UN-REDD Programme's Approach to Safeguards

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UN-REDD Programme

- Supports countries to benefit from REDD+
  - National REDD+ Strategies and Readiness
- Established in 2008 by FAO, UNDP & UNEP
  - Response to UNFCCC Bali Action Plan
- Endorsed five-year Strategy
- Offers UN Joint Program: Delivering as One UN
- Agreed delivery platform with FCPF and FIP
- Builds on wider UN agency roles

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UN-REDD Work Areas

National REDD+ Strategies

- MRV and Monitoring
- REDD+ Governance
- Transparent Equitable Accountable Management of REDD+ Payments
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Multiple Benefits of forests and REDD+
- REDD+ as Catalyst of Green Economy

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UN-REDD and Safeguards

1. Social & Environmental Principles and Criteria (and tool)

2. Participatory Governance Assessments

3. Guidelines and Guidance

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1. UN-REDD Social & Environmental Principles and Criteria

Goals:

- To provide the UN-REDD Programme with a framework to ensure that its activities promote social and environmental benefits and reduce risks from REDD+.

- To support countries in operationalizing Cancun Agreements on safeguards for REDD+.

Status:

- First Draft presented to Policy Board March 2011. Consultations and revision ongoing.

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Principles

1. **Democratic governance**

2. **Stakeholder livelihoods**

3. **Policy coherence**

4. **Protect and conserve natural forest**

5. **Maintain and enhance multiple functions of forest**

6. **Minimize indirect adverse impacts on ecosystem services and biodiversity**

Risk Identification and Mitigation Tool

Goals

- Support the implementation of Social and Environmental Principles and Criteria

- Aid in formulation of National Programmes and national REDD+ strategies

- Can be used for assessment of Programme delivery

Status

- Tool under development

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2. Participatory Governance Assessments (PGA)

Goals :

- Identify governance challenges and risks and recommend responses

- Provide a framework for a participatory process at the country level to conduct governance assessments for information sharing on how safeguards are promoted, addressed and respected in a systematic manner

Status:

- Process initiated in Nigeria and Indonesia

- Ecuador and Viet Nam will start this process in 2011

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Principles of PGAs for REDD+

- PGAs for REDD+ emphasize **the inclusion of various stakeholders from the very beginning** to ensure that there is a **broad-based agreement on the governance targets and indicators framework**

- PGAs
  - increase the **legitimacy** of the process and of the information generated
  - act as **an accountability** mechanism
  - stress **transparency** through unbiased access to information about the assessment process and results

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3. Guidelines and Guidance

- Guidelines on stakeholder engagement
  - Harmonized with FCPF
  - Now open for public consultation on UN-REDD web site
- Guidelines on free, prior and informed consent
  - Regional consultations with civil society conducted in 2010-2011
  - Draft to be finalized by July and circulated for comment
- Draft guidance on provision of information on REDD+ governance

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Guidance for the Provision of Information on REDD+ Governance

Goal:

- Provide guidance for establishing a national information system on REDD+ governance

- Structured around three main questions:
  - <u>what</u> information to provide?
  - <u>how</u> to generate and provide this information?
  - <u>who</u> should be involved in providing it?

Status:

- Result of a year long consultative process hosted by Chatham House and the UN-REDD Programme

- Draft presented at the Expert Meeting for the Governance of Forests and REDD+

- Under development

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How does UN-REDD support translate in partner countries?

- **All countries:** Multi-stakeholder consultations to promote the right to participation

- **Viet Nam:**
  - Benefit Distribution System
  - Piloted FPIC process
  - Piloting PGA
  - Regional workshop on displacement of emissions

- **Indonesia:**
  - Piloting FPIC
  - Piloting PGA

- **Ecuador :**
  - Piloting PGA
  - Piloting principles and criteria

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Concluding remarks

- UN-REDD provides coherent tools that can help countries

    - operationalize safeguards

    - provide information on safeguards

- Tools will be incorporated in UN-REDD National Programme Guidelines

- Lessons learned to be disseminated to UNFCCC community and REDD+ stakeholders

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