

# UN-REDD PROGRAMME



## REDD+ Beyond Carbon: Safeguards and Multiple Benefits

A workshop convened by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

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Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2012

The Kaetsu Educational and Cultural Centre, Huntingdon Road, Cambridge, CB3 0SH, UK.

### Introduction

A well-planned REDD+ programme will result in biodiversity and ecosystem services being retained or restored. Conversely, without adequate planning or safeguards, heightened risks and reduced benefits could result. These risks and opportunities are addressed in the Cancun safeguards, a critical part of the REDD+ framework that is being negotiated under the UNFCCC. As part of its UN-REDD Programme work, UNEP supports countries in their work on safeguards, the quantification, valuation and mapping of multiple benefits, and monitoring the impacts of REDD+ on ecosystem services and biodiversity.

The objectives of this workshop are to:

1. Share country experiences on planning for multiple benefits and safeguard implementation, and to provide an opportunity for South-South learning.
2. Offer participants the opportunity to learn about the decision-support offered by the UN-REDD Programme.
3. Assist UN-REDD partner countries to address multiple benefits, safeguards, and their inclusion in national REDD+ strategies.
4. Evaluate what further work is needed on these topics to meet national needs within the framework of the UN-REDD Programme.

Three main topics are covered in the three days of the workshop. These are:

- REDD+ safeguards and their application;
- Mapping, quantification and valuation of the risks and opportunities from REDD+ for biodiversity and ecosystem services;
- Monitoring of actual REDD+ impacts.

Interactive break-out groups will address specific issues, such as an introduction to the use of spatial planning software for REDD+. While social issues will be discussed, the primary focus of the workshop will be on environmental risks and benefits.

[Please note: This workshop will be held in English.](#)

## Day 1: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November – The UN-REDD approach to multiple benefits

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**08:30 – 09.00 Registration / Tea and coffee**

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### INTRODUCTION

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**09.00-10.00**

1. Introduction and welcome
  2. Aims of the workshop. What are multiple benefits and safeguards and why are they important to REDD+ countries? UN-REDD Programme decision support on multiple benefits
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### SESSION 1: REDD+ SAFEGUARDS

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**10.00-11.00**

1. The UN-REDD Social and Environmental Principles and Criteria (SEPC) & BeRT
  2. National approaches to safeguards
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**11.00-11.30 Tea and coffee**

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**11.30-13.00**

3. National experiences on safeguards:  
Bhutan, DRC, Mexico, Nigeria (all TBC)
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**13.00-14.00 Lunch**

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**13.00-15.45**

4. Plenary: introduction to breakout groups

#### **Break out groups (x 4):**

Identifying the possible risks and benefits of different REDD+ actions in the light of the UNFCCC safeguards.

**Proposed groups:** Francophone Africa, Anglophone Africa, Asia-Pacific, Latin America & Caribbean

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**15.45-16.15 Tea and coffee**

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**16.15-17.30**

5. Plenary: Report back from working groups and discussion
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**19.30 Evening meal at Clare College**

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## Day 2: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Realising multiple benefits

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**08:30 – 09.00 Tea and coffee**

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### **SESSION 2 – MULTIPLE BENEFITS: MAPPING, VALUATION AND PLANNING**

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**09.00-10.30**

Using information on biodiversity and ecosystem services to support decision making:

1. Overview of decision support provided by UN-REDD Programme
2. Mapping of multiple benefits

National experiences – Indonesia, Ecuador, Paraguay (TBC).

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**10.30-11.00 Tea and coffee**

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**11.00-13.00**

3. REDD+ economics: Valuing benefits and estimating costs

National experiences – Panama (TBC)

4. Marxan – helping to plan for multiple benefits from REDD+.
  5. Biodiversity and ecosystem services in REDD+ scenarios
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**13.00-14.00 Lunch**

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**14.00-15.45**

6. Plenary: introduction to breakout groups

#### **Break out groups (x 3):**

1. Using maps to support the application of the Cancun safeguards
  2. The role and limitations of economics in planning for multiple benefits
  3. Spatial decision support: what can Marxan do? Uses and limitations for decision-making.
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**15.45-16.15 Tea and coffee**

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**16.15-17.30**

7. Plenary: Report back from working groups and discussion
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## Day 3: Thursday 15th November – The future of multiple benefits work

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**08:30 – 09.00 Tea and coffee**

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### **SESSION 3 – MONITORING AND SAFEGUARD INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

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**09.00-10.45**

1. Monitoring REDD+ impacts on biodiversity and ecosystem services
2. Safeguards Information Systems: understanding the UNFCCC decision
3. National experiences: Argentina, Costa Rica, Philippines, Tanzania, Viet Nam (TBC).

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**10.45-11.15 Tea and coffee**

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**11.15-13.00**

4. Plenary: introduction to breakout groups

#### **Break out groups (x 4):**

Identifying the information needed for SIS reporting, and how it might be obtained

**Proposed groups:** Francophone Africa, Anglophone Africa, Asia-Pacific, Latin America & Caribbean

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**13.00-14.00 Lunch**

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### **SESSION 4 – MEETING EMERGING NATIONAL NEEDS**

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**14.00-15.45**

1. UN-REDD's plans under the Support to National Action/Global Programme
2. National priorities on environmental safeguards and multiple benefits: Cambodia, Uganda, Republic of Congo, Peru, Zambia (TBC)
3. Plenary: introduction to breakout groups

#### **Break out groups (x 4):**

Identifying country priorities on - safeguards; mapping, valuation and planning; monitoring and Safeguards Information Systems

**Proposed groups:** Francophone Africa, Anglophone Africa, Asia-Pacific, Latin America & Caribbean

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**15.45-16.15 Tea and coffee**

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**16.15-17.30**

4. Plenary: Future directions for country support
  - a. Report back from break-out groups
  - b. Workshop findings, recommendations and priority actions

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**17.30 Close**

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