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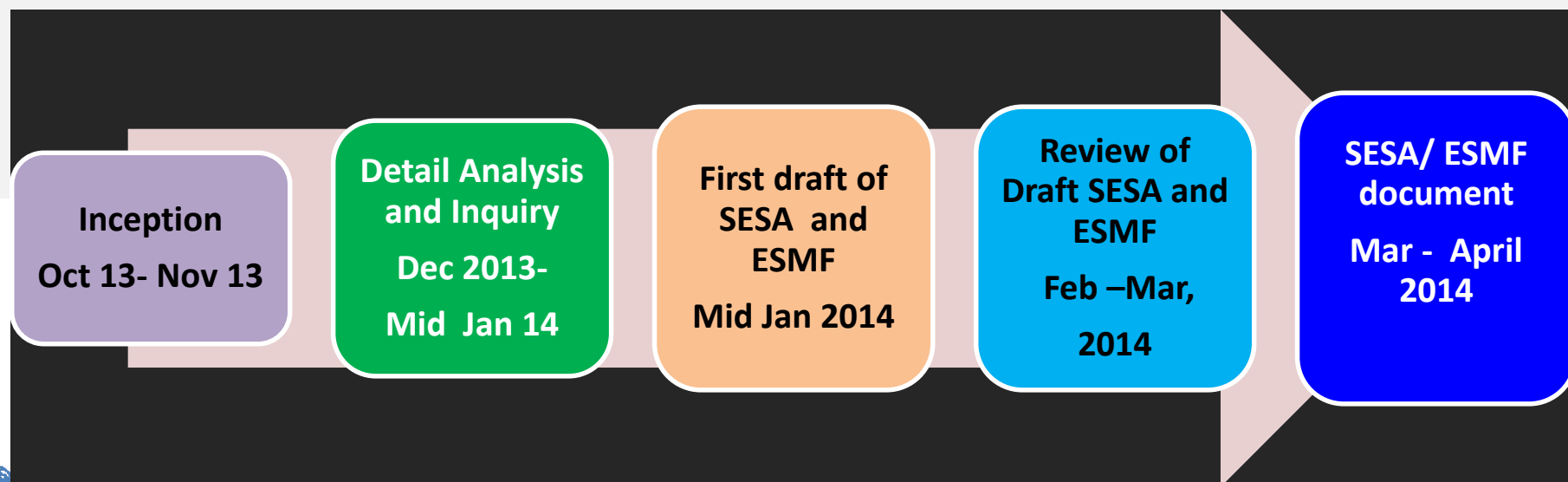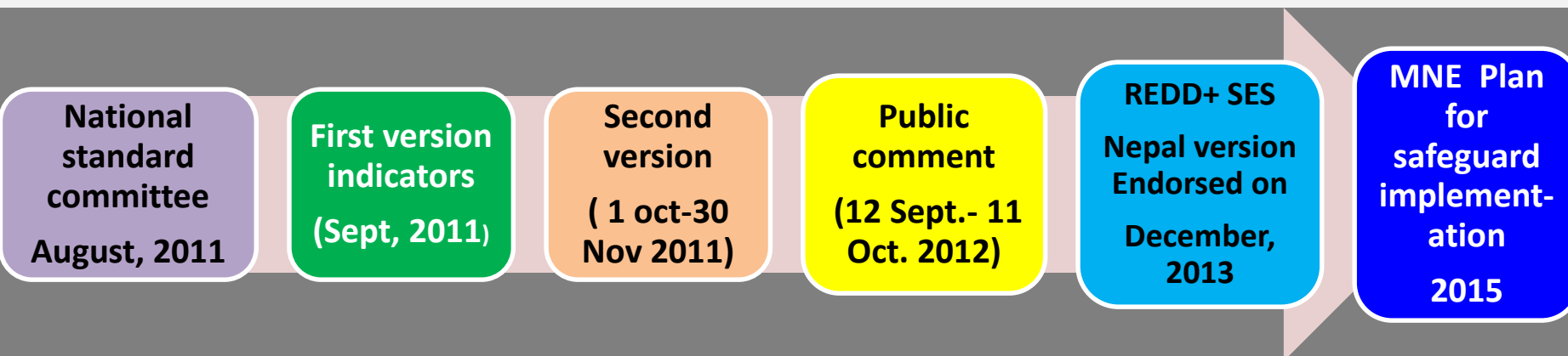
Day 2 Session 5: Design of SIS: Nepal

