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Background, Concepts and Definitions

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## What do we mean by Governance?

- Aid-effectiveness and investment – Broad set of State functions and national legitimacy
- Analysis of relationships and the formation of 'public authority'  
OR Assessment of rules and their application
- Both conceptual approaches useful for REDD+

### Relationships / public authority

- \* Assess political economy around land use options – incentives for key actors
- \* Identify complementary national priorities
- \* Ensure accountability to national stakeholders

### Rules / implementation

- \* Identify practical priority actions for achieving REDD+
- \* Give consistency and simplicity in national reporting
- \* Underpin credibility of carbon MRV
- \* Ensure accountability to international stakeholders

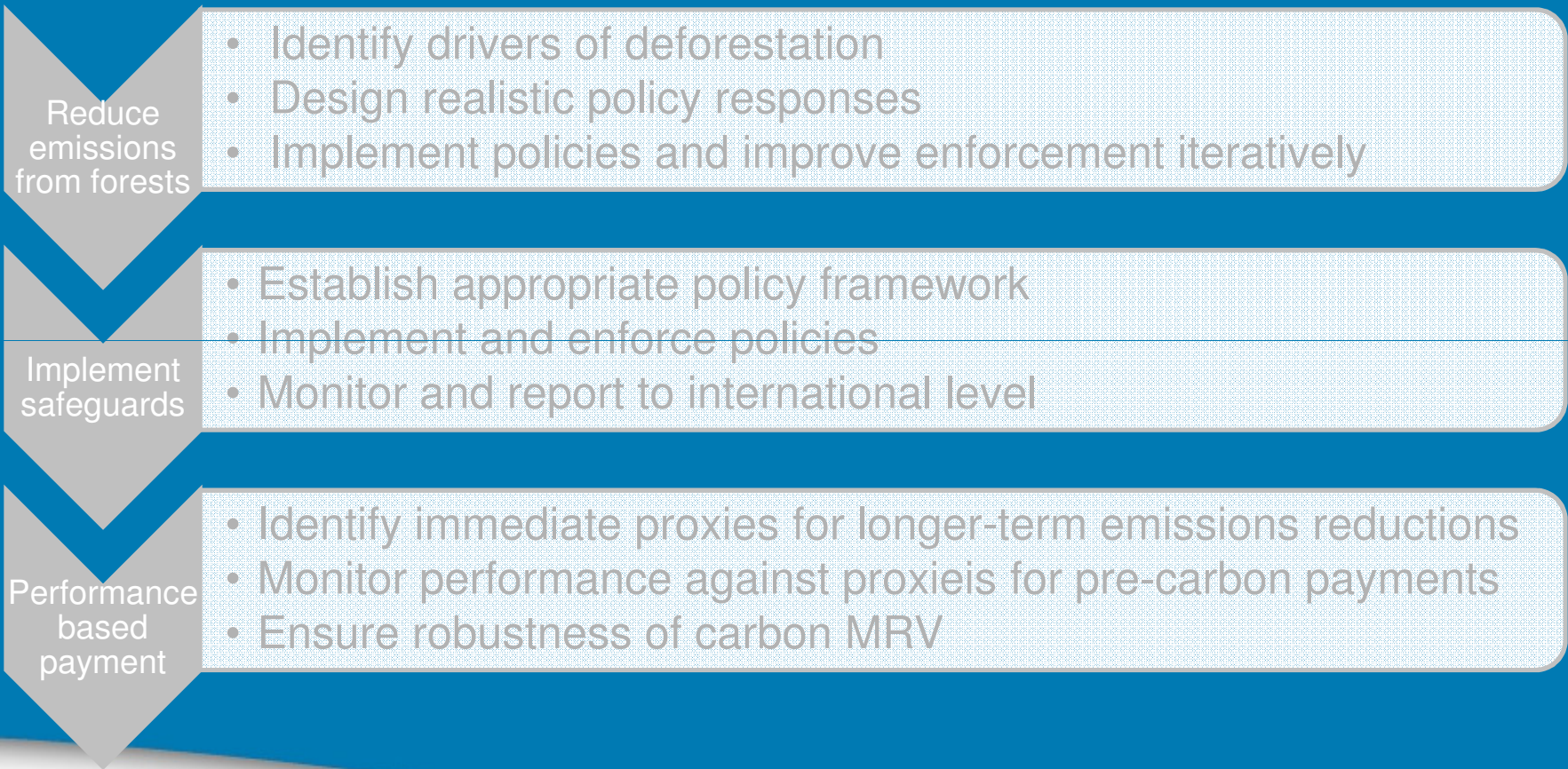


## Sector-relevant 'governance'

- Governance of timber sector
  - Institutional arrangements for managing logging, processing and impacts
- Forest Governance
  - Institutional arrangements for managing policy, implementation, enforcement and impacts of all forestry activities – including reform of land tenure, conservation and biodiversity issues etc
- Governance for REDD+
  - Institutional pre-conditions for identifying and tackling drivers of deforestation – inside and outside forest sector, eg agricultural conversion, infrastructure etc
  - Institutional pre-conditions for delivering on safeguards commitments
  - Governance of REDD+ authorities – transparency and accountability in carbon and financial accounting & safeguard monitoring



# Without information about REDD+ governance there will be no REDD+ mechanism



# MRV, Monitoring, Reporting, Verification

- **MRV** – measurement, reporting and verification (UNFCCC – BAP)
- **Measurement** – describing a phenomenon in terms of an established standard or unit of measurement
- **Monitoring** – maintaining surveillance through data collection via reporting (includes measurement)
- **Reporting** - provision of reports
- **Verification** - process to test the accuracy of data



# National vs International Purposes

- **International** (under a treaty)
  - Performance monitoring - collection and assessment of information on implementation, including through reporting
- **National** – provision of information to improve domestic policies, laws and their enforcement



# Reporting

- *If garbage is what state parties feed into the reporting system, then garbage is what will come out* Thilo Marauhn 1996



# Verification

- Can be conducted at national and international level
- Undertaken by a third party
- Independence critical for credibility of system as a whole
- Key role in building confidence among parties (e.g. arms control treaties)





# Governance, Monitoring and REDD+

- System evolving through:
  - **UNFCCC** – draft REDD+ agreement
  - **FCPF** – R-PP template
  - **UN-REDD** – global and national programmes
  - **FIP** – Design Document & Investment Criteria and Financing Modalities



# UNFCCC

- MRV of NAMAs under negotiation – V of NAMAs is big challenge of negotiations
  - NAMAs may include SDPAMs
- *A robust and transparent system for monitoring and reporting on the safeguards*
- MRV of support provided by developed countries



## UN-REDD

- **Global programme** work area – development of national and/or sub-national systems for M and R of safeguards
- **National programmes** – incorporating provisions for comprehensive monitoring systems



# FCPF

- **R-PP template** – 3 components address monitoring
- Countries asked to address:
  - **Component 2:** M & R of performance of the implementation framework
  - **Component 4b:** Address key governance factors pertinent to REDD implementation
  - IM and review involving CS, other stakeholders and feedback
  - **Component 6:** Monitoring and evaluation framework



# FIP

- Criteria and indicators for reviewing investment strategies:
  - Governance assessment & participatory / independent approaches to M and E
- Coordination of country-level monitoring through multi-stakeholder national steering committee
- Adaptation of existing IFM systems to incorporate REDD+
- Data on finance - to be monitored and reported transparently with “clear lines of accountability”



# Emerging picture of monitoring, reporting, verification and MRV for REDD+

