




UN-REDD
PROGRAMME

Introduction to Participatory Governance Assessments for REDD+ (PGAs)

Exploratory PGA workshop,
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Main objectives of this exploratory mission

- **Present** the concept of PGA in detail to the GoE and a selected set of actors, to **ensure a common understanding** of the approach itself, its objectives and main components
- **Initiate discussion on how to identify relevant stakeholders and participants** that should be involved during the preparation of the Concept Note, taking into account the existing platforms of dialogue at the national and sub-national levels
- **Agree on the immediate next steps** in the preparation of the Concept Note for the PGA for REDD+
- **Explore possible linkages** with similar governance



WHY are we piloting the PGAs for REDD+ ?

- Through an inclusive and participatory process the PGA will contribute to the recommendations in the Cancun Negotiation text:

“development of national systems providing relevant information on how safeguards are promoted, addressed and respected”

(paragraphs 69 and 71 d)

- Training/ capacity building:
 - For governments to provide relevant, reliable and timely information
 - For civil society (at large) to act upon the information



Building on an existing approach

PGA approach builds on:

NDP Oslo Governance Centre's knowledge and experience
conducting democratic governance assessments

FAO's experience in data collection and monitoring in the forest
sector



A flexible approach

The PGA is not a prescriptive framework, but rather a **flexible approach** adaptable to the country context

This means that there is no ready template to be applied, but that the **design** of the PGA process is done in a participatory manner.



Comparison of approaches

External assessments / Independent forest assessments	Country-led / country-owned assessments
Democratic' accountability to donors ('top-down' approach)	Meaningful accountability to <u>domestic stakeholders</u> ('bottom-up' approach)
To maintain the credibility of an international REDD+ mechanism	To maintain the credibility of a <u>national</u> REDD+ mechanism
Led by international consultants or third party assessment	Led by <u>national stakeholders</u> and researchers: initiated, implemented and sustained
Alignment to international measuring general indicator set applied to all countries)	Alignment to national measuring needs (indicators <u>specific to country</u> context)
Weak ownership → lack of follow-up on	Strong ownership → more likely to <u>follow-up</u>



What is the added value of a participatory approach?

The PGA approach has to be initiated, implemented and sustained by national and local actors – and because of this bottom-up and inclusive manner of the process, the PGA may add value in:

Relevant information

Ownership to the process and follow-up of results and findings

Capacity of national and local actors for sustained efforts



Main components of a PGA

Identifying and convening relevant stakeholders

Defining the scope by prioritizing areas of concentration

Analysis of governance structures and systems

Training and capacity development



PGA pilots

Currently we have four PGA pilots

Two are already initiated: **Indonesia** and **Nigeria**

Two currently in a preparatory phase: **Vietnam** and **Ecuador**

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for your attention!

