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# UN-REDD Social & Environmental Principles and Criteria

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# Purpose of the Principles & Criteria

1. To provide the UN-REDD Programme with a framework to ensure that its activities promote social and environmental benefits and reduce risks from REDD+. In particular, the P&C will be used by the UN-REDD Programme:

- as an aid in formulating national REDD+ programmes and initiatives that seek UN-REDD funding
- in the review of national programmes prior to submission for UN-REDD funding
- to assess national programme delivery



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2. To support countries in operationalising UNFCCC agreements on safeguards for REDD+. Countries can use these P&C for various purposes, such as:
- to promote and build the UNFCCC safeguards
  - to devise a national system for information on how the UNFCCC safeguards are being addressed and respected in REDD+ implementation
  - in demonstrating their achievements beyond carbon



Version 1 – to be updated

# Social and Environmental Principles

Principle 1 – Democratic governance: The programme complies with standards of democratic governance

Principle 2 – Stakeholder livelihoods: The programme carefully assesses potential adverse impacts on stakeholders' long-term livelihoods and mitigates effects where appropriate

Principle 3 – Policy coherence: The programme contributes to a low-carbon, climate-resilient and environmentally sound development policy, consistent with commitments under international conventions and agreements

**Principle 4 – Protect and conserve natural forest: The programme protects natural forest from degradation or conversion to other land uses, including plantation forest**

**Principle 5 – Maintain and enhance multiple functions of forest: The programme increases benefits delivered through ecosystem services and biodiversity conservation**

**Principle 6 – Minimise indirect adverse impacts on ecosystem services and biodiversity**

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# Principles and Criteria

## **4. Protect and conserve natural forest: The programme protects natural forest from degradation or conversion to other land uses, including plantation forest**

Criterion – Ensure that REDD+ activities do not cause the conversion of natural forest and, and do address the other causes of conversion

Criterion – Minimise degradation of natural forest in order to maintain biodiversity and other key values



# Process

- Presentation of version 1 of the P&C to the UN-REDD Policy Board: March 2011
- Revision in light of comments received: May-Jun 2011
- Further review (by UN-REDD Policy Board members and observers, the Independent Advisory Group on Forests, Rights and Climate Change (IAG) and other independent reviewers): July 2011
- Version 2 of the P&C will be presented to the UN-REDD Policy Board: Oct 2011
- Development of tool to support the implementation of the P & C: On-going

Thank you for listening!

