



REDD+ safeguards requirements in the current climate finance landscape

***UNFCCC decisions and safeguards-related
elements and advances to date to develop
country approaches to REDD+ safeguards***

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REDD+ safeguards & UNFCCC safeguards decisions

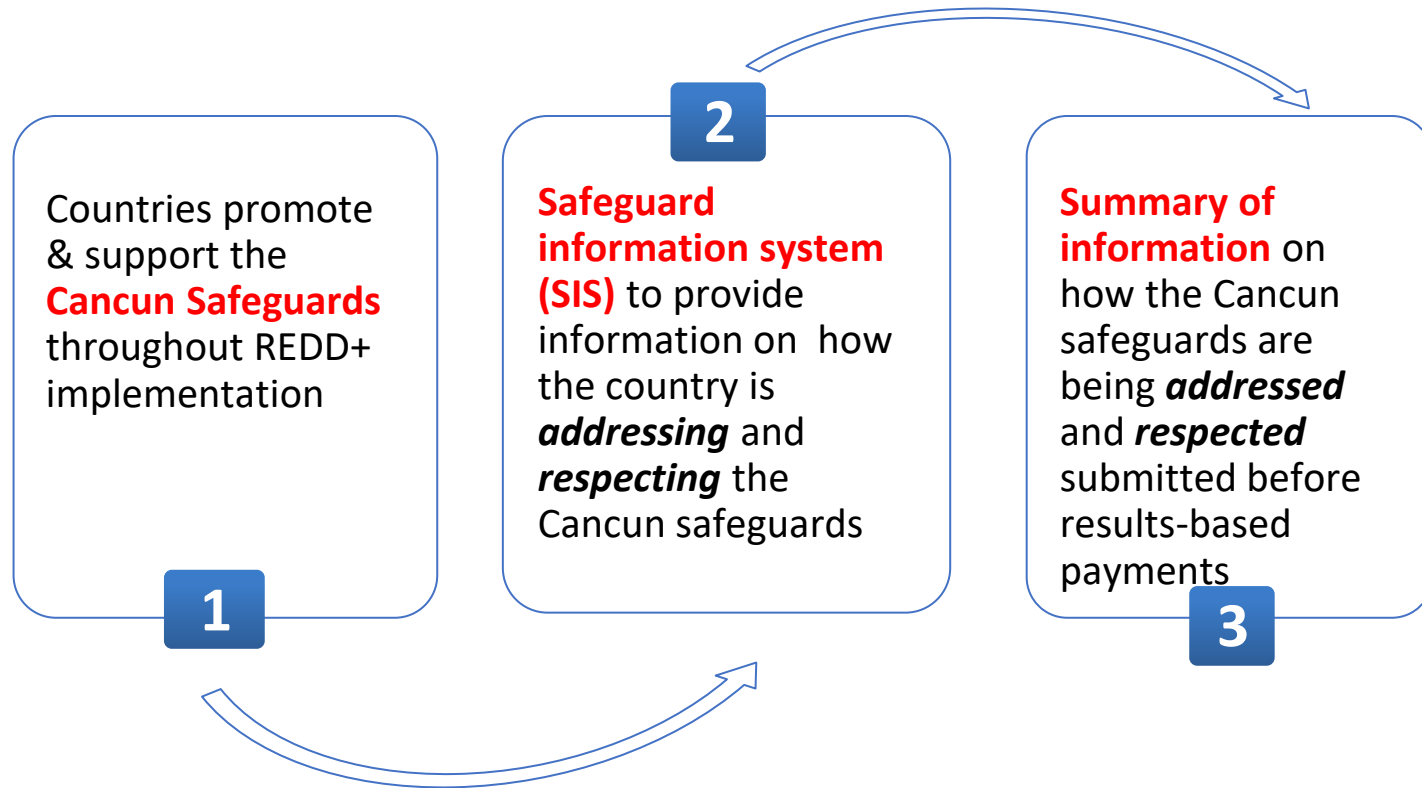
Why are the safeguards needed?

In reducing CO2 emissions by avoiding deforestation, REDD+ presents both **benefits** and **risks** to people and nature.



