National REDD+ Taskforce in Mongolia

**Social and Environmental Principles and Criteria**

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| *Principle 1 – Comply with standards of democratic governance* |
| Criterion 1 | Ensure the integrity and transparency of fiduciary and fund management systems |  | Link with Anti-corruption AgencyConsider EITIOversight by multi-stakeholder TaskforceTraining in financial management  |
| Criterion 2 | Develop and implement activities in a transparent, accountable, legitimate and responsive manner |  |  |
| Criterion 3 | Ensure the full and effective participation of relevant stakeholders in policy design and implementation, with special attention to the most vulnerable and marginalized groups |  |  |
| *Principle 2 – Respect and protect stakeholder rights* |
| Criterion 4 | Promote and enhance gender equality and women’s empowerment |  | Human Rights council |
| Criterion 5 | Seek free, prior and informed consent of indigenous peoples and other forest dependent communities |  |  |
| Criterion 6 | Avoid involuntary resettlement as a result of REDD+  |  |  |
| Criterion 7 | Respect and protect cultural heritage and traditional knowledge |  |  |
| *Principle 3 – Promote and enhance sustainable livelihoods* |
| Criterion 8 | Ensure equitable and transparent benefit distribution among relevant stakeholders |  |  |
| Criterion 9 | Respect and enhance economic, social and political well-being |  |  |

## Environmental safeguards

*Objective: to identify potential environmental impacts of REDD+ and to reduce these risks*

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|  | Principle 4 – Contribute to low-carbon, climate-resilient and environmentally sound development policy, consistent with commitments under international conventions and agreements  |
| Criterion 10 | Ensure consistency with and contribution to national climate policy objectives, including mitigation and adaptation strategies and international commitments |  |  |
| Criterion 11 | Address risk of reversals including potential future risks to forest carbon stocks and other benefits |  | FAO/GIZ? |
| Criterion 12 | Ensure consistency with and contribution to national poverty reduction strategies and other sustainable development goals |  |  |
| Criterion 13 | Ensure consistency with and contribution to biodiversity conservation, other environmental and natural resource management policy objectives, national forest programme and international commitments |  |  |
| Principle 5 – Protect natural forest from degradation or conversion to other land uses, including plantation forest |
| Criterion 14 | Ensure that REDD+ activities do not cause the conversion of natural forest to other land uses, including plantation forest |  |  |
| Criterion 15 | Minimize degradation of natural forest by REDD+ activities and make reducing degradation due to other causes a priority |  |  |
| Principles 6 and 7 – Maintain and enhance multiple functions of forest to deliver benefits including biodiversity conservation and ecosystem services |
| Criterion 16 – 17  | How to ensure that land use planning for REDD+ takes account of ecosystem services and biodiversity conservation?Consider how to integrate: |  | Eg identify national data on biodiversity and ecosystem functions and identify a process for how it can be linked to planning for REDD+  |
|  | * Watershed protection
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|  | * Combating desertification
 | Desertification policy |  |
|  | * Biodiversity protection
 | CBD |  |