

REDD+, Stakeholder Engagement and REDD+ Consultation Group

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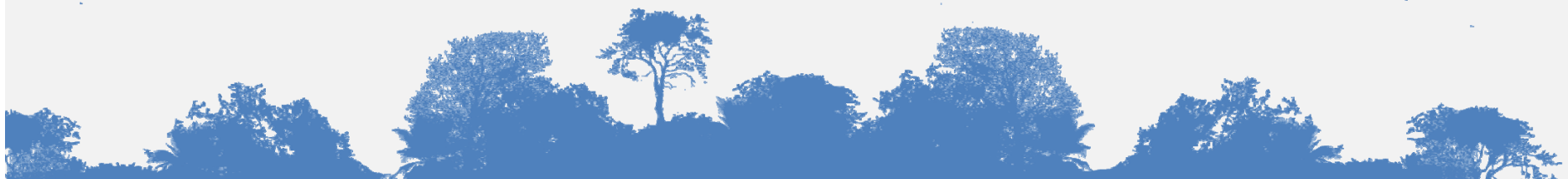
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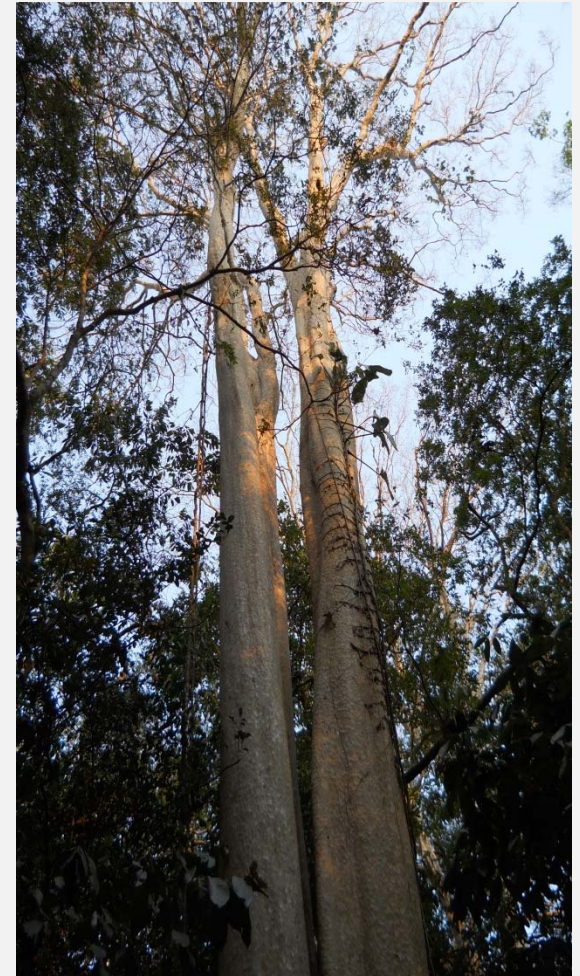
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REDD+ has potential to do a lot of good

- Improve forest management
- Food security
- Be part of decision-making





But, fear that REDD+ could have some negative social and environmental consequences

- Cannot go into forest to collect to forest products
- Turn natural forests into plantation



Social Safeguards under UNFCCC Cancun Agreements

- c) Respect for the knowledge and rights of indigenous peoples and members of local communities;
- d) The full & effective participation of relevant stakeholders, in particular indigenous peoples and local communities;



Why?



How do we ensure full and effective participation in Cambodia?



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Defining stakeholders



Groups that have a stake/interest/right in the forest and those that will be affected either negatively or positively by REDD+ activities, eg.

- Government agencies
- Private entities
 - Indigenous peoples and other forest-dependent communities
- Civil society
- Formal and informal forest users

Development of REDD+ readiness must be:

- be inclusive and balanced, both between Government agencies and non-Government stakeholders
- be based on the existing mandates of Government institutions, rather than creating new institutions
- make use of existing coordination mechanisms, rather than building new fora for discussions;
- must build awareness;
- be consistent with the international negotiations process under the UNFCCC;
- recognise the importance of demonstration and adopting a learning-by-doing approach.

