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The United Nations Collaborative Programme
on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and
Forest Degradation in Developing Countries



Chatham House and UN-REDD Programme Expert Workshop on Monitoring Governance Safeguards in REDD+

Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th May 2010
Chatham House, 10 St James's Square, London

An expert workshop aimed at providing a draft framework of key governance parameters, and draft guidance on participatory governance monitoring at national level, to inform the negotiations on REDD+ in the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and to support countries as they develop their monitoring systems in the current 'readiness phase'.

Existing and planned monitoring and indicator systems will be examined, conclusions drawn and recommendations made on tools to improve cooperation and coordination. The relationship of monitoring governance for REDD+ with monitoring of the implementation and impact of FLEGT voluntary partnership agreements (VPAs) will be considered. Understanding of what monitoring and reporting of governance safeguards for REDD+ might entail and the role of verification will be clarified.

Outputs will also inform the development of country-led governance assessments under the UN-REDD Programme and the development and incorporation of governance parameters in the Global Forest Resources Assessment under FAO.

Presentations will be as short as possible to communicate the relevant information; emphasis will be placed on maximising time for discussion. Two background papers will be circulated before the workshop; **participants should read them carefully**, as they will not be presented in full at the meeting, again to maximise discussion time.

Agenda

Monday 24th May

08.45 – 09.15 Coffee and tea

OPENING

09.15 – 09.30

Welcome to Chatham House, explanation of structure of workshop, introduction of participants

SESSION 1 | Background, concepts and definitions

09.30 – 10.30

- Objectives and aims: the workshop is output-oriented, aiming to provide a draft framework of key governance parameters as a starting point for designing monitoring systems (i.e. the ‘what’) and draft guidance on effective participatory governance monitoring (i.e. the ‘how’ and ‘who’).
 - Concepts and definitions of governance in the context of REDD+
 - Concepts and definitions of ‘monitoring’ and ‘measurement, reporting and verification’
 - How governance and monitoring are being discussed and addressed in the UNFCCC and other multilateral forums in which REDD+ is being developed.
 - Presentation (background paper 1) (Rosalind Reeve and Jade Saunders, Chatham House)
 - Discussion: identify areas of convergence and divergence (if necessary, small working groups will be formed to discuss any issues arising)
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SESSION 2 | Lessons on monitoring governance and implementation from other international agreements and sectors

10.30 – 11.15

- FLEGT. Presentation: Monitoring implementation and impact of FLEGT voluntary partnership agreements (VPAs) and relationship with REDD+ (Jade Saunders, Chatham House)
 - EITI. Presentation: Lessons from the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) (Gavin Hayman, EITI Board Member)
 - CITES and Montreal Protocol. Presentation: Monitoring and assessing national level implementation and building compliance (Rosalind Reeve and Duncan Brack, Chatham House)
 - Discussion, preliminary conclusions and recommendations
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11.15 – 11.45 Coffee and tea

SESSION 3 | Analysis of Readiness Preparation Proposals (R-PPs) and Joint Programme Documents (JPDs)

11.45 – 13.15

- How well do R-PPs and JPDs address governance monitoring needs? Where are the gaps?
 - What are the needs in REDD+ countries and how well are they being met?
 - Presentation (background paper 2): (Crystal Davis, WRI)
 - Respondents: selected participants from REDD+ countries will be asked to comment
 - Discussion, preliminary conclusions
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13.15 – 14.15 Lunch

SESSION 4 | Learning from existing initiatives on monitoring and assessing governance for the forest sector and REDD+

14.15 – 15.45

- Initiatives developing comprehensive forest governance indicators: Analytical Framework for Governance Reforms (World Bank), Governance of Forests Initiative (WRI)

- Initiatives addressing specific forest governance issues/principles: Independent Forest Monitoring (Global Witness), Forest Transparency Report Card (Global Witness), Forest Governance Integrity Programme (Transparency International), Illegal Logging Indicators (Chatham House)
 - Initiatives specifically addressing REDD+: Independent Monitoring of REDD or IM-REDD (Global Witness); Global Comparative Study on REDD (CIFOR), REDD+ Social and Environmental Standards (CCBA/Care); Country-led multi-stakeholder governance assessments for REDD+ (UNDP)
 - Presentation (background paper 1): (Rosalind Reeve and Jade Saunders, Chatham House) will present an overview of the initiatives and how each one approaches stakeholder participation in monitoring, capacity building and promoting accountability.
 - Presentation: Country-led Governance Assessments: (Joachim Nahem, UNDP) will present UNDP's approach to assess governance through a country-led multi-stakeholder modality
 - Respondents: coordinators of the different initiatives will briefly respond and add further relevant information
 - Discussion: extract key lessons useful for developing the draft framework and guidance; identify overlap (in methodologies and pilot countries) and complementarities. Preliminary recommendations on tools for cooperation and coordination to assist REDD+ countries (if necessary, a small working group will be formed to refine the recommendations)
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15.45 – 16.15 Coffee and tea

SESSION 5 | Proposed framework parameters

16.15 – 17.00

- Proposed draft framework parameters for monitoring governance (the 'what')
 - Presentation: preliminary conclusions on framework parameters and why we need to avoid complexity and fragmentation (background paper 1); relevance to the Forest Resources Assessment (Peter Holmgren, FAO)
 - Preliminary discussion to gather views
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SESSION 6 | Proposed guidance for effective governance monitoring

17.00 – 18.00

- Proposed guidance on effective methodologies for participatory governance monitoring for REDD+ at national level – the 'how' (e.g. indicator systems, country ownership aspects, independent monitoring, low tech monitoring networks) and the 'who' (e.g. minimum criteria for multi-stakeholder participation at country level, who validates findings etc.)
 - Presentation (background paper 1): preliminary conclusions on guidance (Rosalind Reeve and Jade Saunders, Chatham House)
 - Preliminary discussion to gather views
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18.00 – 19.00 Drinks reception

Tuesday 25th May

08.45 – 09.15 Coffee and tea

SESSION 7 | Draft framework parameters and guidance for effective governance monitoring

09.15 – 11.00

Part I: Recap of day 1 and break-out groups

- Recap on preliminary discussion of proposed draft framework parameters (the ‘what’) and proposed draft guidance (the ‘how’ and the ‘who’)
 - Formation of break-out groups to discuss preliminary recommendations on ‘what, how and who’
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11.00 – 11.30 Coffee and tea

11.30 – 13.00

Break-out groups (continued)

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.30

Part II: Report back and review of conclusions and recommendations

- Report back to plenary by break-out groups; discussion and review of conclusions and recommendations
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15.30 – 16.30 Coffee and tea

SESSION 8 | Concluding session: next steps

16.00 – 17.30

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Organisational details

Location

Chatham House is located at 10 St James's Square, London SW1Y 4LE. The nearest Underground stations are Piccadilly Circus (three minutes' walk) and Green Park (five minutes' walk) – see map below.



Facilities

Coffee, tea, lunch and a drinks reception will be provided at the points indicated in the agenda. Dinner is not provided, but there are many restaurants in the vicinity of Chatham House (for the less expensive ones, head north east towards Leicester Square and Covent Garden).

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