

Summary of 3rd UN-REDD Regional Lessons Learned Workshop: Social and Environmental Safeguards

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AGENDA POINTS

- **REDD+ safeguards?**
- **System Guarantees**
- **Recent experiences on REDD+ Safeguards?**
- **Lesson learned Workshop?**
- **Concluding Remarks**

REDD+ Safeguards?

Procedures and Approaches that can help to ensure that REDD+ activities “do no harm” to people or the environment

- outlined in Cancun agreement
- Part of REDD+ strategies
- Developed and adopted to reduce the risks during the full-scale phase of REDD+ Mechanism which we may term as *"The Forest Carbon Agenda"*.
- Promote social and environmental benefits
- to bring overall sustainability in the processes.

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REDD+ Safeguards?

1. Actions complement or are consistent with the objectives of national forest programmes and relevant conventions / agreements;
2. **Good Governance:** Transparent & effective national forest governance structures, taking into account national legislation / sovereignty;
3. **Respect for the knowledge and rights** of indigenous peoples and members of local communities
4. **Participatory:** The full and effective participation of relevant stakeholders, in particular indigenous peoples and local communities .

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REDD+ Safeguards?

5. Actions are consistent with the conservation of natural forest and biological diversity, and used to incentivise the protection and conservation of natural forests and their ecosystem services. Additionally, they should be used to enhance other social and environmental benefits (taking into account the need for sustainable livelihoods of indigenous peoples and local communities and their interdependence on forests in most countries).
6. Actions to address the risks of reversals; and
7. Actions to reduce displacement of emissions.

System Guarantees

- Basic rights are protected
- Safeguard Information System (SIS) Protocol
- Guidance:
 1. *How a safeguard be addressed?*
 2. *How a safeguard be respected?*

With flexible and voluntary approach.
- All aspects are covered in detail

Recent Experiences on REDD+ Safeguards?

- Many countries have either developed or in process of developing REDD+ strategies and SIS
- Variety of laws, rules and regulations at national and sub-national level
- Socio-legal and technical implications in different regions of the world
- Different approaches being used to create synergies for a successful national programme
- Lessons learned in one country may help others

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- captured the aspirations of safeguard standards development processes by different initiatives, including standards of the Climate, Community and Biodiversity Alliance (CCBA) and CARE International along with country specific experiences on SIS of many countries such as Bhutan, Indonesia, Mongolia, Nepal, the Philippines and Viet Nam.
- **Interactive methodology** helped participants in exchanging experiences and knowledge

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- increased understanding and knowledge on the development of safeguards policies from different approaches and perspectives including local and private sector initiatives.
- provided an opportunity to internalize challenges, identify gaps along with suggestions in the process of developing national REDD+ strategies in countries, in the Asia-Pacific region.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

- *Good results achieved from Lesson learned workshops but the scope of participation is limited*
- *Basic understanding to REDD+ Safeguards is required at local level*
- *Similar workshops are required for CSOs and IPs representatives.*
- *A comprehensive strategy is needed for awareness raising and active engagement of all stakeholders to make the process more inclusive at regional, national and sub-national level.*
- A dedicated **REDD+ Network** of Civil society organizations and Ips is needed at regional level with strong structure at national and sub-national level. This would help in achieving better outcomes on REDD+ safeguards.

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