



FLEGT-REDD Linkages Ghana

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Structure of Presentation

- The governance focus of the initiatives (Forest Law Enforcement Governance & Trade [FLEGT]; Reduced Emission from Deforestation & Degradation [REDD+]:
 - complementarities, challenges, conflicts
- Some Reflections
- The Way Forward





THE GOVERNANCE FOCUS OF THE INITIATIVES



What is Forest Governance & Legality Addressing under FLEGT-VPA?

- Deforestation/Illegal Logging
 - Use of Export and Domestic Market levers
- Good governance
 - Multi-actor steering (participatory governance)
 - Improved law enforcement (LAS implementation)
 - Re-alignment of (dis-jointed and obsolete) legislation with reality - legislative reform
- Improved access of communities to resources
- Responsible and viable industry
- Sustainable forest management

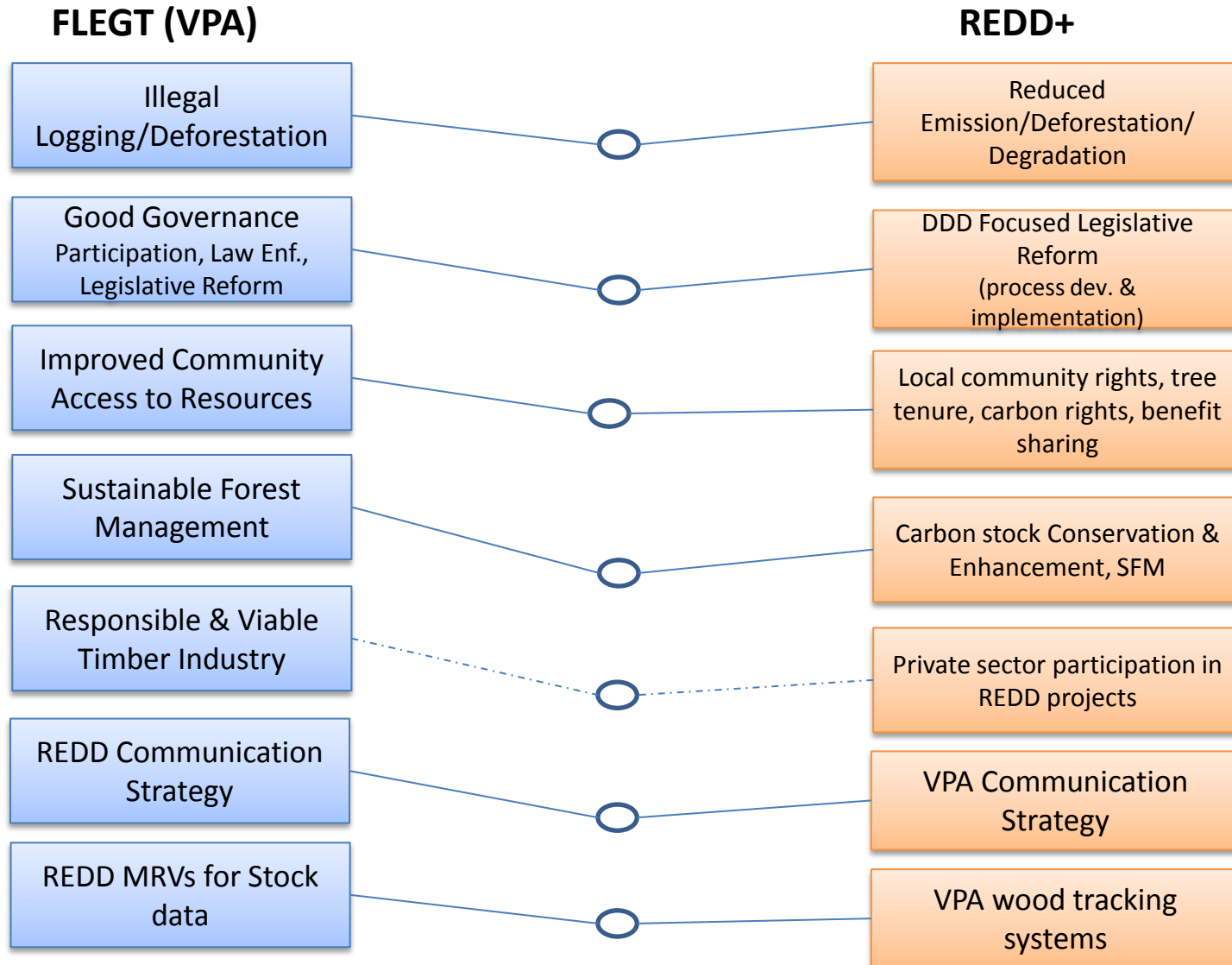


Governance Focus under REDD+

- Forest legislation and policy reforms to constrain drivers of deforestation and degradation (DDD)
- Address problems of weak institutional capacity & coordination, accountability, transparency
- Enhance and sustain stakeholder participation
- Address illegal logging and other forest illegalities through improved law enforcement
- Institute conflict resolution mechanisms
- Institute and sustain REDD+ safeguards



