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# Outcomes

## Existing Capacity on SIS Development

- REDD+ Countries have developed much more safeguards capacity in a short while than is known
- This was reflected in many countries, but particularly in Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Madagascar, Zambia's progress on SIS development, therefore there exists the opportunity for Africans to learn amongst themselves

## Impact of SESA and ESMF on SIS Development

- The FCPF SESA and ESMF development process have been a major capacity building process for countries to begin their SIS development. Principles, Criteria and Indicators in ESMF serve as a good level to build upon

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## Holistic Country Approach to Safeguards Development

The multiplicity of different donor safeguards requirements make it difficult to harmonize safeguards. Therefore, countries are developing holistic Country-Owned Approaches to Safeguards that answer multiple needs and are simplified yet extensive

## Comprehensive Safeguards Financing is Key

It was realized that safeguards are not prioritized at the start of REDD+ Readiness compared to FRL and MRV and, therefore, receive inadequate funding. However, the receipt of any RBPs are very much hinged on Safeguards therefore Safeguards development and implementation should be fully costed and provided for

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## Right Participation

Identifying the right participants to attend REDD+ safeguards capacity building programs is key to improving knowledge and bridging the knowledge gap. Countries should have dedicated Safeguards Officers who are well trained to understand and articulate Safeguards to Policy Makers for implementation.

## Operational Guidelines on Safeguards

- Further Operational Guidelines on SIS development should be provided even-though countries agree there is no one size fits all. Such guidelines would streamline the SIS development process and provide for necessary adjustments for national circumstances;
- Such guidelines would also help countries to understand what information should be contained in the SOI as they prepare to submit.