Safeguards are a key element to deliver high quality emissions reductions and to enable access to REDD+ financing and/or results-based payments

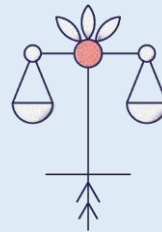
UNFCCC safeguards requirements



What are the REDD+ ('Cancun') safeguards?



- A** Actions are consistent with the objectives of national forest programmes and relevant international conventions and agreements



- B** Transparent and effective national forest governance structures



- C** Respect for the knowledge and rights of indigenous peoples and members of local communities



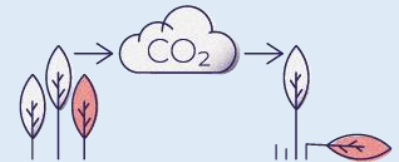
- D** Full and effective participation of relevant stakeholders



- E** Actions are consistent with the conservation of natural forests and biological diversity, and enhance other social and environmental benefits



- F** Actions to address the risks of reversals to ensure sustainability



- G** Actions to reduce displacement of emission

Country approaches to safeguards

Country approach to safeguards

Refers to the existing governance arrangements and processes – such as policies, laws, regulations and institutions – that countries can draw upon to respond to safeguards requirements for REDD+ aligning with national goals

Potential to provide a single, unified approach through which a country can accommodate the safeguards obligations of different initiatives, donors and investors

Each country will have its own particular approach to safeguards, reflecting unique needs and circumstances, range of socio-economic issues and environmental concerns, including gender issues

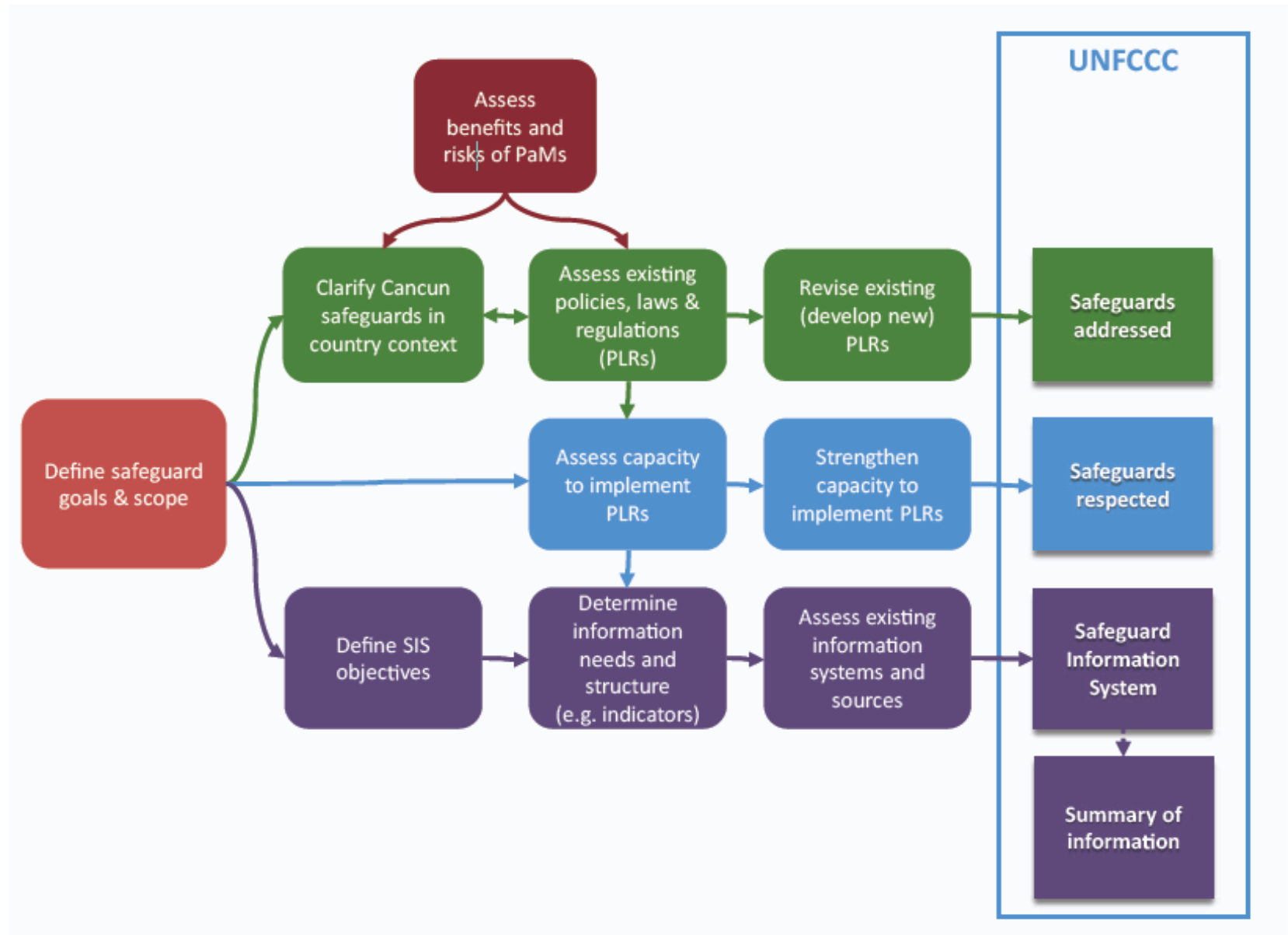
Country approaches to safeguards are built through participatory and inclusive processes that engage key stakeholders

