**Title:** Interactive session: Enhancing benefits and mitigating risks from REDD+ actions

**Date:** Day 2 – Enabling Multiple Benefits

**Time:** 9.30 to 11.30

**Participant number:** Three groups in total, 2 English and 1 French (ca. 10 participants each)

**Length of session:** 1h30m

**Time to report back from session:** 5 minutes each

**Overview:** In this session, participants are asked to think about potential risks and benefits, both environmental and social, that are associated with different REDD+ actions (in the blue box below) by filling out a flowchart on the following page in pairs. Participants will also compare their results with the framework offered by the SEPC in order to identify potential additional content for the chart.

**Aim**: In this session, you will learn how to identify risks and benefits for a given REDD+ action, and example measures to mitigate those risks and enhance those benefits.

**Objectives**:

* Raise awareness of the UN-REDD Social and Environmental Principles and Criteria as a guiding framework
* Understand the relationship between REDD+ actions and REDD+ activities
* Identify risks and benefits from REDD+

**Example REDD+ actions for the session:**

1. Reforestation/plantation of sustainable woodlots
2. Reinforcement of Protected Areas effectiveness in reducing deforestation and forest degradation
3. Government support measures and legislation for higher standards in industrial logging practices (reduced impact logging, sustainable forest management)
4. Agricultural intensification programmes to reduce pressures on forest from smallholder forest clearing
5. Zoning at community level to identify areas for forest conservation
6. Afforestation of some areas with fast-growing carbon-rich species
7. Develop national-land use plan, with goals including to limit the impact of future investments in infrastructure on forests
8. Distribute improved cookstoves to reduce fuelwood consumption

**Example REDD+ actions under the five UNFCCC REDD+ activities**

1. **Reducing emissions from deforestation**

Reduce agricultural incursion in an area of natural forest through creation of alternative livelihoods

1. **Reducing emissions from degradation**

Provide woodlots close to villages to reduce the need for firewood collection

1. **Conservation of forest carbon stocks**

Designate new national park

Develop improved management plan for an existing national park

1. **Sustainable management of forests**

Introduce a policy that logging concessions create reduced impact logging management plans

1. **Enhancement of forest carbon stocks**

Restore a degraded forest through the planting of native species



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