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**Africa Regional South-South Knowledge Exchange on REDD+ Safeguards and Safeguards Information Systems**

**Accra, Ghana; 12-13th June, 2018**

**Agenda**

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| Day 1 |
| 08.00-08.30 | Registration | FC/SNV |
| **Session 1: Introduction** **Objective: To ensure participants have a good understanding of the UNFCCC, FCPF and GCF safeguards requirements and to identify some of the key challenges in trying to meet these requirements through a single country led process** |
| 08.30 -08.45 | Opening remarks and welcome | Roslyn Adjei (FC) |
| 08.45 – 09.00 | Event Introduction, objective(s) and outputs | Richard Rastall/Reuben Ottou (SNV) |
| 09.00 - 10.00 | Country Introductions | Representatives of participating countries |
| 10.00 – 10.20 | UNFCCC Safeguards Requirements & Global and Regional Overview - Progress in meeting UNFCCC Safeguards Requirements (incl. 5 mins Q&A) | Steve Swan (UN Environment/UN-REDD) |
| 10.20 – 10.40 | Coffee |  |
| 10.40-11.00 | FCPF: Accessing Results-based Finance from FCPF - Safeguards Requirements and Approaches and Progress in Africa (incl. Q&A) | (FCPF) |
| 11.00 – 11.20 | GCF: REDD+ Readiness, Implementation and Results Based Payments Pilot Programme and Safeguards (incl. Q&A) | Leonardo Paat & Moon Herrick (Green Climate Fund) |
| 11.20 -12.15 | Expert Panel Discussion: Key challenges for African countries in trying to meet multiple safeguards frameworks for REDD+ | Representatives from selected countries |
| 12.15 – 13.30 | Lunch |  |
| **Session 2: How to address and respect the Cancun Safeguards****Objective: Review experiences and lessons learned in ensuring REDD+ activities are carried out in consistency with Cancun safeguards** |
| 13.30-13.45 | Framework presentation: Key considerations and elements in country-led approaches | Sebastien Korwin (Climate Law and Policy) |
|  | ***Theme 1: Environmental and social benefit/risk assessments of REDD+ actions*** |
| 13.45 – 14.00 | Country Presentation: Environmental and social benefit/risk assessment of REDD+ actions  | Name, Position, Country |
| 14.00 – 14.45 | Group work on environmental and social benefit/risk assessments of REDD+ actions  | All |
| 14.45 – 15.15 | Sharing from group work (standard re-cap from group participant) | All |
| 15.15 – 15.30 | Coffee |  |
| **Parallel Thematic Discussions** |
|  | ***Theme 2: Identifying, assessing and strengthening legal and institutional frameworks to develop an effective safeguard management framework*** |
| 15.30 – 15.45 | Country Presentation: Identifying, assessing and strengthening legal and institutional frameworks  | Name, Position, Country |
| 15.45 – 16.30 | Group work on Identifying, assessing and strengthening legal and institutional frameworks | All |
| 16.30 –17.15 | Sharing from group work (Morning TV chat show interview) | All |
| 17.15 – 17.30 | Concluding Remarks | SNV/UN-REDD |
| 18.00 – 21.00 | Reception Dinner | All |
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| **Day 2** |
| 08.00- 08.30 | Registration | FC/SNV |
| 08.30 – 08.40 | Opening remarks – recap of key points from Day 1; overview of Day 2 | SNV/UN-REDD |
| **Session 3: How to develop a Safeguards Information System****Objective: Review experiences and lessons learned in developing a Safeguards Information System**  |
| 08.40 – 09.00 | Framework presentation: Key considerations and global lessons learnt (SIS) | Steve Swan (UN Environment/UN-REDD) |
| 09.00 – 09.15 | Country Presentation 1: SIS process, challenges, opportunities and lessons | Name, Position, Country |
| 09.15 – 09.30 | Country Presentation 2: SIS process, challenges, opportunities and lessons | Name, Position, Ghana |
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 | Group work on sharing steps in SIS design:* processes
* stakeholder engagement
* challenges
 | All |
| 10.15 – 10.30 | Sharing from group work (standard re-cap from group participant) | All |
| 10.30 – 10.45 | Coffee | All |
| 10.45 – 11.00 | SIS Country Presentation 3: SIS process, challenges, opportunities and lessons | Name, Position, Country |
| 11.00 -11.15 | SIS Country Presentation 4: SIS process, challenges, opportunities and lessons | Name, Position, Country |
| 11.30 – 11.45 | Country Presentation: experiences and lessons learnt  |  |
| 11.45 – 12.30 | Group work on synthesising collective SIS design:* lessons learnt
* take home messages
* outlook for SIS operations
* determining functions and institutional arrangements for the SIS
 | All |
| 12.30 – 13.00 | Sharing from group work and plenary discussion | All |
| 13.00 - 14.00 | Lunch |
| **Session 4: How to access Results-based payments with safeguards information****Objective: Review experiences and lessons learned in preparing safeguards information for accessing results-based payments** |
| 14.00 – 14.30 | Framework presentation: Key considerations and global lessons learnt/progress on preparing safeguards information for accessing results-based payments (incl. Q&A) | Steve Swan (UN Environment/UN-REDD) |
| 14.30 – 14.45 | Country Presentation: Preparing Viet Nam’s Summary of Information – Approach and Lessons Learned | Le Ha Phuong (Safeguards Officer, Viet Nam REDD+ Office) |
| 14.45 – 15.30 | Panel Discussion | Representatives of selected countries |
| 15.30 – 15.45 | Coffee |
| **Session 5: Stocktaking of experiences and lessons learned*****Objective*: Examine and analyse country’s experiences, reflections on lessons learned, key take-home messages from the event and next steps.** |
| 16.00 - 16.45 | Panel Discussion: Reflections and Next Steps | Representatives of selected countries |
| 16.45 – 17.10 | Countries’ Take Home Messages | All Countries |
| 17.10 – 17.20 | Evaluation survey | All |
| 17.20 – 17.30 | Closing remarks | UN-REDD, SNV & FC |