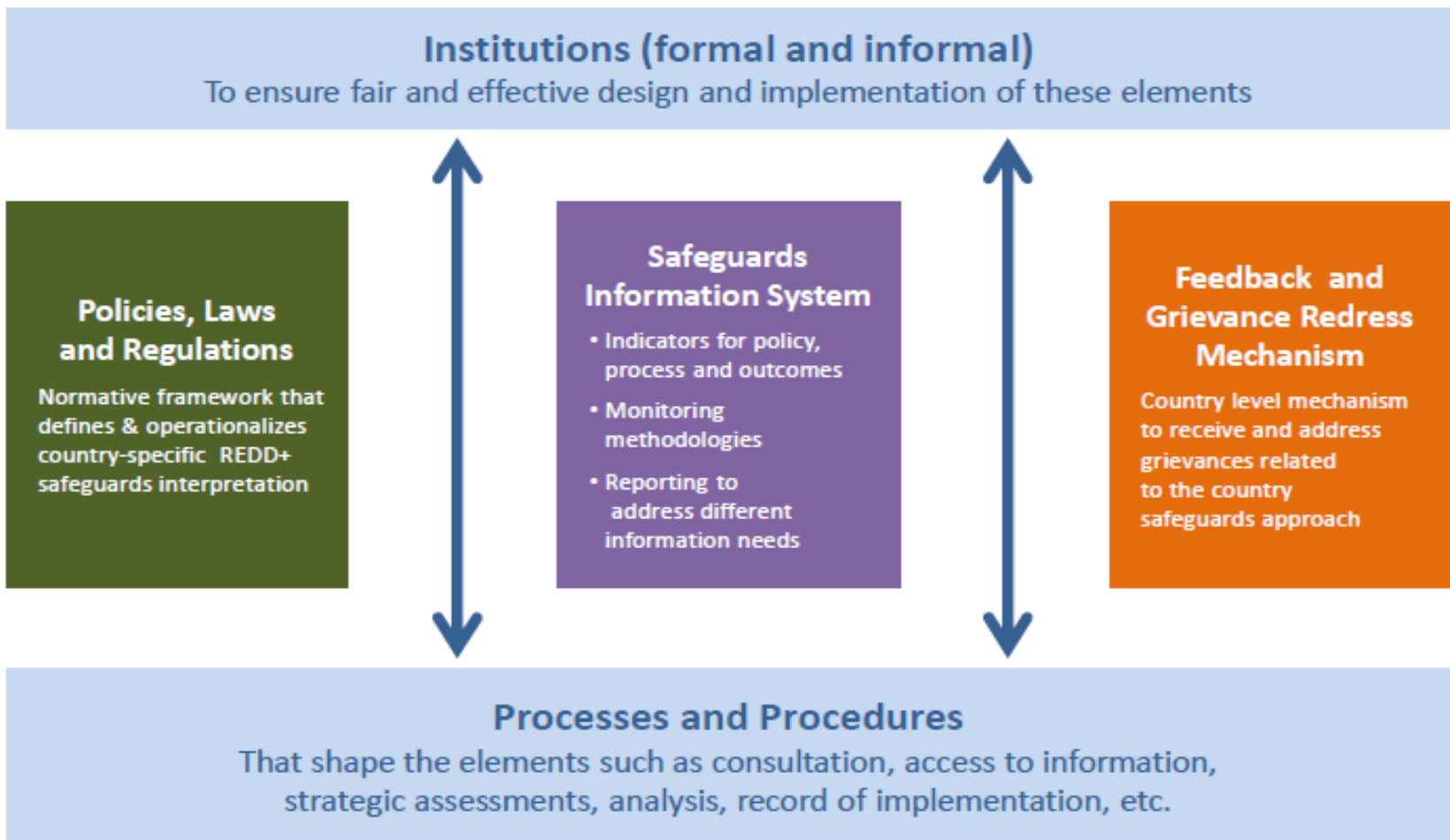


An Experience on Safeguard System in Nepal

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Potential Elements of Country Safeguard Approach



Source: CCBA (2014)

Existing supporting legal system to develop a NSS

- Policies, Laws, and Regulations

- The constitution guarantees right to information, right against discrimination, right to inclusion, participation, women, property etc.
- To response ratified the UNFCCC, KP , CBD, ILO convention 169, the country has developed strategies, action plans, and they have certain provisions for social and environmental safeguards
- These fulfils principle (a) of the Cancun and the world Bank safeguards
- Good governance Act (2008) may instrumental in achieving principle (b) of the Cancun safeguard
- Social and environmental provisions in The Environmental Protection Act (1997) addresses the (e), (f), and (g) of the Cancun safeguard
- Forest Act (1993) ensures participation of right holders and stakeholders

(Source : Khanal and Poudyal , 2013)

key challenges for developing safeguard system in Nepal

- Some policies, laws and regulations in place for developing safeguards system
- But, review and revision of those mechanisms as per the socio-political and global environmental dynamics is limited
- Engagement of multiple stakeholders in all levels of safeguard governance



key challenges for developing a NSS in Nepal

- Awareness of the safeguards system at different levels is low. Capacity building is essential and needs huge resources,
- Way for developing Safeguards Information System is not clear
- Improvement in governance system which addresses the safeguards
- Coordinating multiple safeguards and adopting an important and practical mechanism



Current status

- SESA and ESMF in place
- Developed indicators for REDD+SES
- Developing Forest Database and Information System
- Attempting to establish SIS on existing system

Nepal's experience

- Nepal is attempting to establish a web-based SIS system
- SIS is a part of National Forest Database and Information System
- SIS is integrated into National database and information system
- Currently we have uploaded policies, rules, and regulations related to REDD safeguards indicators
- This attempt is to provide information on the indicators related to policy and process only

Potential Actors for the SIS

SN	Potential stakeholders	Roles
1	Community based forest management user groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information collection • GRM
2	District government officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compilation of information, • Feeding into national database system
3	IP, CSOs, NGO and CBO working at the local level and National level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information collection • Verification of information • GRM
4	Government officials working at the national level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring, analysis of information, developing report • Reporting
5	Donor partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial support for technical capacity
6	Consultant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis and developing report

Milestones

SN	Milestone	Expected date
1	Interpretation of Cancun principles	6 month
2	Assessment of PLR	12 months
3	Institutionalization of GRM	2 years
4	Capacity building and awareness of stakeholders	1 years
5	Revise Monitoring system at the local level (district level) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop database information system at local level	
6	Develop SIS fully operational	2 year

Our next step

- Currently we are using some indicators from REDD+SES so far developed for Nepal to develop the SIS
- It is interim arrangement
- We will make interpretation of Cancun Safeguards for Nepal's context
- In the context of unavailability of any agreed framework for summary of information
- We will attempt to develop framework for reporting

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