#### INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND GENDER SENSITIVE MRVs: LESSONS FROM MAASAILAND, KENYA

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#### South Rift – Narok and Kajiado County



#### A Mosaic of Land use : overlapping rights







## Indigenous Peoples and Forests





## Impacts: Snapshots



Deforestation



#### Desiccation



#### The Future





Indigenous Knowledge + Cultural practices

Indigenous Institutions

## Cancun safeguards

- In the Preamble, underscores the value of *human rights* and CC with reference to IPs
- Under Shared Vision (I), *participation of IPs* is recognized art. 7
- Under Enhanced action on Adaptation (II), *traditional and indigenous knowledge* is recognized art. 12
- Under Enhanced action on mitigation (III), *land tenure issues, full and effective participation of IPs* in all REDD+ mechanisms art. 69 Annex 1
- take into account the *multiple functions of forests* and other ecosystems
- Recognition of UNDRIP Annex I (2) and art. 87

## Current MRV tools

Mitigation - Carbon/emmission reduction centred MRVs, mostly under the UNFCCC

Environmental safeguards MRVs – UNDP/UNEP and other environmental NGOs

Biodiversity or ecosystem approach - CBD

Governance centred tools - often a cross-cutting issues among stakeholders – Sustainable Management of Forests (SFMs)

Fund/market financing centred approach (Cost-efficiency) MRVs on Social safeguards - Indigenous peoples, Gender sensitive

# Lesson's learned and actions taken

Engaged in research to document impact of CC and the role of indigenous knowledge system and practices in climate change mitigation and adaptation

The negative impacts of Climate change are real, severe and intensifying with time

Global and national intervention efforts often focuses on mitigation and less on adaptation. Adaptation is urgent and critical for the immediate survival of Ips

Policy advocacy to domestic and operationalize the safeguards provided in the Cancun Agreement e.g Draft Climate change Bill 2010

#### Lesson's learned

Entrenchment of human rights based approach to all climate change intervention mechanisms consistent with the Kenyan constitution - especially rights to land

Promotion of IPs' representation, effective participation including FPIC in the design, implementation and monitoring of REDD+ programmes

Creating awareness and building the capacity of customary institutions to enhance their capacity to engage with REDD+ processes, including FPIC ASHE NALENG (THANK YOU VERY MUCH!)