Country-level Process for Using REDD+ SES

1. Awareness-Raising / Capacity-Building
   Who: awareness raising and capacity building for relevant rights holders & stakeholders, such as representatives from: government agencies, civil society, indigenous peoples and community-based organizations
   Outputs: meetings, workshops and other methods to raise awareness of the REDD+ program, potential impacts, and REDD+ SES and other safeguard mechanisms
   *Step 1 is important at the start of the process, and should be conducted at any stage, as needed*

Governance

2. Establish the Facilitation Team
   Who: government (typically one person) and non-government (typically one or two people)
   Outputs: team to organize meetings, prepare drafts, organize consultations, organize data collection, data analysis and compilation and stakeholder review of assessment reports, etc.

3. Create the Standards Committee
   Who: representatives of interested parties (government departments, Indigenous Peoples, local communities, NGOs, private sector, etc.). Where appropriate, use the same multi-stakeholder committee created for other aspects of REDD+ program or for other safeguards mechanisms.
   Outputs: a committee to ensure balanced stakeholder oversight of use of REDD+ SES
   *Step 3 could be undertaken at any stage prior to step 6*

Interpretation

4. Develop Plan for the REDD+ SES Process
   Who: led by the facilitation team with relevant stakeholders as appropriate
   Outputs: well defined timeline of activities and responsibilities for the REDD+ SES process

5. Develop Draft Country-Specific Indicators
   Who: working group composed of the facilitation team and relevant stakeholders/experts (e.g. 3-7 people), potentially several groups in a workshop setting
   Outputs: draft of indicators that are relevant to the country context

Assessment

6. Organize Consultations on Indicators
   Who: facilitation team organizes two public comment periods through publication of draft indicators, workshops and other solicitation of comments, revision of indicators and response to comments. Standards Committee approves revision and final version of indicators.
   Outputs: comments collated, indicators revised and comments responded to

7. Prepare Monitoring and Assessment Plans
   Who: facilitation team, and possibly a consultant or expert with monitoring and evaluation expertise
   Outputs: a monitoring plan defining what specific information is required, methods and responsibilities for information collection, and an assessment plan defining the process for preparation, review, approval and dissemination of the assessment report

8. Collect and Assess Monitoring Information
   Who: facilitation team organizes data collection and analysis and compiles draft report, with stakeholders or independent third party as appropriate
   Outputs: draft assessment report that includes performance summaries for each criterion, details for each indicator and annexes as appropriate

   Who: facilitation team organizes consultations on the draft assessment report, revision of the report and response to comments. Standards Committee approves revision and final version.
   Outputs: comments collated, report revised and comments responded to

10. Publish the Assessment Report
    Who: facilitation team organizes publication and dissemination of the assessment report
    Outputs: full report of performance against criteria and indicators of the REDD+ SES publicly available

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