documents and development of new REDD+ SES**



Results/Achievements of the PLR Matching

- SES Core Group was established and reviewed these gaps
- The outcome was further discussed with SES Technical working group (TWG)
- Twin track approach recommended
- Lead to strong and durable legal framework



Challenges Encountered with the PLR Matching:

- Respect the diverse national circumstance (landscape, culture, languages, landownership, etc.)
- Legal reform is a slow process
- Lack of understanding
- Wider consultation with relevant stakeholder is needed
- It is costly doing consultation
- Taking leadership in the reform and implementation



Questions/Advice to UN-REDD:

How to avoid compromising national safeguards?

- REDD+ safeguards should be country specific for full implementation
- Twin track approach should be use
- Allow sufficient time for legal reform
- Allow adequate time and funds for consultation



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