UN-REDD Programme has developed a conceptual framework for country approaches to safeguards, based on three core elements:

- policies, laws and regulations
- institutional arrangements
- information systems and sources

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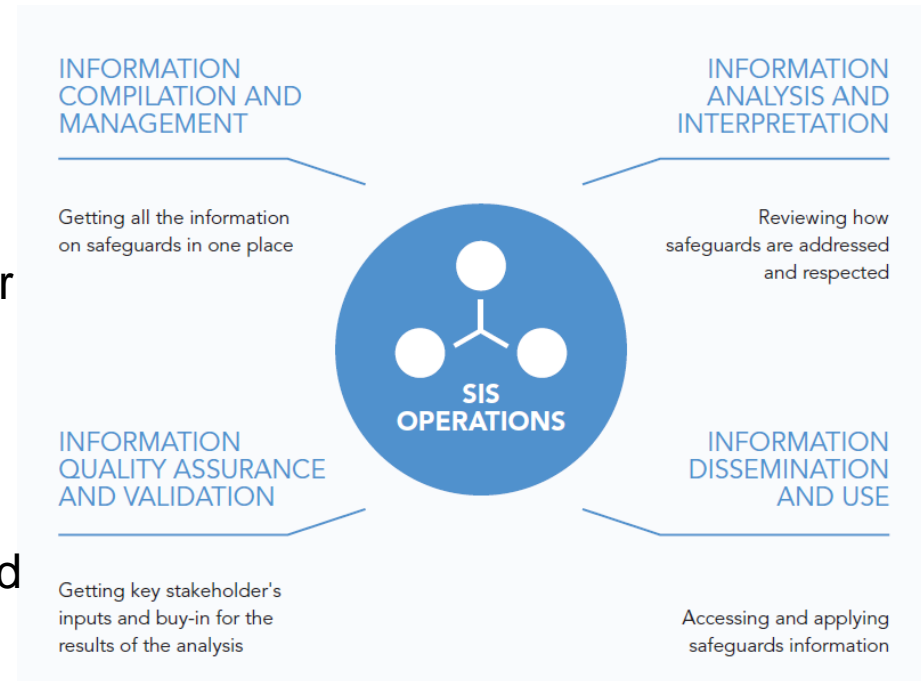
Indicative elements of a country approach to safeguards



