

# Bhutan's REDD+ Readiness Programme (July 2014-June 2018)



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# Vision for REDD+ Program in Bhutan



- **Contribute to upholding the constitutional mandate of maintaining 60% forest coverage for all times to come and remain carbon neutral**
- Strengthen the existing policy and management systems
- Bridge information gaps
- Enhance capacity of institutions and stakeholders

# Components of REDD+ Readiness Program



## **1. REDD+ Leadership Development (USD 1.615 m)**

- Policy and strategy development
- REDD+ Safeguard system
- Pilot site

## **2. REDD+ Information Infrastructure (USD 2.835 million)**

- National Forest Inventory (NFI) field work completed
- Report generation from NFI works
- National Forest Monitoring System
- FREL/REL

## **3. REDD+ Management (USD 0.253 million)**

- M&E, reporting

# Status of REDD+ Readiness Program



## Completed

- Action Plan for National Forest Monitoring System
- Corruption Risk assessment (CRA)
- Stakeholder Engagement Guideline

## On-going

- Review of PLRs relevant to REDD+ safeguards
- Draft road map document on Bhutan's approach to REDD+ Safeguards
- Capacity building, awareness

# REDD+ Safeguards Workshop (Oct 5-9, 2015)

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Output</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Understand the UNFCCC decisions on REDD+ safeguards and the seven Cancun safeguards in Bhutan's context	Enhanced understanding of UNFCCC decisions on REDD+ Safeguards and the seven safeguards	Interpretation of UNFCCC safeguards in Bhutanese context and identify activities that need to be carried out to develop Bhutan's REDD+ Safeguards System
Use BeRT tool to identify risks and benefits of potential REDD+ activities	Risks and Benefits identified	Propose measures for mitigating the risks and enhancing the benefits
Analyze PLRs compiled and determine how the existing PLRs address the risks and benefits	Gaps in PLR identified	Measures proposed for filling the gaps
Agree on a draft template for Roadmap on REDD+ Safeguards for Bhutan	Draft Roadmap document	Roadmap document on Bhutan's approach to REDD+ safeguards