

National REDD+ Taskforce in Mongolia

Social and Environmental Principles and Criteria

Principles and criteria		Description of current circumstances (baseline)	Proposed action under REDD+ Strategy
<i>Principle 1 – Comply with standards of democratic governance</i>			
Criterion 1	Ensure the integrity and transparency of fiduciary and fund management systems		Link with Anti-corruption Agency Consider EITI Oversight by multi-stakeholder Taskforce Training 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		
<i>Principle 2 – Respect and protect stakeholder rights</i>			
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		

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	result of REDD+		
Criterion 7	Respect and protect cultural heritage and traditional knowledge		
<i>Principle 3 – Promote and enhance sustainable livelihoods</i>			
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		FAO/GIZ?

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	stocks and other benefits		
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		Eg identify national data on biodiversity and ecosystem functions and identify a process for how it can be linked to planning for

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	conservation? Consider how to integrate:		REDD+
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watershed protection 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combating desertification 	Desertification policy	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity protection 	CBD	