UN-REDD / Chatham House process on monitoring REDD+ governance
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List of edits

The What

- Make the distinction between forest governance and REDD+ governance, as discussed during the meeting
- Address downward accountability, as well as upward accountability
- Present safeguards as part of the principles of REDD+
- Review para 2.3 to reflect the principles of good governance and convey the need for maintaining high levels of governance over time
- Include references to the sub-national level, as per the UNFCCC text
- Specify the scope of REDD+ governance as including existing institutions, legal frameworks and practices, as well as newly created REDD+ institutions and processes
- Move up amended Table 4 (i.e. Pillars and Principles of Good Governance) to the What section

The How

- Be more explicit about the need for involving multiple actors in the monitoring process. This must be stated early in the document and also be the object of a section in the How part.
- Indicate that the list of initiatives reviewed is not exhaustive
- Replace Table 2 by lessons learned from existing governance monitoring initiatives, as elements to build on for the monitoring of REDD+ governance.
- Redesign Table 3 around the three elements of a national monitoring system: strategic assessment, operational assessment and on-going surveillance of the three pillars.
- Redraft the How section around these three elements, mentioning the tools most relevant to the information needs of each element. The focus should be on the tools that are particularly useful in the REDD+ context (e.g. audit and reconciliation) and the issue of frequency (periodic vs. on-going) should be addressed.
- Insert a box on the Steps to follow to do a assessment
- Stress the need to build on existing institutional structures and also to learn from national initiatives of governance monitoring.

Throughout

- Redraft introduction (aka Foreword) to make it more catchy, clearer about content & objectives of guidance. Avoid direct references to Cancun as much as possible, so as not to date the document.

- Clearly state that the target audience of the document are government officials. This target should be differentiated from the broader audience of monitoring results, including all relevant stakeholders.
- Clearly state that the objectives of the document are to help countries meet their development targets and achieve the goals & activities agreed under the UNFCCC in Cancun.
- Incorporate the political economy of REDD+ throughout the document (with specific references to the private sector and markets). The document should not, however, prejudge the outcome of UNFCCC negotiations on financing options.
- Present monitoring as an on-going and multi-faceted process.
- Highlight that this is a "living document", which will be adapted to the outcome of negotiations and adjusted after piloting. Version 1 is to be launched in May, complemented by a webpage.
- Insert 3 illustrative boxes on governance monitoring in Indonesia, on FLEGT in the Congo Basin and on audit & reconciliation in the Amazon Fund.

Annexes
- Expand the list of relevant initiatives, highlighting how they can be used in the context of monitoring REDD+ governance
- Include a list of acronyms

To be confirmed
Table 1 – it should be reviewed on the basis of the components identified by the WB/FAO initiative, noting however that these will be components of forest governance that will need to be adapted and complemented to address the full scope of REDD+ governance. Tbc after the Second meeting of the Expert Group on the WB/FAO initiative (15-16th March).