



Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

Core Elements of Environmental and Social Risk Management for the FCPF

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The FCPF Approach to REDD+

- REDD+ readiness preparation (the “Readiness Fund” phase)
- REDD+ strategy implementation (the “Carbon Fund” phase)

A central challenge of the Readiness Preparation process:

- REDD+ Readiness Preparation mainly consists of strategic planning leading to development of policies, programs, institutions and a set of actions to be implemented in the future

The agreed solution for the FCPF:

- The **Common Approach** to Environmental and Social Safeguards for Multiple Delivery Partners (DPs)
- The Common Approach provides the World Bank and other DPs with a common platform for risk management and quality assurance in the REDD+ Readiness Preparation process

How will the Common Approach work?

- DPs will be required to achieve “substantial equivalence” to the “material elements” of the World Bank’s social and environmental safeguard policies
- Definition of “material elements”: What are they?
- Definition of “substantial equivalence”: What does it consist of?

Maintaining the strongest possible standards

- Under the Common Approach, whichever DP is in the lead in a REDD+ Country still applies its own safeguard policies
- If the safeguard policies/procedures of the lead DP are more protective than those of the WB, then those are the activities that will be undertaken as part of REDD+ Readiness

Other sets of requirements

- In addition to the material elements, four sets of guidelines are at the core of the Common Approach:
 - FCPF Guidelines and generic Terms of Reference for Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) and the associated Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), compliant with the relevant WB safeguard policies and procedures ;
 - FCPF/UN-REDD Guidelines on Stakeholder Engagement in REDD+ Readiness;
 - FCPF Guidelines on the Disclosure of Information; and
 - FCPF Guidelines for Establishing Grievance and Redress Mechanisms at the Country Level

What are SESA and the ESMF?

- SESA stands for “Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment”
- The ESMF stands for “Environmental and Social Management Framework”

SESA for REDD+ Readiness Preparation

- The strength of SESA for REDD+
- The foundation: A participatory and consultative process
- The strategic dimension of SESA

Key to Comprehensive Risk Management

SESA allows for incorporation of environmental and social considerations into the REDD Readiness Preparation process including safeguarding during **both** the preparation and the implementation of the REDD+ strategy, as follows:

- Enhancing the REDD+ strategy
- Environmental and social safeguarding

Mainstreaming of SESA

- SESA in relation to the R-PP Template: Then and now
- Recent update to the World Bank's safeguards framework

Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF)

- The ESMF serves as a framework for managing and mitigating the environmental and social risks and impacts for future investments (projects, activities, and/or policies and regulations) associated with implementing a country's REDD+ strategy
- Timing for the preparation of the ESMF

ESMF and Safeguards

- Coverage of the ESMF
- Scope of application of the ESMF

Preparation of ESMFs: Three Possible Scenarios

- Country A: Can demonstrate significant progress towards Readiness. Favored REDD+ strategy consists mainly of investment projects and related actions
- Country B: Requires more time and assistance to develop certain elements of Readiness. Favored REDD+ strategy not decided on, so there is an emphasis on continued planning and capacity building activities
- Country C: Requires more time and assistance to develop certain elements of Readiness. Favored REDD+ strategy consists mainly of policy and legal/regulatory reform, together with demonstration projects

Preparation of ESMFs: Three Possible Scenarios (cont.)

- Country A: Full complement of safeguards may be triggered. Contents of ESMF as per Annex C of R-PP template v. 5, but with emphasis on procedures for screening impacts and preparing site-specific, time-bound action plans
- Country B: Partial complement of safeguards may be triggered. Contents of ESMF as per Annex C, but with emphasis on describing impacts (including indirect and cumulative impacts) of leading REDD+ strategy options, establishing applicable principles, and bridging capacity gaps
- Country C: Partial complement of safeguards may be triggered. Contents of ESMF as per Annex C, but with emphasis on describing legislative, regulatory, and policy frameworks, establishing applicable principles, and detailing procedures for screening impacts and preparing time-bound action plans

Outputs for the Readiness Package

- Summary of how SESA was conducted during R-PP Formulation and Readiness Preparation containing the following:
 - Institutional arrangements for coordinating SESA
 - WB safeguard policies triggered and the environmental and social studies or diagnostics carried out
 - Key environmental and social issues associated with the drivers of deforestation and causes of forest degradation
 - How the findings of studies and consultations fed into the selection and refinement of the REDD+ strategy options
 - Recommendations for addressing institutional, policy, legal/regulatory and capacity gaps for managing environmental and social priorities
 - Consultations, public participation, disclosure of information, and grievance redress on environmental and social issues
 - Results of the assessment of environmental and social risks and potential impacts of REDD+ strategy options, with an eventual focus on the final REDD+ strategy
- An ESMF/advanced draft ESMF

Basic FCPF Business Process & SESA/ESMF

