

Standards to mitigate risk and deliver multiple benefits from REDD

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- Criteria for climate, social and environmental impacts
- Optional criteria for exceptional benefits
- Highly transparent - Web and local
- 3rd party validation
- Auditors address public comments
- Verification at least every 5 years

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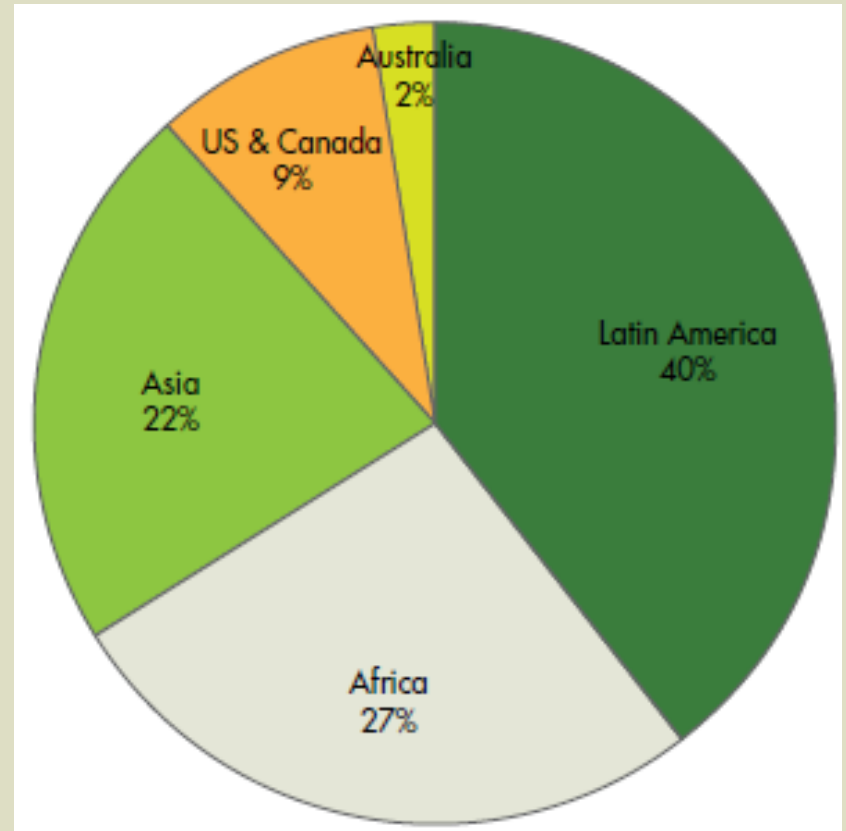
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Livelihood Criteria

- ✓ Must create net benefits
- ✓ Identify and maintain:
 - Critical ecosystem services
 - Basic needs
 - Cultural values
- ✓ Identify all rights holders and stakeholders
- ✓ Effective consultation
- ✓ Free, prior and informed consent
- ✓ Respect customary rights

The CCB Standards – widely used in voluntary market

>89 Projects in development
39 Entered Validation
15 Validated
0 Verified



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- Assess social and environmental impacts of government-led REDD+ policies and measures
- Define & build support for a higher level of social and environmental performance from REDD+ programs
- Demonstrate and communicate transparent, inclusive and equitable process
- Generate clear social and environmental benefits
- Useful for funds or markets
- Build support including preferential access to investment
- Encourage improved performance in others
- Enhance global support for REDD+ action

Standards development governance

- A participatory and inclusive process
- A 'Standards Committee' overseeing development & approves each draft
- Standards Committee membership ensures stakeholder balance with a majority from the south:
 - REDD governments, IP organisations, community associations, social NGOs, environmental NGOs, private sector, developed country governments
- CCBA and CARE are facilitators (secretariat)

Lessons from Standards Use

Multiple benefits are attractive to all:
forest users
developers
implementers
investors
buyers

Effective safeguards sought:
Moral reasons
Avoid reputational risk
Delivery and permanence of
emissions reductions



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- Principle 1: Respect rights to land and resources.**
- Principle 2: Benefits shared equitably**
- Principle 3: Contribute to long-term livelihood security and well-being**
- Principle 4: Contributes to broader sustainable development and governance**
- Principle 5: Maintains and enhances biodiversity and ecosystem services**
- Principle 6: Full and effective participation**
- Principle 7: Timely access to information**
- Principle 8: Complies with local and national laws and international treaties and agreements**

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