Safeguard information systems: UNFCCC decisions

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UNFCCC requirements – 16th Conferences of the Parties (Cancun)

Decision 1/CP.16 Paragraph71.

Requests **developing country Parties** aiming to undertake … [REDD+ activities], …to **develop the following elements**:

(d) **A system for providing information on how the safeguards** referred to in appendix I to this decision are being **addressed and respected throughout the implementation of … [REDD+ activities]…,** while respecting sovereignty;

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UNFCCC requirements – 17th Conferences of the Parties

Decision 12/CP.17: I. Guidance on systems for providing information on how safeguards are addressed and respected

2. *Agrees* that **systems for providing information** on how the safeguards … are addressed and respected **should**…

(a) **Be consistent** with **the guidance** identified in decision 1/CP.16, appendix I, paragraph 1;

(b) **Provide transparent and consistent information** that is **accessible by all relevant stakeholders** and updated on a regular basis;

(c) Be **transparent and flexible** to allow for improvements over time;

(d) **Provide information on how all of the safeguards … are being addressed and respected**;

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(e) Be **country-driven** and implemented at the national level;

(f) **Build upon existing systems**, as appropriate;

3. *Agrees also* that developing country Parties undertaking [REDD+ activities], should **provide a summary of information** on how all of the safeguards ... are being addressed and respected **throughout the implementation of the activities**;

4. *Decides* that the **summary of information** ... should be **provided periodically** and be included in **national communications** ...;

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Countries that UN-REDD is supporting

- UN-REDD is supporting the following countries to varying degrees in developing SIS
  - Costa Rica (Targeted Support)
  - Argentina (Targeted Support)
  - Philippines (Targeted Support)
  - Democratic Republic of Congo

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Thank you for listening!

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