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Background on Safeguards

- GoN endorsed EIA process in 1990 as 'learning by doing' approach;

- A separate EIA Guidelines for Forestry and Industry Sectors was produced in 1995;

- EPA in 1996 with clear provisions of IEE/ EIA and approval process;

- EPA empower sector Ministries to approve IEE . MOSTE has legal authority to approve EIA of other line Ministries/sectors ;

- EPA respects environmental and social safeguards through EA process in development proposals;

- Information disclosure to public is mandatory to ensure participation in different stages of EA design and implementation;

- EPA does not have SEA provision yet; but it is in practice for new Policy / long-term Plans;

Background of SIS Design

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| National standard committee August, 2011 | First version indicators (Sept, 2011) | Second version (1 oct-30 Nov 2011) | Public comment (12 Sept.- 11 Oct. 2012) | REDD+ SES Nepal version Endorsed on December, 2013 | MNE Plan for safeguard implement-ation 2015 |

| Inception Oct 13- Nov 13 | Detail Analysis and Inquiry Dec 2013- Mid Jan 14 | First draft of SESA and ESMF Mid Jan 2014 | Review of Draft SESA and ESMF Feb –Mar, 2014 | SESA/ ESMF document Mar - April 2014 |

Result and Achievement Status

- UN-REDD TS is mobilized to analyze existing Gaps in PLR and institutions to implement REDD strategy; this will help in SIS design process;

- RIC has out sourced service providers from FCPF grant to prepare analytical report on Carbon tenure, Benefit sharing, GRM and REDD Implementation framework that will be useful to identify new PLR, institution and procedures if required to monitor and report Cancun Safeguards;

- FRL and MRV documents have also proposed institutional set-up and mechanism to operate NFMIS and web based information disclosure system that would also value add in SIS design process;

Designing Building Block for SIS

- Policy, Laws and Regulation (PLR) to support SIS **(FCPF/UN-REDD, TS);**

- Institutions to implement REDD+ safeguards **(SESA/REDD-SES/ UN-REDD TS)**

- Operational guideline to define responsibility, process and procedure of safeguard implementations **(SESA/ REDD-SES/ UN-REDD TS)**;

- Integrated system to pool information/ data from various sources to produce monitoring and national summary report on safeguard implementation (**CFMIS, NFMIS, and UNFCCC focal entity**);

- Grievance Readdress Mechanism to receive feedback from affected stakeholders and respond them appropriately (**FCPF- Carbon Fund)**;

- Institutional arrangement to engage multi-stakeholder-led process to review and improve the REDD+ safeguard implementation and reporting (**REDD+ SES/ SESA)**

Challenges Encountered

- No clarity on safeguard indicators , monitoring formats and responsible institution

- What information would be included in the safeguard implementation summary report is not yet clear?

- How to Improve coordination to integrate data and institutional responsibility across multi-layered nature of REDD+ implementation institutions that come into the picture to establish SIS?

- How sub-national safeguard systems can be nested to National SIS?

Questions/Advice to UN-REDD

- Is it possible to facilitate by UN-REDD to prepare a list of potential information required to provide summary report on safeguards implementation as per Warsaw framework?

- Is there role model examples to learn – how data sharing system can be improved to produce summary report as agreed in UNFCCC ?

- How countries can best use their experience with SESA /ESMF and REDD+ SES process in designing SIS as agreed in UNFCCC?

- How UN-REDD can assist capacity building for designing SIS? Is there scope to facilitate virtual discussion on SIS?

Thank You

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