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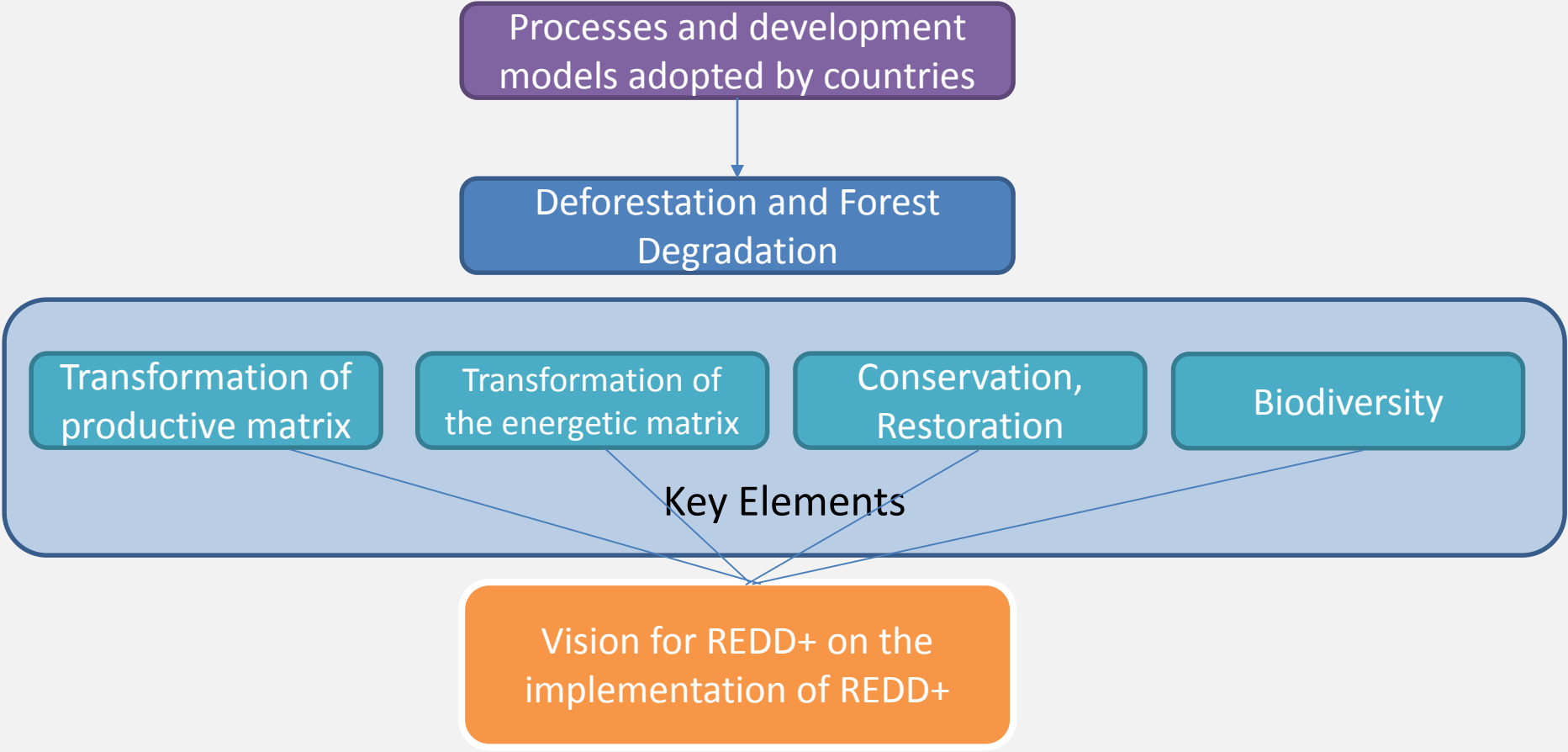
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The long term vision for REDD+ is:

“To contribute to national efforts to reduce deforestation & forest degradation , restoration, conservation & sustainable use of biodiversity, as well as rural development for the well-being (‘Buen Vivir’); through the integration of REDD + in the main national policies & strategic sectors”.

Selected PAMs in Ecuador

Productive transformation:

Shifting activities with low productivity, with carbon & multiple benefits potential to increase their productivity

Economic diversification & risk minimization -> More productive activities contributing to REDD+ objectives & multiple benefits



Increase value from forests for rights holders:

