

REDD+ Academy/Bhutan
Module 8 (Safeguards and Safeguard Information System)
Group Exercise 1 – Instructions

Total time: 70 mins - 40 mins group work, 30 mins for discussion

1. Review the Cancun safeguards.
2. Discuss what each safeguard means for Bhutan, i.e., what does each safeguard seek to achieve?
3. Discuss whether you would like to add one or more safeguards and/or you would like to expand the safeguards, e.g., safeguard (a) expand from a national forest programme to a national development programme.
4. Prepare your results on a flip chart.

Safeguard	What does it mean for Bhutan?
Safeguard (a) - [REDD+] actions complement or are consistent with the objectives of national forest programmes and relevant international conventions and agreements	
Safeguard (b) - Transparent and effective national forest governance structures, taking into account national legislation and sovereignty	
Safeguard (c) - Respect for the knowledge and rights of indigenous peoples and members of local communities, by taking into account relevant international obligations, national circumstances and laws, and noting that the United Nations General Assembly has adopted the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples	
Safeguard (d) - The full and effective participation of relevant stakeholders, in particular indigenous peoples and local communities [in REDD+ actions]	
Safeguard (e) - [REDD+] actions are consistent with the conservation of natural forests and biological diversity, ensuring that REDD+ actions are not used for the conversion of natural forests, but are instead used to incentivize the protection and conservation of natural forests and their ecosystem services, and to enhance other social and environmental benefits	
Safeguard (f) - Actions to address the risks of reversals	
Safeguard (g) - Actions to reduce displacement of emissions	