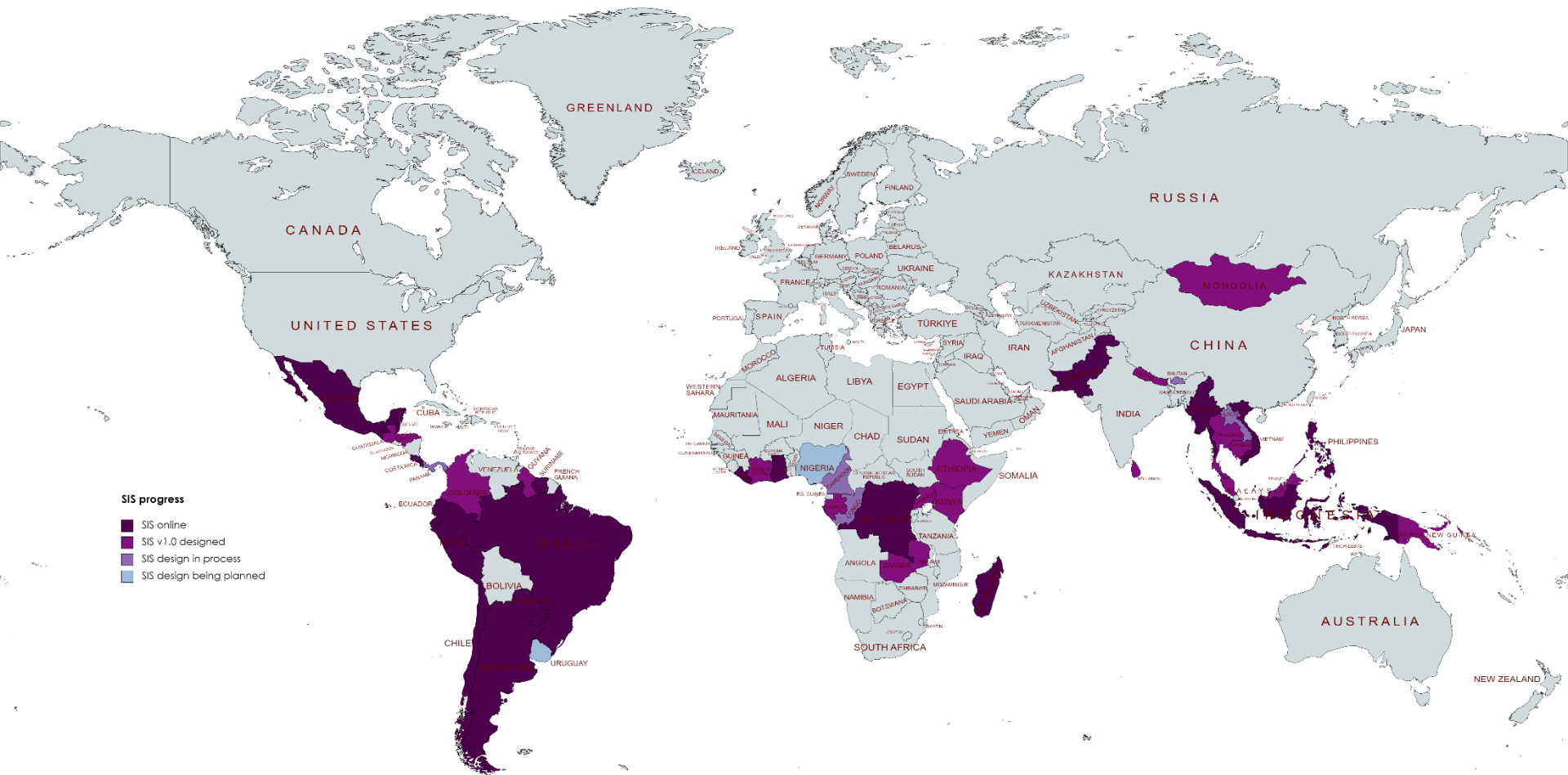
Experiences and advances on Safeguards Information Systems (SIS) & Summaries of safeguards information

Safeguards Information Systems (SIS)

- System for providing information on how safeguards are being addressed or respected throughout the implementation of REDD+ activities
- General characteristics (UNFCCC decision 12/CP.17, paragraph 2):
 - Provide transparent and consistent information that is accessible by all relevant stakeholders and updated on regular basis
 - Be transparent and flexible to allow for improvements over time
 - Provide information on how all the safeguards are being addressed and respected
 - Be country-driven and be implemented at the national level
 - Build upon existing systems, as appropriate



