# Overview of REDD + SES Initiative

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## For land-based carbon projects:



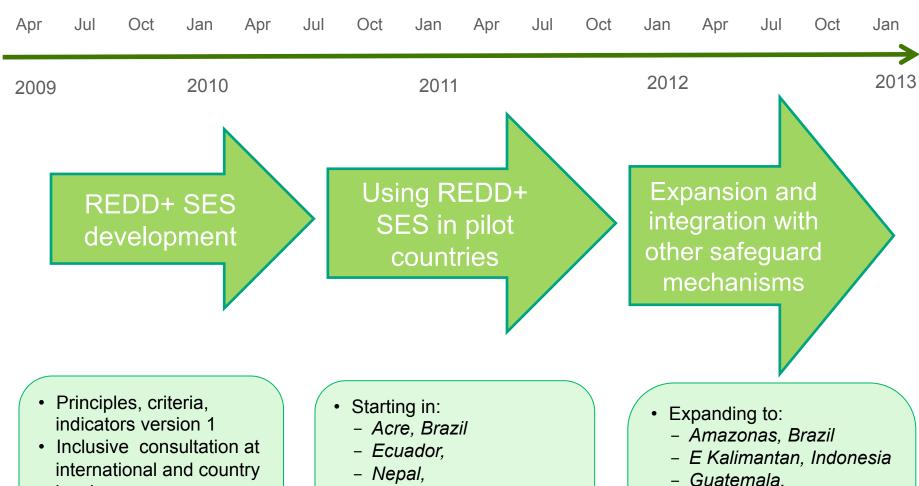
# For government-led REDD+ programs:





- Supports government-led/jurisdictional REDD+ programs (not site-based projects)
- A <u>safeguard mechanism</u> comprising:
  - **REDD+ SES content:** principles, criteria and indicators
  - REDD+ SES process: ten-step process to use the REDD+ SES at country level
- Used for monitoring and reporting of social and environmental performance using a multi-stakeholder process
- Shows performance enhancing benefits as well as avoiding harm.
- A voluntary initiative for countries wanting to demonstrate high social and environmental performance





- level
- International Steering Committee and Secretariat

- C Kalimantan, Indonesia
- Guidelines version 1
- Exchange and learning

- Guatemala.
- Liberia.
- Mexico.
- San Martin, Peru
- Integration with FCPF & **UNREDD** processes
- PCI & guidelines version 2
- Exchange and learning

# REDD+ SES content – 7 principles

- 1. Respect for rights of Indigenous Peoples and local communities, including free, prior & informed consent
- 2. Equitable benefit sharing
- 3. Benefits for Indigenous Peoples and local communities improve human well-being
- 4. Contribution to broader sustainable development
- 5. Maintenance of biodiversity and ecosystem services
- 6. Full and effective participation and access to information
- 7. Compliance with national and international law





REDD+ SES process at country level – 10 steps		
	1. Awareness raising/capacity building	

**Governance:** a multi-stakeholder approach to ensure balanced stakeholder participation in the use of the standards

**Interpretation:** adaptation of the

process to the country context

indicators and assessment

**Assessment:** collection of

monitoring information to assess

performance, review of the draft

assessment report by stake-

holders and publication

2. Establish facilitation team (govt. & civil society)

Create multi-stakeholder Standards Committee

4. Develop plan for the REDD+ SES process

5. Develop draft country-specific indicators

7. Prepare monitoring and assessment plans

8. Collect and assess monitoring information

9. Organize review of draft assessment report

10. Publish the assessment report

6. Organize consultations on indicators

### Governance of the International REDD+ SES initiative

#### REDD+ SES secretariat

- CCBA CARE Proforest Initiative
- Provide technical support and capacity building to country facilitation teams
- Organize exchange and learning workshops
- Develop new versions of standards and guidelines and guidance documents for approval by International Standards Committee

### International Standards Committee

- Representatives of government, civil society, community associations,
   Indigenous Peoples and private sector
- Oversees the standards development and the process for their use in pilot countries
- Providing strategic orientation and approving content and process at each stage



### How countries can use REDD+ SES

- For good practice guidance (not applying REDD+ SES)
- To provide a framework for reporting on performance using most of the REDD+ SES content and process (partially applying REDD+ SES)
- To provide a comprehensive mechanism for reporting on performance using all REDD+ SES content and process (fully applying REDD+ SES)





# **REDD+ SES:** some key emerging issues

- Using a comprehensive framework developed through broad international consultation
  - Covers requirements of UNFCCC safeguards, national safeguards and multi-lateral/ bilateral safeguards
  - Addresses governance, respect for rights, positive and negative social and environmental impacts in one framework
- A country-led, multi-stakeholder approach for development and approval of indicators, monitoring plan, and reports
  - Tailors the indicators and assessment process to the country context
  - Builds consensus, trust and shared ownership between diverse stakeholders
  - Enhances quality, credibility and transparency of self reporting
- A framework for reporting on higher social and environmental performance beyond 'no harm' enables:
  - Countries to communicate performance to national and international stakeholders
  - Donors/investors to reduce risk and recognize/reward higher performance



### For more information

# www.redd-standards.org

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