Group 3

Users

Those who will monitor:

- Principal legal obligations for providing information is with governments (federal, state & municipal, local levels) but will collect the info from different sources
- Civil society (incl. NGOs) and other national actors interested in seeing good forestry governance (e.g. IPs, Private sector)
- Independent monitors/peer reviewers of the data

Those who will use the results:

- Gov'ts themselves to implement REDD
- IP & LCs: make the documents simpler to use, identify channels to reach them because they may be difficult to reach
- Donors want info to build confidence as part of their investment programme in the country: core elements (pillars, components …) to look out for but especially the indicators for a specific country

Dissemination

- Identify users at various levels: project, government, community (e.g. IPs & LCs)
- Simplify/translate to enable the lower local governments and actors to understand it
- capacity building activities needed to be carried out if it is inadequate
- Ownership: supplementary processes (e.g. Power mapping to ensure active participation, and right approaches, sensitisation workshops, executive briefings, etc.) to make sure that it is contextualized in the country. done through pilot application
- Someone should take the lead in disseminating: Government needs to accept the need for reform and then it can be more easily picked up by other interested parties.
- be mindful of the need for financial support

Dissemination

- What if gov'ts do not accept it: it may be possible for CSO (for purposes of advocacy), development cooperation agencies (for purposes of engaging a NG) but this will be difficult in some cases where gov't people are nervous about particular aspects like corruption, rule of law, etc.

- Monitoring which is external to mainstream gov't would be helpful to government in light of REDD agreements signed.

- Carry out pilot exercises with willing governments to implement the frameworks to establish applicability, especially within the REDD national development processes

Relevance to Current Needs

- The framework and Guidance are relevant but should be used taking into account that REDD is implemented in a phased approach
- Will be necessary for benchmarking and assessing performance in order to move from one to another phase.
- Some sub-national governments may want to implement the framework but policies are centrally defined. Therefore the LG can be assessed, even though policy reform may be needed at national level (not the LG level)
- The lower one goes in the hierarchy in gov't the few the indicators which are relevant

Potential to bring about change

- Assessment will come up with issues that can be dealt with e.g. a policy gap (national or with international instruments), institutional gaps, legislation on IPs
- Gets people to start asking hard questions and thinking about how to deal with them. The change may be gradual and not immediately related to the governance assessment work
- Help to stimulate reform necessary for REDD processes
- Civil society monitoring can compliment or triangulate info provided by gov't- credibility of the data
- Monitoring governance can be used to assess performance in REDD (and can be one of the basis for performance-based payment)

What would help these doc to better stimulate progress in governance

- Capacity building in CSO, IPs & LCs, and government
- Governments are sensitive to issues like corruption but when issues are brought in the open, action can be taken
- Can this be additional burden on the REDD MRV? It complements it
- Prove compliance for international reasons but also when result is acted on, it can bring in more revenue
- Documents should stress that governance reform more than pays for itself
- It brings transparency and therefore citizens will welcome the frameworks and guidance
- Some governments may be reluctant to embrace participation (e.g. IP groups are in opposition to the government) but it is still important for the guidance and framework to stress the need for participation

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