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- Scope of REDD-plus
- REDD-plus safeguards
- Guidance on systems for providing information on how safeguards are addressed and respected
- Reporting on safeguards
- Outlook for SBSTA 41, Lima (Dec 2014)



- A decision providing a framework for the implementation of REDD-plus was adopted together with a package of decisions as part of the Cancun Agreements (Decision 1/CP.16)
- At COP 19 last year, 7 decisions were adopted as the *Warsaw Framework for REDD-plus* covering methodological and financing guidance for the implementation of REDD-plus
- **Scope of REDD-plus** - Developing countries are encouraged to contribute to mitigation actions in the forest sector through:
 - Reducing emissions from deforestation;
 - Reducing emissions from forest degradation;
 - Conservation of forest carbon stocks;
 - Sustainable management of forests;
 - Enhancement of forest carbon stocks.



- In implementing these REDD-plus activities, developing countries need to develop:
 - a) A national strategy or action plan;
 - b) A national forest reference emission level and/or forest reference level or, if appropriate, as an interim measure, subnational forest reference emission levels and/or forest reference levels;
 - c) A robust and transparent national forest monitoring system with, if appropriate, subnational monitoring and reporting as an interim measure;
 - d) A system for providing information on how the safeguards are being addressed and respected.



- Activities should be implemented in phases:
 - a) (*Starting with*) Development of national strategies or action plans, policies and measures and capacity-building;
 - b) Implementation of national policies and measures and national strategies or action plans that could involve further capacity-building, technology development and transfer and results-based demonstration activities;
 - c) Results-based actions that should be fully measured, reported and verified.
- Choice of starting phase depends on specific national circumstances of each developing country Party



- Developing countries implementing REDD-plus should **promote** and **support** the following **safeguards**:
 - a) That 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, taking into account national legislation and sovereignty;
 - c) Respect for the **knowledge and rights of indigenous peoples and members of local communities**, by taking into account relevant international obligations, national circumstances and laws, and noting that the United Nations General Assembly has adopted the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;
 - d) The **full and effective participation of relevant stakeholders**, in particular indigenous peoples and local communities, in the actions referred to in paragraphs 70 and 72 of decision 1/CP.16;
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- e) That actions are consistent with the **conservation of natural forests and biological diversity**, ensuring that the actions referred to in paragraph 70 of decision 1/CP.16 are not used for the conversion of natural forests, but are instead used to incentivize the protection and conservation of natural forests and their ecosystem services, and to **enhance other social and environmental benefits**;
- f) Actions to address the **risks of reversals**;
- g) Actions to **reduce displacement of emissions**.



- Implementation of the safeguards should support REDD-plus national strategies or action plans
- Should be included in all phases of implementation of REDD-plus
- Developing country Parties should provide a summary of information on how all the safeguards are being addressed and respected throughout implementation of activities



- **Guidance** on systems for providing information on how safeguards are addressed and respected – such systems should:
 - Take into account national circumstances and respective capabilities
 - Recognize national sovereignty and legislation, and relevant international obligations and agreements
 - Respect gender considerations
 - Be consistent with the guidance identified in decision 1/CP.16, appendix I, para 1 (the principles)
 - Provide transparent and consistent information that is accessible by all relevant stakeholders and updated on a regular basis
 - Be transparent and flexible to allow for improvements over time
 - Provide information on how all the safeguards referred to in appendix I to decision 1/CP.16 are being addressed and respected
 - Be country-driven and implemented at the national level
 - Build upon existing systems, as appropriate
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- Developing country Parties undertaking REDD-plus should provide a **summary of information on how all the safeguards are being addressed and respected throughout the implementation** of the activities;
- **Communication channel:** The summary of information should be provided through:
 - National communications
 - Via the REDD web platform on a voluntary basis
 - Communication channels agreed by the COP
 - **Timing:** after start of implementation of REDD-plus activities
 - **Frequency:** in line with guidelines on national communications (and voluntarily via the REDD Web Platform)



- COP 19 adopted guidance on results-based finance to progress the full implementation of REDD-plus (decision 9/CP.19)
- *Sends an **important signal** that results-based actions taken in context of adequate and predictable support (both financial and technology support) for **all phases** of actions and activities relating to REDD-plus*
- Guidance to Parties for obtaining and receiving results-based payments
 - Actions should be fully measured, reported and verified
 - Should have all elements in 1/CP.16, para 71, in place (e.g. FREL, NFMS, system of information on safeguards)
 - Provide most recent summary of information on how all safeguards have been addressed and respected (9/CP.19, para 4)



- Consideration of the need for further guidance on issues relating to provision of information on how all the safeguards are addressed and respected (SBSTA 41)
- *Submission of views for consideration at SBSTA 41:*
 - Views on types of information from systems for providing information on how the safeguards are being addressed and respected that would be helpful and that may be provided by developing country Parties (24 Sep 2014)
 - Views (of developing country Parties) on experiences and lessons learned from their development of systems for providing information on how all of the safeguards are being addressed and respected and challenges faced in developing such systems (24 Sep 2014)



Thank you for your attention!

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