## **INTERACTIVE EXERCISE PLAN**

Exercise: Identifying the possible environmental and social risks and benefits for different stakeholders of a REDD+ action

Date: 17 June 2014 Time: 09:50 – 10:40 Participant number: 13 participants, in groups of 2-3 Length of session: 50 minutes

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**Scribe:** People will work in pairs/small groups in this session. Each pair will present their result to the group at the end, so there is no need for a rapporteur. One of the facilitators will take notes on salient points of the discussion for the workshop summary.

**Overview:** In this session, participants are asked to think about potential risks and benefits, both environmental and social, that are associated with different REDD+ actions by filling out a flowchart (below) in pairs/small groups.

For example:



**Objectives:** This session should help participants to think through the concepts of risks and benefits from REDD+ actions and give them examples of measures that can be taken to address these, including spatial analysis interventions.

## Session plan:

Time	Content
09:50-	Discuss objectives and overview of the exercise
10:00	Form pairs/small groups
10:00 – 10:10	<ul> <li>Briefly discuss the five REDD+ UNFCCC activities, and how these relate to REDD+ actions. Refer to list of REDD+ actions in the blue box (following page).</li> <li>This session will focus on one activity: reducing emissions from deforestation; each group should choose one action for this activity, filling out the flow chart.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Suggested actions:</li> <li>Extend protected areas network to reduce deforestation</li> <li>Promote alternative livelihoods that reduce encroachment/pressure on forests</li> <li>Reduce conversion pressure by promoting conservation agriculture</li> </ul>
10:10- 10:30	<ul> <li>Each pair/small group then identifies which REDD+ action under the selected activity they will focus on and write down in actions box. They need not be restricted to the example actions.</li> <li>Each pair/small group discusses and write down risks, benefits and management interventions for their activity.</li> </ul>
10:30 – 10:40	<ul> <li>Pairs/small groups report back: tell the group:         <ul> <li>The activity/activities they have selected</li> <li>One risk associated with it</li> <li>One benefit associated with it</li> <li>One management intervention to respond to these</li> </ul> </li> <li>Facilitators to ask other pairs to raise their hands if they have the same for the same</li> </ul>
	action. The process should continue until there are no unique risks or benefits. Discuss any disagreement about the risks and benefits identified. Facilitators should mention that other provincial, national or international
	targets/priorities/plans can influence which benefit/risk is focused on for REDD+ activities. For e.g. socio-economic development plans, CBD targets, etc.

## Materials required

- Exercise plan
- Worksheets with flowchart of REDD+ action risks/benefits management interventions (as above)

## **REDD+** activities and actions – examples

REDD+ activity	Example actions
Reducing emissions from deforestation	Promote alternative livelihoods that reduce encroachment/pressure on forests Extend the protected areas network Reduce conversion pressure by promoting conservation agriculture
Reducing emissions from forest degradation	Promote sustainable harvesting/production of non-timber forest products Provide fuelwood alternatives, such as woodlots Provide efficient cookstoves to reduce fuelwood consumption
Conservation of forest carbon stocks	Reinforce protection and law enforcement in existing protected areas Create community conserved areas
Sustainable management of forest	Promote reduced-impact logging in production forests Promote community forestry Develop and implement forest management plans for FMUs
Enhancement of forest carbon stocks	Conduct afforestation on degraded land (respecting the safeguard that REDD+ actions shall not convert natural forest) Implement assisted natural regeneration in degraded forests Zoning for natural regeneration of degraded forests

Note: an action can be relevant to more than one REDD+ activity