



Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

Safeguard approach to ER Programs under the FCPF Carbon Fund

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I.

Requirements under the Methodological Framework (MF) and ERPA General Conditions (GCs)

Requirements re WB safeguards

- Criterion 24 of the MF:
“ The ER Program meets the World Bank social and environmental safeguards...”
- Section 9.01(e) of the GCs:
“ The Program Entity shall...operate and implement the ER Program and carry out and manage the ER Program measure(s) in compliance with the World Bank Operational Policies and any Safeguards Plans provided for under the ERPA...”
- Section 5.01(b) of the GCs:
“As a separate annex to each ER Monitoring Report, the Program Entity shall provide (i) evidence satisfactory to the Trustee that the ER Program Measure(s) are being implemented in accordance with the Safeguards Plans....”

Requirements re WB safeguards (cont'd)

To meet these requirements, REDD countries/Program Entities:

- during Readiness, conduct Strategic Environmental and Social Assessments (SESA's) and prepare Environmental and Social Management Frameworks (ESMF's) and other relevant safeguard frameworks
- In the ER Program Documents, commit to ensure that all activities which comprise the ER Program will adhere to the requirements set forth in the approved safeguard frameworks, including where relevant the preparation and implementation of site specific plans



II.

Challenges

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- ER Program Accounting Areas in ERPA operations are usually large, often covering large jurisdictions or large regions and could even cover entire countries.
- ER Programs typically include many diverse activities, the funding for which may come from multiple different sources.
- The Bank as Trustee may have limited leverage to induce safeguard compliance, at least in situations where the activities in question are implemented and/or financed by others.



III.

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- The World Bank will have the responsibility to determine that the safeguard systems which apply to ER Programs are sufficient to result in program implementation that complies with World Bank safeguard policies.
 - provide appropriate advisory services, conduct quality assurance and compliance reviews, and oversight of systems to implement environmental and social management frameworks and/or plans:
 - For ER Program activities financed by the World Bank, the Bank will retain full responsibility for safeguards compliance and oversight as it would for any other Bank financed activity
 - For ER Program activities financed by others, **the Program Entity, together with financiers**, would be responsible for ensuring that requirements of applicable safeguards frameworks and plans are addressed and respected. The World Bank would **not be** responsible for any prior review, clearance, or supervision of such activities. The World Bank's role would be to undertake periodic assessments to determine whether the agreed safeguards systems are being implemented in accordance with agreements and that these systems are effective in addressing safeguards risks and impacts
 - For activities in the ERPA accounting area which may in some way contribute to emissions reductions but are not part of the ER Program, the World Bank would **bear no responsibility** for review or oversight

Clarified safeguard approach (cont'd)

- Comprehensive assessment of environmental and social risks associated with ER Programs;
- Formulation and adoption of safeguard frameworks and/or plans to govern ER Programs;
- Assessment of the Program Entity's capacity to implement agreed frameworks and plans;
- Agreement of ERPA specific implementation measures in the form of an agreed "safeguards action plan";
- Self-monitoring and reporting;
- Third-party monitoring;
- Feedback and grievance redress mechanism;
- World Bank oversight of effective implementation and compliance of the Program Entity with agreed management measures



IV.

Next steps

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- Operations Environmental and Social Review Committee of the World Bank endorsed the overall safeguard approach on December 18, 2017
- Inform the CFPs, task teams, and REDD Countries of this clarified safeguard approach
- Inform the Board of this clarified safeguard approach
- Templates and further guidance developed, as necessary