**Minutes – Safeguards Group call – 10th May 2013**

**1. Recommendations and work plan**

FAO: OK for us

Lera: OK too

Claudia will finalize

**2. Monitoring framework & outcome indicators (as per MG decision)**

* Julie: Draft monitoring framework presented to the MG, came back with comments, including need for single indicator and realistic baseline (more precise in terms of country situation)

Outcome 5 is looking good but suggest a look at last version to make sure all agencies are okay.

* Maria: No country has a SIS so this is a realistic baseline, but it is harder to establish extent to which countries address/respect safeguards.

🡪One single indicator seems very difficult

* Lera: At the moment we have one indicator per output, would the single indicator replace them?
* Julie: Output indicators would remain, but we would also have one at outcome level
* Kim: Do not want specific outcome indicator; need to be general, to capture all outputs
* Julie: Currently we have 2 indicators - language is not up to date and we need just one indicator
* Maria: Outcome level is about overall approach

🡪Issue is how to put it in quantitative terms

* Lera: Could it be “having safeguards and multiple benefits in REDD+ strategy”?
* Maria: The issue with REDD+ strategy is when it is being implemented and also that it is often vague
* Julie: Clean version coming out but tight deadline to make it for Policy Board

🡪Will share with group

**3. Coordination of technical support**

Costa Rica:

* Julie: Would be good to have the workshop on the first week of June also because project coordinator has been recruited
* Maria: Overlap with SBSTA

🡪Key people won’t be in country… and not appropriate to have the meeting in English

* Kim: Pierre-Yves is planning to attend so Spanish would be okay
* Maria: If beginning of June is okay for the government, then FAO could send a Spanish speaker

🡪Consult with the government (sometimes Alejandra, for instance, goes to negotiations…)

🡪Julie will talk to Gabriel too

Argentina:

* TS request for safeguard workshop series

May 20th: UNEP meeting with the government, May 30th: First workshop agenda will be shared with group

* Maria: If we do activities on safeguards before the Conceptual Framework is presented to Policy Board, how do we go about it? (as in the case of Argentina)
* Julie: Straightforward awareness-raising on safeguards

🡪Informed by policy brief on safeguards

🡪Already followed by Asia regional meeting on safeguards

* Maria: OK going to be presented at next PB, but question remains. OK to use policy brief but we put some time into the Conceptual Framework so how can we use it in the meantime? We haven’t shared the document much; how can we use it in the absence of an information session at the Policy Board in June? Ex. Colombia National Programme
* Kim: We need to get the Conceptual Framework finalized and distribute it

🡪All agree!

🡪Regional workshop

 1st draft of Asia-Pacific will be shared with group soon

🡪Webinars – will discuss later

🡪Feedback from the group on the Decision Tree

* Julie: DRC experience 🡪 In-country process supersedes everything, regardless of UN/REDD/FCPF/REDD+ SES
* Lera: Very nice/simple way of showing steps. Drafting questions will be the challenging part.
* Kim: The country approach is the frame of reference. Also, need to think more about where each tool is most useful.
* Maria: Really like first table & generic steps/also pointing out to existing gaps

**4.** **BERT**

🡪Need to send comments

**5.** **Conceptual framework work plan**

* All okay with new text