

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 safeguard mechanism 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



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REDD+ SES
development

Using REDD+
SES in pilot
countries

Expansion and
integration with
other safeguard
mechanisms

- Principles, criteria, indicators version 1
- Inclusive consultation at international and country level
- International Steering Committee and Secretariat

- Starting in:
 - *Acre, Brazil*
 - *Ecuador,*
 - *Nepal,*
 - *C Kalimantan, Indonesia*
- Guidelines version 1
- Exchange and learning

- Expanding to:
 - *Amazonas, Brazil*
 - *E Kalimantan, Indonesia*
 - *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	2. Establish facilitation team (govt. & civil society)
	3. Create multi-stakeholder Standards Committee
Interpretation: adaptation of the indicators and assessment process to the country context	4. Develop plan for the REDD+ SES process
	5. Develop draft country-specific indicators
	6. Organize consultations on indicators
Assessment: collection of monitoring information to assess performance, review of the draft assessment report by stakeholders and publication	7. Prepare monitoring and assessment plans
	8. Collect and assess monitoring information
	9. Organize review of draft assessment report
	10. Publish the assessment report

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

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