



# Safeguards and Standards for Pro-Poor PREDD

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# International context

- Seeks to provide incentives to demonstrable efforts to reduce GHG emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (5 core REDD+ activities ref. I/CP.16)
- REDD+ provides a unique opportunity for forest conservation & development finance, but entails **risks**.
- Thus, how the REDD+ mechanism is designed and implemented is crucial (in terms of both the international policy and national process)



**hence a call for safeguards**

# Hence, Safeguards entails...

- A set of measures to prevent + monitor + correct & redress **undesirable social and environmental** outcomes of REDD+ policies, programmes, activities.
- Also maximize the +ve outcomes of REDD+ programs

# How will Safeguards/standards look like?

- Two levels of Safeguards
  - International level safeguards
  - National level safeguards

# International level Safeguards

- Cancun agreement as a basis- ‘When undertaking activities referred to in paragraph 70 of this decision, 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;

# Int'nal level Safeguards...

- (b) Transparent and effective national forest governance structures, taking into account national legislation and sovereignty;
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- (c) Respect for the knowledge and rights of indigenous peoples and members of local communities...international obligations, national circumstances and laws...and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;

# Int'nal level Safeguards...

- (d) The full and effective participation of relevant stakeholders,
- (e) Actions are consistent with the conservation of natural forests and biological diversity, ...not used for the conversion of natural forests...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

# Int'nal level Safeguards...

- REDD SES
  - Principles, criteria and indicators
- WB- SESA and ESMF
- UNREDD- Social and Environmental Principles and Criteria, FPIC guidance and complaints mechanism guidance
- In general the above standards vary in focus, comprehensiveness and specificity with regards to core issues below:



# Core issues for safeguards

- Core issues:
  - Benefits and information sharing, stakeholder engagement and and public consultation, gender equity, governance, participation, and rights; and assessment and measurement, reporting and verification of social and environmental components.
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# National level approach to Safeguards- The Tanzania's approach

- Integrating different standards- National level safeguards and international standards
- National level laws and policies which calls for safeguards-not necessary specifically, explicitly or consistently include EMA, NEP, Forest Policy, Forest Act, NSGRP, Nat.land Act, Village land Act et al.
- Covers core issues (above) to a different degree

# Example of EMA (2005)

- Very strong on environmental protection using two harms
  - EIA requirement to development and commercial projects
  - Strategic Environmental Assessment
- But also require strong public involvement and stakeholder consultation
- However, stakeholder consultation is just consultation- not necessarily feedback-based

## Progress to date: At the nat. Level

- No national safeguard framework nor guidelines in place yet
- Process and discussions started for building integrated safeguards framework and system for info sharing on safeguards
  - Initial National awareness raising workshop held in Sept 2011. Follow up activities planned post CoP 17

# Progress at Nat. level...

- Aim is to develop a comprehensive, transparent, inclusive & flexible safeguards framework and info system, guided by int'national principles
- Process led by Nat. REDD TF and Secretariat with strong input and follow up from CSOs
- Draft Nat. REDD strategy to be revised inline of the integrated safeguards framework

# Progress at project level

- Different pilot projects addressing different element of safeguards in the absence of a nat. framework/ guideline
- Effective consultation including FPIC has been applied and obtained by all pilot projects
- Some pilot project using CCBA, VCS and FSC standards (e.g. MCDI, TFCG/MJUMITA, TaTEDO

# Some Challenges and Early Lessons

- Work on safeguards running behind REDD Readiness activities
  - Pilot projects lacking clear guidance on some critical aspects e.g. discussion on benefit sharing
- Issues of safeguards including concepts of FPIC not well known by many stakeholders especially local communities
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# Some Challenges and Early Lessons

- Some forms of safeguards already exist in our national laws/legislations but may not be adequate for REDD+
- No 'One Size Fits all' Safeguards framework
- Integrating of different standards may offer a more comprehensive framework
- Don't overburden Safeguards Framework-  
i.e. Social and Environmental issues are many, need address those most relevant



# Some Challenges and Early Lessons

- REDD is new and still evolving. Hence Safeguards framework for REDD should be **flexible and adaptable** to changing circumstance and emerging realities
- Safeguards should be Enforceable, through integration in national law, for example (i.e. MRV'ed)

# In summary, Safeguards should be...

- Based on **full and effective participation of stakeholders – including** women and men from indigenous peoples and forest communities and civil society - in design, implementation and monitoring.
- **Consistent with the strongest international standards, including** minimizing adverse impacts and realizing greatest possible benefits.
- **Well governed, including being transparent and well-coordinated, such** that stakeholders can hold one another accountable.
- **by reliable mechanisms and tools for implementation,** assessment, monitoring, reporting, conflict resolution and enforcement.



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kunisikiliza**



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