


Introduction to the Participatory Governance Assessments for REDD+

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What is the PGA approach and its added value

What: Bringing stakeholders together (including government and civil society actors) to design and conduct a governance assessment and to act upon the governance information and results gathered

Added value of joint work and decisions:

- **Relevant and legitimate information**
 - providing information that is in demand and trusted by the stakeholders
- **Ownership**
 - to follow up recommendations and to act upon the information
- **Sustainability:**
 - continued information sharing and follow up



Participatory Governance Assessment for REDD+

- Building on **existing work, experience and the comparative advantages** within the UN Agencies
 - UNDP Oslo Governance Centre's approach to democratic governance assessments
 - FAO's expertise within forest governance data collection

- Currently the four PGA pilots are being conducted in **Indonesia, Vietnam, Ecuador and Nigeria**



Governance in REDD+

Governance is the system of values, policies and institutions by which a society manages its affairs.

In the REDD+ context this involves among others:

- **Stakeholder participation** and consultation in REDD+ planning and implementation
- **Transparency and access to relevant information** on REDD+ systems (revenue management, benefit distribution systems, MRV and conflict resolution systems)
- **Government coordination** in REDD+ planning and implementation (coordination between different levels of government, clarity on roles and responsibilities, cross-sectoral coordination)
- **Legislative reform and enforcement** (e.g. land tenure and anti-corruption measures)



Relevance of the PGA for REDD+

- May feed into **national information systems on REDD+ safeguards**
- Once robust **governance data** is available this data can be **used**
 - by government in **policy making and governance reform**
 - by civil society as **evidence supporting their advocacy work**
- Provide basis for measuring progress and performance regularly over time

Main steps of the PGA

Preparations

- **Stakeholders analysis and identification**
- Start thinking about end-users, communication of results and which institution will be updating information regularly

Design

- Awareness raising on the PGA
- **Geographical scope** (national and/ or local level), **Prioritize governance areas/ issues** to be covered by a PGA for REDD+, agree on a **general roadmap/ milestones** for the PGA process and how the PGA can be structured and organized (**management structure**)

Data collection and analysis

- **Indicator development and choice of data collection methods** with inputs from stakeholders
- **Data validation and analysis**

Communication of results & use of governance data

- **Dissemination of results** , policy recommendations
- Conduct **policy reform or advocate for reform**
- **Institutionalize the assessment and repeat at regular intervals**

**Thank you for
listening!**