

# PGAs for REDD+: An introduction to the approach

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REDD+ activities are to be undertaken in accordance with  
**UNFCCC safeguards**

The PGA can help contribute to the development of  
*‘national systems for providing relevant information on how  
safeguards are addressed and respected’*  
(paragraphs 69 and 71d of the Cancun Agreement)

**Transparent and effective national forest governance  
structures**



- Country-led – the country decides to pursue a PGA of its own accord, and owns the process
- Can be conducted by a number of different stakeholders
- Can be applied at different levels (national, provincial, local) to assess forest governance
- Includes participation of both state and non-state actors
- Can influence political decision-making and policy-making



# PGA Objectives



- Identify REDD+ governance challenges and risks
- Provide robust evidence base to recommend responses for overcoming these challenges and risks
- Facilitate sustainability of long-term policy reform through ownership
- Provide a framework for a participatory process at the country level for sharing information on how (governance) safeguards are promoted, addressed and respected



## PGA principles:



**Accountability:** Country-led assessments act as a critical accountability mechanism for governance performance to local stakeholders.

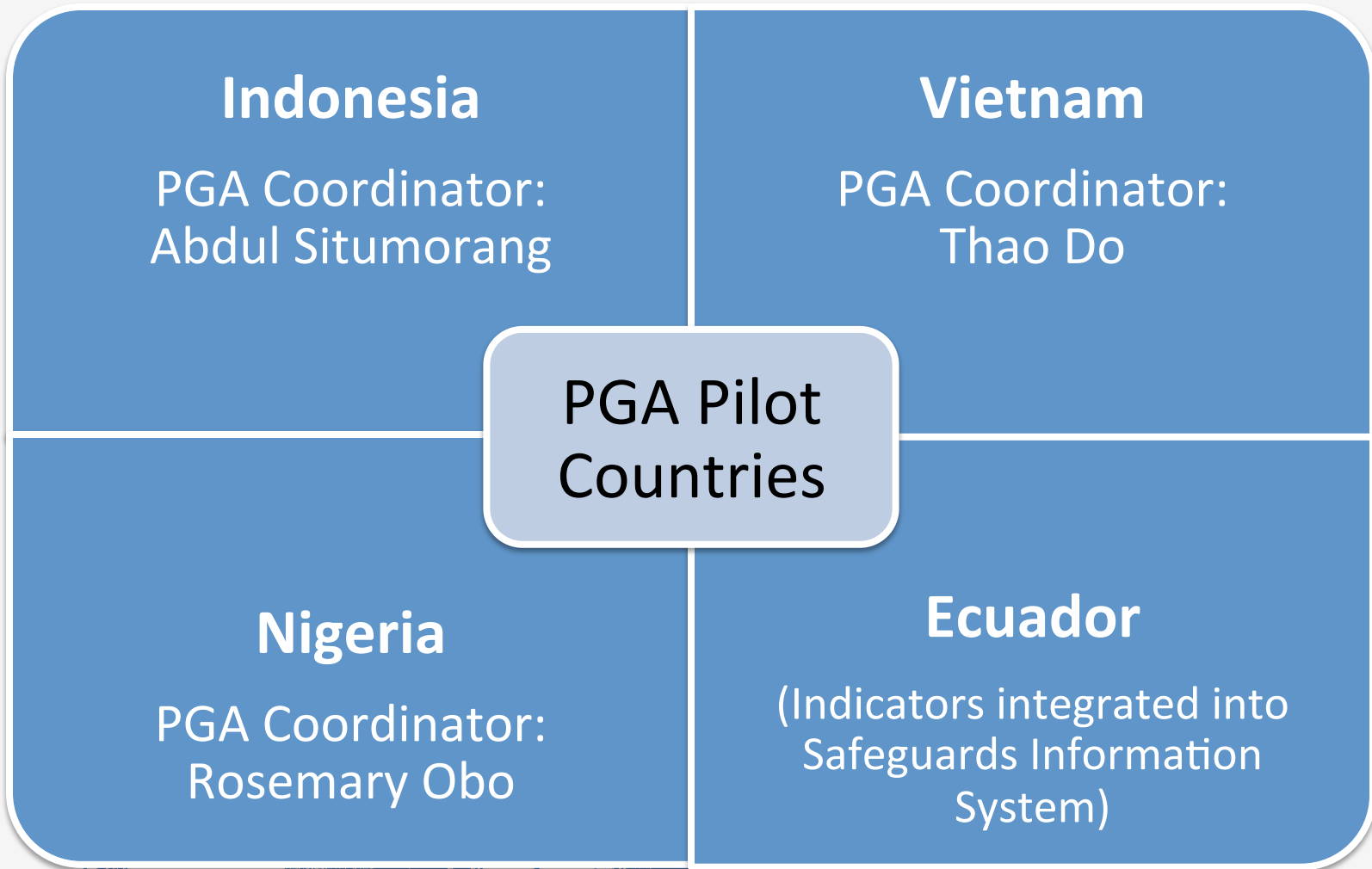
**Participation:** A broad and representative range of national actors have opportunities to provide input into key stages of the assessment process.

**Transparency:** National actors have unrestricted access to information on the assessment process and the results of the assessment are made available to the public as a public good.

**Legitimacy:** National actors agree that the assessment process and its results are legitimate and should be followed.



# PGA pilots at a glance



# Pilots: Geographical Scope

	Indonesia	Nigeria	Ecuador
<b>NATIONAL LEVEL:</b>	Expert Panel. Involves national actors – such as ministries, REDD+ Task Force, Agencies (such as BAPPENAS) and national civil society actors (think tanks and CSOs).	PGA Task Force (national and state). Involves UN-REDD National Programme, relevant ministries and agencies, and possibly also national level civil society actors.	Integrated into UN-REDD Joint National Programme (JNP). Governance indicators developed for the PGA will feed into the Safeguards Information System (SIS).
<b>LOCAL LEVEL:</b>	Originally piloted at 10 provinces and in 2 districts within each province, in addition to the national level. Expanding to 12 provinces in 2014.	Cross River State, at 3 pilot sites with local councils and stakeholder involvement. The PGA Coordinator sits in the Cross River State Forestry Commission.	Integrated into national-level SIS

# Pilots: Forest Governance Considerations

Indonesia	Nigeria	Ecuador
<p>Released first PGA report in May 2013.</p> <p>For the 2014 PGA, Expert Panel refined forest governance issues (or aspects) and both refined and reduced the number of indicators based on discussions and stakeholder consultations.</p> <p>The 4 forest governance issues are now:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certainty over forest areas</li> <li>• Fairness over forest resources</li> <li>• Forest management transparency</li> <li>• Law enforcement capacity</li> </ul>	<p>Forest governance issues and indicators determined in PGA Task Force. Holding local consultations in 3 pilot sites on indicators.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Broad and informed participation of REDD+ stakeholders</li> <li>• Harmonization of legal and policy framework for REDD+</li> <li>• Transparency and Accountability of the REDD+ process and finance</li> <li>• Institutional capacity of government agencies at federal, state and local levels</li> </ul>	<p>Decided to integrate to inform the Safeguards Information System</p>





## UN-REDD Workspace

- All PGA pilot countries have their own folder on this workspace
- General and relevant background documents are posted
- **Encouraged to share as much information as possible** on this workspace for increased transparency and knowledge sharing within the larger PGA community of practice

## PGA Community of Practice Newsletter (quarterly)

## Practical Guide to the PGA (forthcoming)

## South-South exchange

- Meeting in Bogor, Indonesia, 2012
- Exchanges of information among PGA Coordinators and Expert Panels



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