Principles of Stakeholder engagement

- Early dialogue with stakeholders in the process
- Information sharing
- Reasonable amount of time and process to allocate for awareness raising of basic concepts and process
- Voices of vulnerable groups are heard

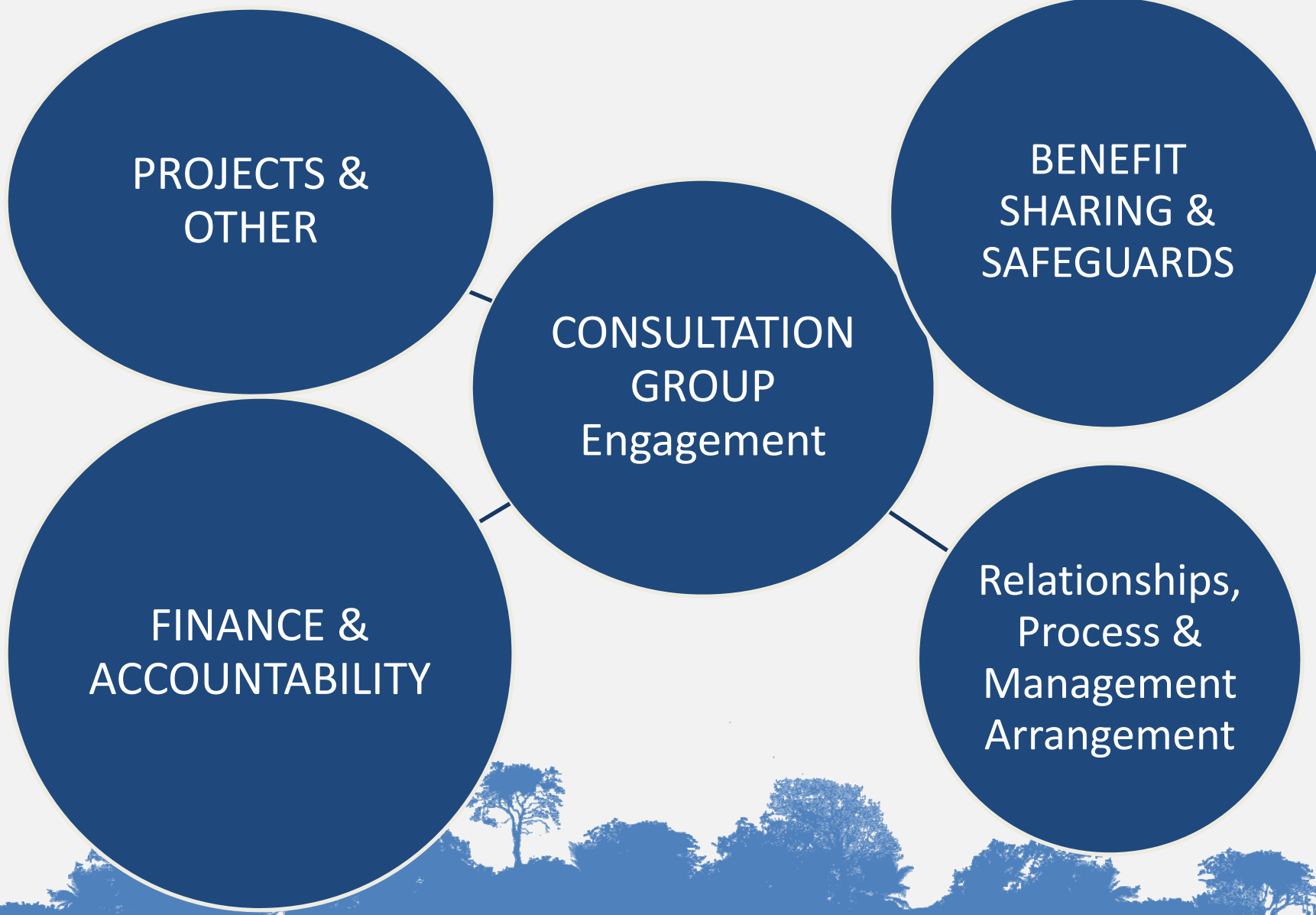


Mechanisms in Cambodia REDD

Readiness

REDD+ Consultation Group

- A REDD+ Consultation Group of up to 10 people will be created to represent civil society, indigenous peoples, NGOs, private sector and academic institutions
- At least four Consultation Group members should represent indigenous peoples groups and civil society.
- Other Consultation Group members could include representative(s) from NGO/REDD project developers, private sector, and academic institutions. Some Consultation Group members should be representative of a particular constituency, and may have an interim mandate whilst that constituency is deciding how to elect representatives.



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Thank You

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