Progress on safeguards information systems

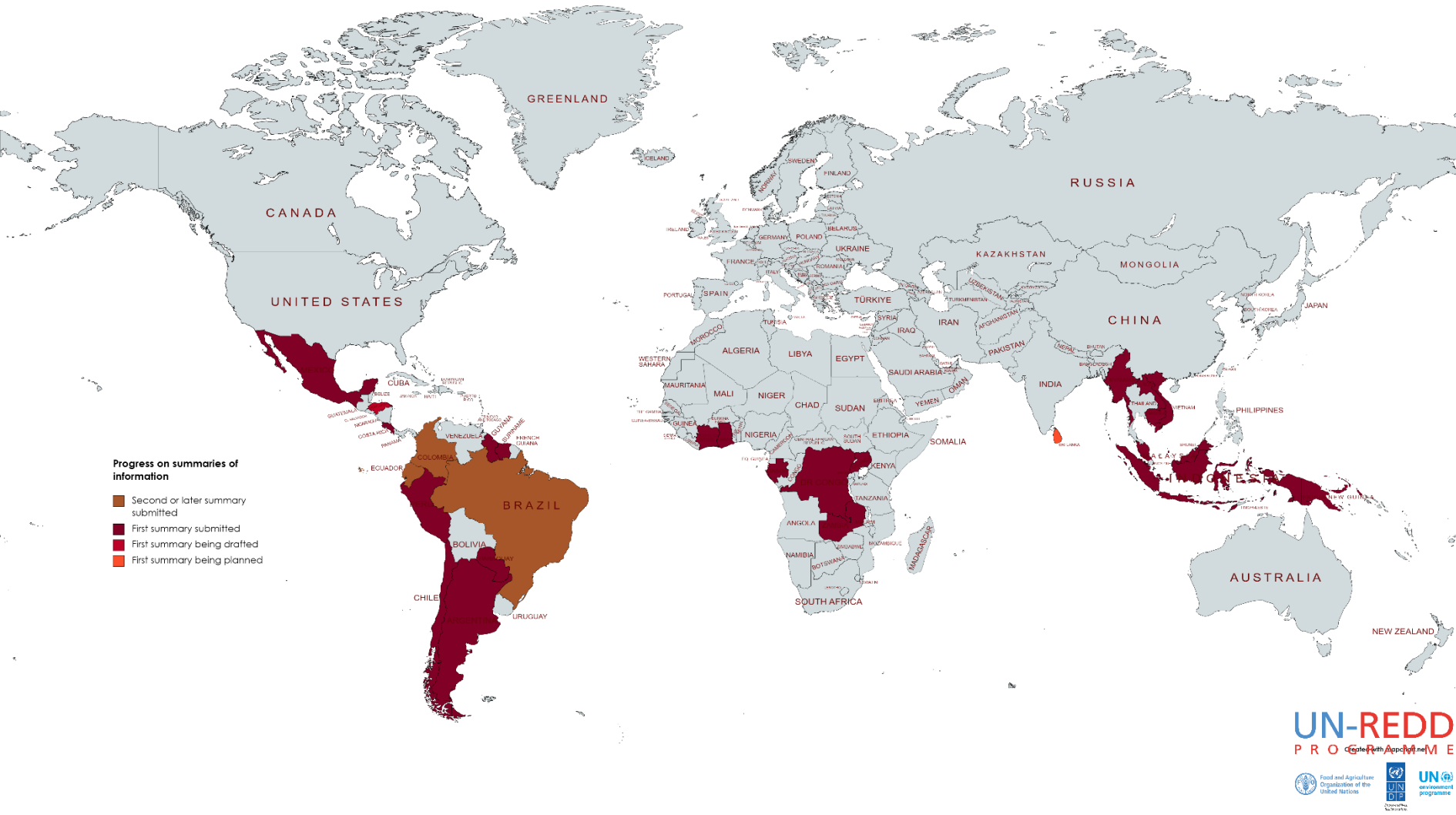


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Summaries of safeguards information

- Country reports on how the Cancun safeguards are being addressed and respected within the context of a national REDD+ strategy or action plan
- They should include information on the following (UNFCCC decision 12/CP.17):
 - REDD+ activity or activities being implemented
 - National circumstances relevant to addressing and respecting the safeguards
 - Description of each Cancun safeguard in accordance with national circumstances
 - Existing systems and processes
 - How each safeguard has been addressed and respected
 - Other relevant information
- Summaries of information are key tools for sharing information on safeguards and provide an opportunity for generating confidence in safeguards processes

Progress on summaries of safeguards information (submitted to UNFCCC)



Thank you!

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