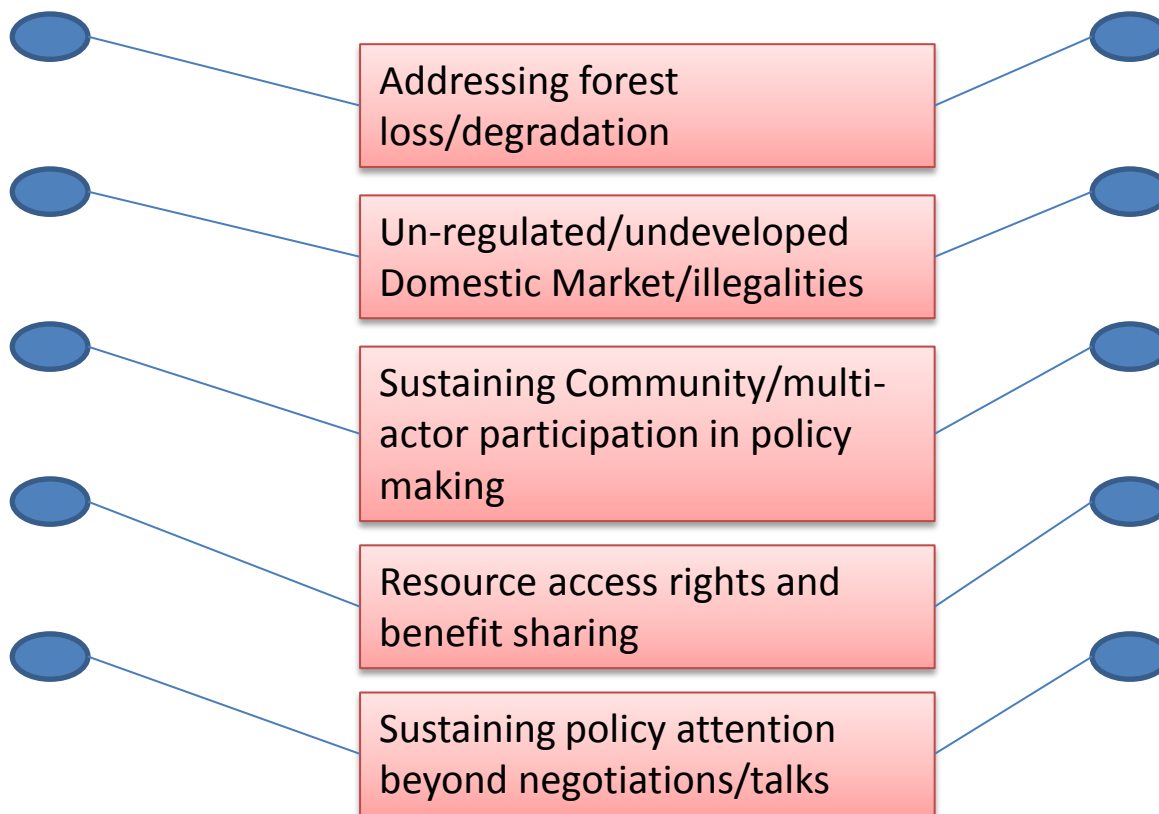
What are the Linkages?



Common Forest Governance Challenges?

FLEGT-VPA

REDD+



Possible Conflicts?

- Non-complementary benefit sharing schemes
- Non-complementary definition of access rights
- Harmony in legislation under initiatives
 - on tenural, carbon property & other rights



Incentives for REDD+ Deliverables

- What will be the enduring incentives for REDD+ deliverables once the “talking” is over?
 - Predictable and sustainable finance to deliver the real and verifiable emissions
 - MRV of carbon as well as information system for safeguards could maximise the effectiveness of REDD+



FLEGT-VPA Implementation

Are there Incentives for the Deliverables?

Deliverable	Incentive	Demand/Driver
Legality License (Export)	Market access	External to country + Internal policy processes
Development & Regulation of Domestic Market	Security of resources/law & order	Internal policy processes
Legislative Reform	Supportive legislative environment	Internal policy processes
Industry Restructuring	Medium-long term national socio-economic stability	Internal policy processes
Sustainable Forest Management	Long-term environmental & socio-economic stability	Internal policy processes



REFLECTIONS

Understanding the difference in Dynamics:

Consultation/Negotiation vs Implementation

- The dynamics of stakeholder participation differs depending on which phase you look at
 - Negotiating is very exciting
 - Implementation not so exciting
- The dynamics are dictated by prevailing & anticipated incentives
- Not all that is agreed will necessarily be implemented with same fervour



What Opportunities: REDD+/FLEGT

- REDD+ can give impetus to the elements of FLEGT that require re-energizing in implementation
 - Multi-actor dialogue
 - Issues of right of access to the resource
 - Adequate, predictable & sustainable finance for protecting natural forests and enhancing forest carbon stocks





WAY FORWARD



Way forward for FLEGT & REDD+

- Need for increased clarity on roles & objectives of FLEGT & REDD+ to:
 - identify areas of coordination and strengthening of their objectives
 - address weaknesses and gaps for better harmonisation and integration
- Common approach to communication
- Integrated approach in promoting the two initiatives across governments and within governments



Way forward for FLEGT & REDD+ cont'

- Integrated approach in engaging with the private sector to achieve objective of both initiatives
- Increase understanding and synergistic roles of two initiatives
- Compartmentalized approach to implementation (& development) of initiatives
 - Delinked implementation will work against both initiatives





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