(DAY 1) Working Group Discussion: Main Challenges and Opportunities at National Level
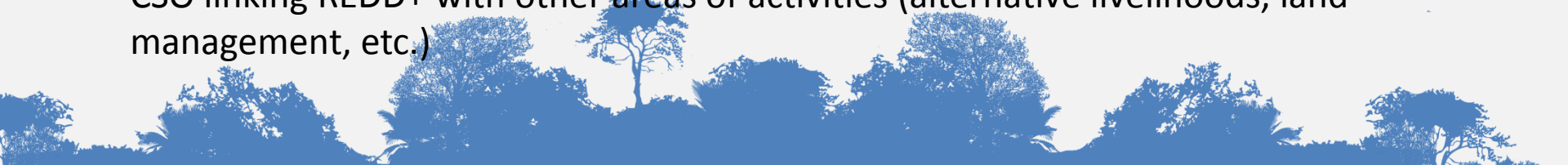
1. What are the current or emerging changes/impacts you have seen through your participation in the REDD+ processes in your country and why? (i.e., what is the value addition from your participation in the REDD+ processes in your country?)

Changes seen
- **Space** for CSOs has been recognized
- Increase d **capacity and awareness** on REDD+ and Forest Monitoring
- Full **accountability** and **transparent** "safeguarding" of the national process – Ensuring full "national ownership " through stakeholders engagement

Changes brought
- CSOs feedback and perspective reflected in strategic documents and contributes to documents quality
- Improved partnership between Government and CSOs
- CSO-led analytical work on REDD+(comparative advantage/cost)
- CSO linking REDD+ with other areas of activities (alternative livelihoods, land management, etc.)

2. What are the key challenges the CSO or IP still face in the REDD+ process, and what areas could be improved?

- **Communication**
  - Local languages should be used
  - Dissemination of products, decisions, strategic documents, etc.
  - Not one-way (top-down) but rather 2 ways
  - Mechanism for dialogue between Gov. and CSOs

- **Awareness and capacity building** (on most REDD+-related topics) is still a challenge - Still major lacks in judgement capacity

- **Contextualizing issues at local level** (the process is still very technocratic so far)

- **Women's participation** (limited reflection of women's concerns and perspectives in decision making/societal norms preventing women's involvement/expected responsibilities at home/lack of confidence in technical matters)

- **Funding** access/availability!! (unfair expectations on CSO)

3. How you ensure that you represent the views of your constituencies and keep them informed?

- Use of CSO networks (elected representations) to report back (Contestation (within the network) can be a challenge)

- Working closely with IPs

1. What are the key drivers of deforestation and forest degradation from your (CSO/IP) perspective?

- South East Asia and Pacific (Cambodia, PNG, Vietnam)

- East and South Asia (Bangladesh, Mongolia, Sri Lanka)

2. What potential policies and measures can or should be addressed?

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3. How will you organise yourselves to engage more strategically with the government counterparts, specifically, and in the national REDD+ processes, generally?

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Thank You

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