

Minutes
Safeguards Group Teleconference
(Global Programme)
30 July 2012, 15.30 CET

Attendance:

FAO: Maria SanzSanchez
UNDP: Kimberly Todd
UNEP: Barney Dickson, Julie Greenwalt
UN-REDD Secretariat: Thais Linhares-Juvenal, Helena Eriksson

Agenda:

1. Presentation of the draft concept note on safeguards.
2. Joint review of the draft concept note.
3. AOB.

1. Presentation of the draft concept note on safeguards.

The draft concept note based on inputs from the three agencies, which is seen enclosed, was presented by UNDP.

2. Joint review of the concept note.

The work on the draft note by Kimberly and Leo was acknowledged and it was agreed that the draft concept note captured well the current status of the UN-REDD Programme's work on safeguards.

- It was agreed to share an updated draft with the Group by Friday 3 August which in a somewhat streamlined form stresses the following areas:
 - 1) The overarching understanding of the Programme's role regarding safeguards and definition of scope, i.e. conceptual framework¹.
 - 2) How the Programme has been approaching the conceptual framework. (It was suggested to link each of the UN-REDD products/activities related to safeguards to the Cancun Agreement, i.e. UNFCCC safeguards, and identify any gaps).
 - 3) The different levels of work on safeguards (global and at national) and how they are integrated and related to each other..
 - 4) The modalities of support available: Support to National REDD+ Action (international support functions and targeted support) and National Programmes. Clarify how support can be delivered.
 - 5) Internal organization/working modality – how to fulfill the role. (One Working Group was suggested with potential needs for break-out groups).
- Agreed to keep the separate streams² as described in the note, but to apply above structure to the second stream only

¹ A proposal was made to formulate the role of the UN-REDD Programme related to safeguards as following: support to countries to understand and address the UNFCCC safeguards and to build their systems of information on how safeguards and addressed and respected.

² Stream 1: Clarifying and strengthening the processes for addressing social and environmental issues and other Cancun safeguards within the UN-REDD National Programme cycle; Stream 2: Supporting countries in developing country SISs in a consistent manner with the UNFCCC decisions on safeguards.

- Agreed that it is of key importance that the Programme communicates clearly to the national counterparts on what the Programme can offer, and meet the expected needs of countries concerning safeguards.
- Agreed that while the scope of the work of the UN-REDD Programme on safeguards is fundamentally related to supporting countries in addressing the Cancun safeguards (UNFCCC decision 1/CP.16), the UN-REDD Programme can develop further work not building on the Cancun safeguards in response to countries' requests. The recommendation at PB8 to the SEPC working group to link its initiatives closer to the UNFCCC safeguards was mentioned.
- Agreed that the concept note should include a few country examples (country needs driven).
- The aim is to present the Concept note at the MG call on 8 August.

3. AOB.

No other business reported.