

Safeguard Information Systems

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What are Safeguard Information Systems?

- **Safeguard Information Systems (SIS)** are systems to collect and provide **data** and **information** that demonstrates how safeguards are being **addressed and respected** in the implementation of **REDD+ activities**.



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The Cancun Safeguards (Dec. 1/CP. 16 – 2010)

(Abbreviated version)

When undertaking [REDD+] activities (...), the following safeguards should be promoted and supported

- a) Actions complement or are consistent with the objectives of national forest programmes and relevant international conventions and agreements
- b) Transparent and effective national forest governance structures
- c) Respect for the knowledge and rights of indigenous peoples and members of local communities




The Cancun Safeguards (Dec. 1/CP. 16 – 2010)

(Abbreviated version)

When undertaking [REDD+] activities (...), the following safeguards should be promoted and supported

- d) The full and effective participation of relevant stakeholders
- e) Actions are consistent with the conservation of natural forests and biological diversity
- f) Actions to address the risks of reversals
- g) Actions to reduce displacement of emissions




UNFCCC guidance on SIS Decision 12/CP.17

“[...] Parties undertaking [REDD+] activities (...) should provide a **summary of information** on how (...) the **safeguards** (...) are **being addressed and respected** throughout the **implementation of the activities**”

“Agrees that **systems for providing information** on how the **safeguards** (...) are addressed and respected should, taking into account (...):”

- a) Be **consistent** with the guidance identified in decision 1/CP.16, appendix I, paragraph 1
- b) Provide **transparent and consistent** information that is **accessible** by all relevant stakeholders and updated on a regular basis
- c) Be **transparent and flexible** to allow for improvements over time



UNFCCC guidance on SIS Decision 12/CP.17

“Agrees that **systems for providing information** on how the **safeguards** (...) are addressed and respected should, taking into account (...):”

- d) **Provide information** on how all of the safeguards referred to in appendix I to decision 1/CP.16 are being addressed and respected
- e) Be **country-driven** and implemented at the national level
- f) **Build upon existing systems**, as appropriate



Components of developing an SIS

1. Identification of social and environmental indicators

- **Indicators** should be identified which provide a **good measure** of whether safeguards are being implemented, be **objectively verifiable** and where possible be drawn from **existing data collection initiatives in country**. They should be developed through a **multi-stakeholder process**.



Components of developing an SIS

2. Development of an information system methodology

- **Modalities** for **collecting** information on the **indicators** should be defined, as well as a process for **information sharing**. Monitoring methodologies should be **repeatable** and take into account **national capacity**.



Components of developing an SIS

3. Developing a summary information note

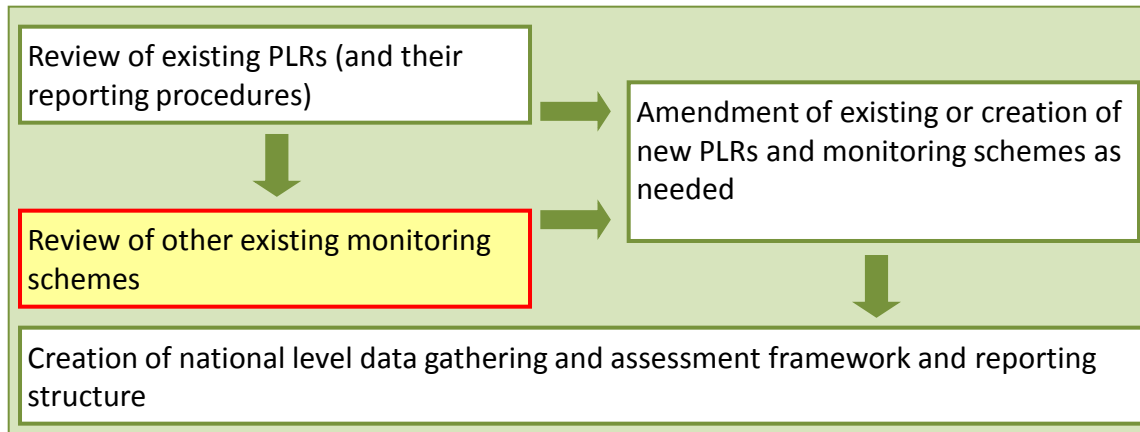
- The **summary information note** should be written for inclusion in **UNFCCC national communications** (FCCC/CP/2011/9/Add.2). The **timing, content** and **recurrence** of this information note should be determined by the **UNFCCC** process.




SIS and the SEPC

- Reviewing and identifying existing monitoring schemes in country can identify those that can be used as components of reporting procedures to ensure national capacity is used efficiently.
- The SEPC can be used as a framework for identifying existing monitoring efforts in country which could be used for the development of an SIS

SIS and the SEPC





Summary / Question & Answer

- Safeguard Information Systems (SIS) collect and provide data and information to demonstrate how safeguards are being addressed and respected.
- In line with UNFCCC guidance on SIS, it is important to take into account a number of considerations in the development of an SIS, including its transparency, coherence, accessibility, flexibility, cost, repeatability, and the extent to which it can build on existing in-country systems.
- Key components of an SIS include Identification of social and environmental indicators , development of an information system methodology, developing a summary information note
- SEPC can be used as a guiding framework for identifying relevant policies laws and regulations in country

Thank you for listening!

