

INTRODUCTION TO THE ICA AND ITS POSSIBLE ADAPTATION TO REDD+ by the UN-REDD Programme (10 HOURS)

OBJECTIVES

- To provide UN-REDD colleagues with an approach for better understanding and responding to development challenges, taking into account the political and institutional context in their respective countries.
- To enhance the effectiveness of UN-REDD national programmes based on a realistic assessment of stakeholders' interests, incentives and constraints;
- To explore concrete ways the ICA can be applied to or used in combination with UN-REDD's work

OUTPUTS

As a result of the introductory session, the participants will have obtained the following:

- A sound understanding of the debates around institutional and context analysis, as well as the advantages, critical issues and challenges specific to UN-REDD's mandate and interventions;
- Practical guidance on:
 - How to conduct an ICA and use it for programme formulation and reviews;
 - How to make strategic use of ICA as part of the existing tools used for formulation and adjustments of UN-REDD interventions (Targeted Support and National Programmes);
 - How to link ICA into existing processes and vice-versa and how to make use of ICA in UN-REDD

DRAFT AGENDA

Session 1: Introduction to the ICA (Google Hangout) (2 hours)

How can issues related to 'political will' and a changing political environment affect the implementation of UN/UN-REDD programmes

- Workshop objectives
- What is the nexus between politics and development and what are the implications for UN-REDD programming?
- Why, when and how politics matter for development?

Institutional and Context Analysis: The Approach

- What is Institutional and Context Analysis (ICA)?
- How can ICA add value to policy and programming?
- How do you analyse the institutional and political context through ICA?
- What experiences of political analysis for development outcomes are available within and outside the UN system for UN-REDD to learn from?

ICA Application to UN REDD programmes

- How can ICA be used in the context of UN-REDD?
- Introduction to the exercise: ICA and UN-REDD

Session 2: ICA and UN-REDD - Individual Assignment (from the Office) (6 hours, over 2 weeks)

Working individually or in duty station groups, the participants prepare an ICA as adapted to a UN-REDD National Programme (or Targeted Support) which they are helping roll out or to which they are providing support. Guidance will be provided for individual work.

Session 3: Feedback and Discussion (Google Hangout) (Date TBC, 1,5 hours)

- Reflections on Individual Assignments
- Q&A and Discussion
- Further Needs, Conclusions and Way Forward