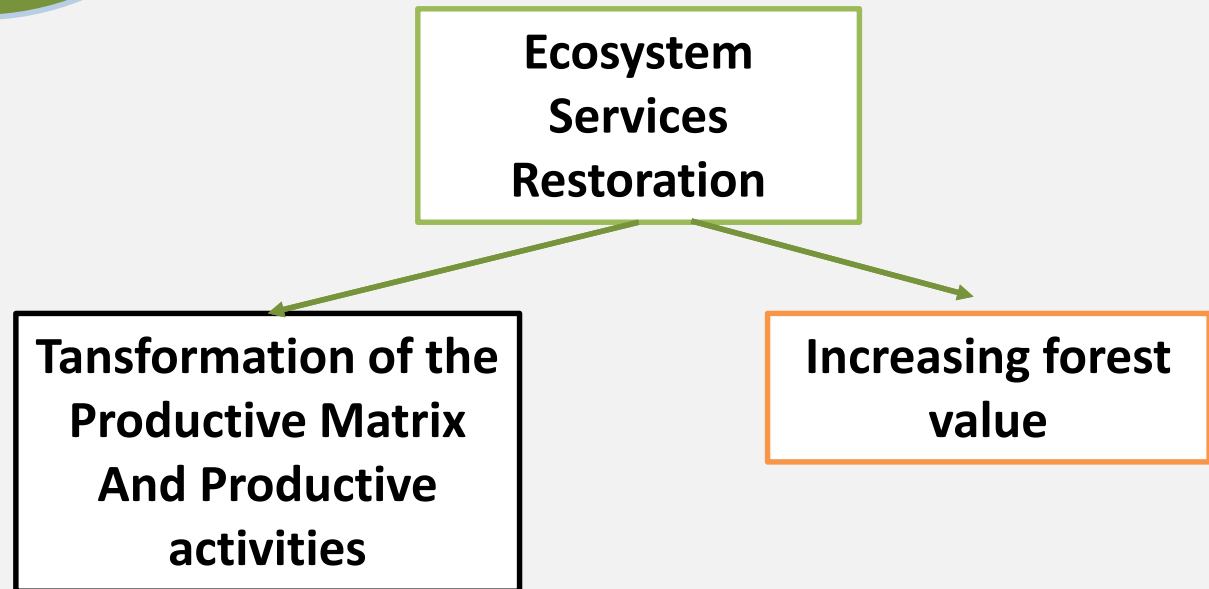
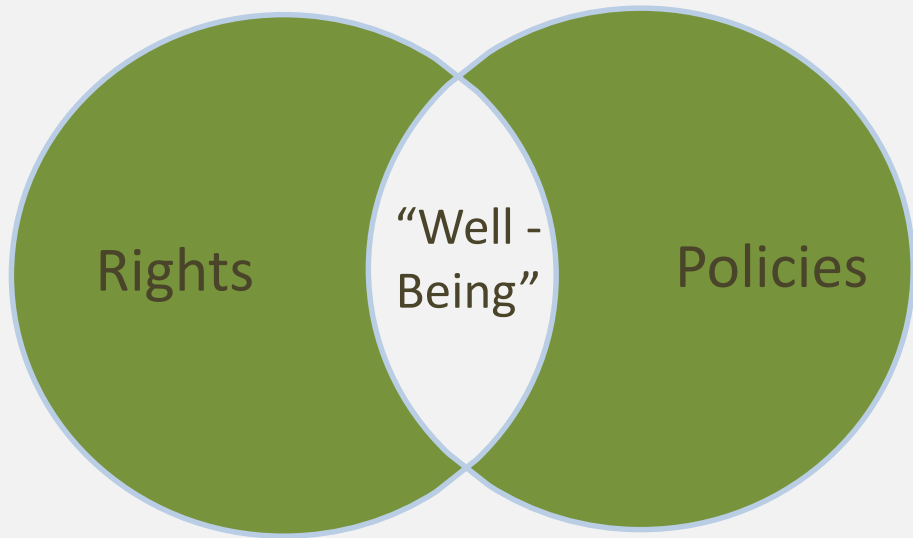
(reduce opportunity costs and ensure sustainability/permanence of both actions and emission reductions)



Restore ecosystem services:

Integrated within the 2 objectives stated above, in a pragmatic manner for the enhancement of co-benefits

The framework for REDD+ / REDD+ NS/AP in Ecuador



In this context, REDD + would represent an opportunity to:

i) **Strengthen** measures & sectorial policies towards:

- **Shifting to sustainable production in order to reduce pressure against the forests**

- **Viability** (provide institutional conditions – Sustainability over time)

ii) **Strengthen coordination** between interventions (e.g. conservation, adaptation, ecosystem services) consistent with REDD+ objectives for more efficient interventions

iii) **Create synergies with other objectives** (e.g. biodiversity and water regulation) in specific areas, to enhance multiple benefits from REDD+.

iv) **Mainstream climate change PAMs** (mitigation & adaptation) compatible with the goals & objectives sought by the REDD + NS/AP

Strategic decision made related to the shorter-term Vision for REDD+

- ✓ **Scope of REDD+**: starting with deforestation -> step-wise approach
- ✓ **Scale of implementation**: national (various “areas of homogeneous deforestation”, National Territory Strategy and territories owned by IPs & local communities). MRV and RBPs at the national level
- ✓ **Priority drivers**:
 - **Direct causes**: inadequate production systems
 - **Indirect causes**: Lack of cross-sectorial policy harmonization, lack of land tenure security, lack of effective land management, weak forest governance, trade policy/ economic cycles
 - > Intersectorial coordination, Strengthening forestry policies, Land policy for overlapping land uses
- ✓ **Implementation approach**:
 - **Policy and legal framework**
 - **Direct field investments**: Governmental agencies; also private sector & NGOs (if objectives aligned with national objectives)
 - **National level = Mandate**; Subnational/local actors: relevant for implementation

Engagement of relevant cross-sectoral & sectoral actors in the REDD+ Vision

- **The development and integration of REDD+ actions & measures requires participation of:**
 - **Various actors:** e.g. indigenous peoples & local communities, farmers , government agencies & forest owners;
 - **Various levels of government** (i.e. different spatial scales: national / subnational / private sector and indigenous territories).
- **Main key stakeholders** (readiness):
 - National Level: Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Environment;
 - Subnational Level: representatives from local governments, indigenous peoples & local communities, private sector, and NGOs.

Challenges Faced when Developing a Vision and PAMs for REDD+

- **Analysis of political, institutional & legal framework -> key to defining the vision for REDD+**
 - ✓ Not only on forests & climate change -> also other sectors that contribute to deforestation and forest degradation.
- **Vision for REDD+ -> important to consider emissions reduction objectives, but also focusing on main drivers (addressing direct & underlying drivers).**
- **Initial lack of explicit national vision caused uncertainty -> had to gather additional information to support decision-making**
- **Uncertainties at international level on REDD+ finance (market or non-market based) – need for clarity regarding legal framework on environmental services**

Thank You

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