

An aerial photograph of a vast, dense tropical forest. The trees are a mix of vibrant green and darker shades, creating a textured canopy. In the far distance, hazy mountain ranges are visible under a soft, overcast sky. The overall scene conveys a sense of a large, undisturbed natural area.

REDD+ safeguards

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Social risk for forest dependent communities & Indigenous Peoples

- Negative impacts on their livelihoods
 - Prohibition or restrictions on their current use of forests
 - Involuntary resettlement
- Exclusion from decision making and benefit sharing
 - A risk of elite capture and further marginalization of disadvantaged groups



Environmental risks



① Risk of conversion of natural forests



② Risk of reversal

③ Risk of displacement/leakage

Main goals of safeguards

- **Do no harm risks**
 - At minimum, to avoid, eliminate or minimize the negative social and environmental impacts of REDD+
- **Do good outcomes**
 - to provide **co-benefits** (additional benefits such as improved forest tenure, improved biodiversity)
- **Also---**
 - Without appropriate safeguards in place, Cambodia will not be able to access to international funding
 - But with safeguards, Cambodia can access to a large pool of funding



UNFCCC social and environmental safeguards

Table 1. Cancun safeguard Decision 1/CP.16

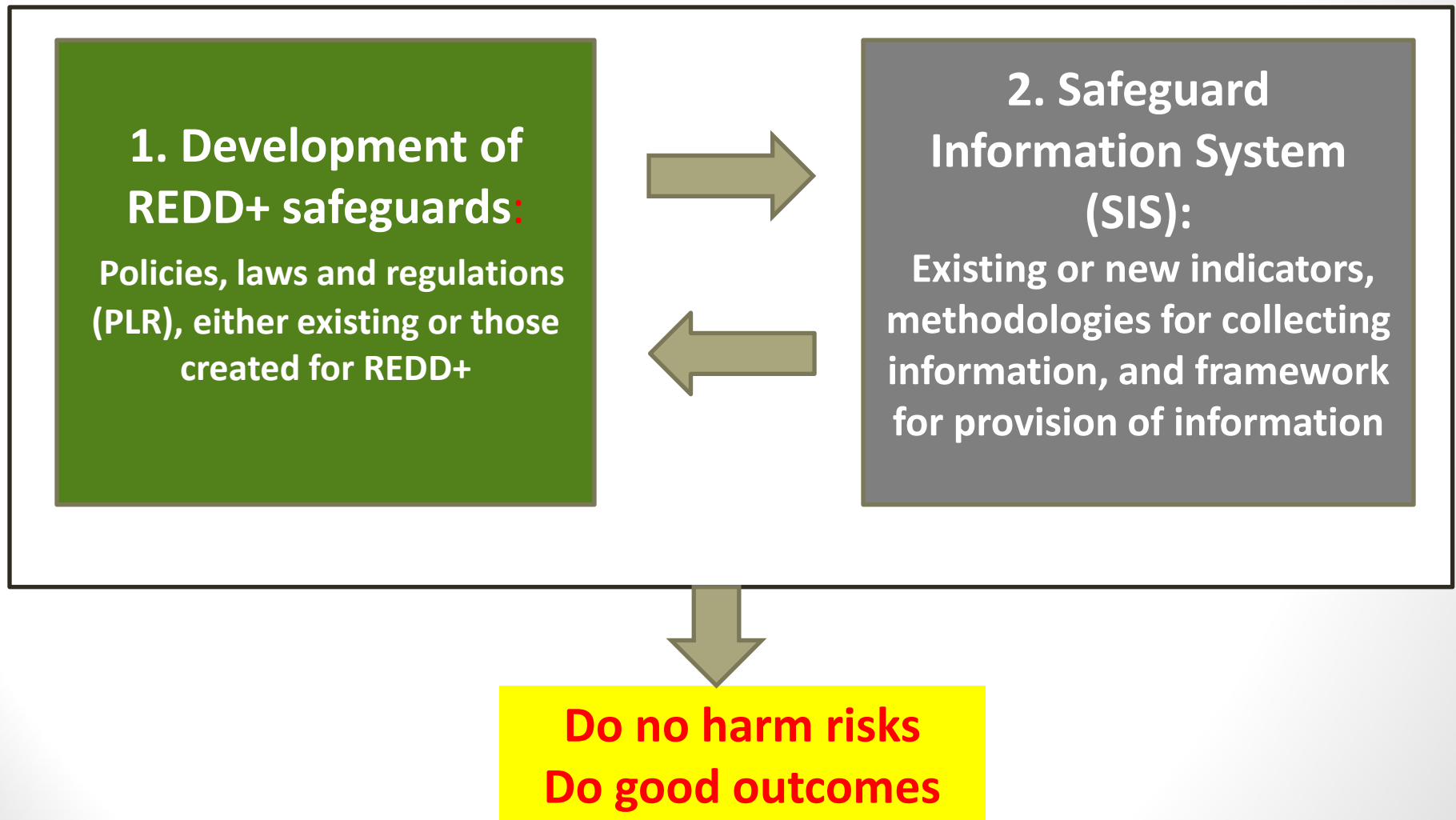
Social criteria

- Respect for the knowledge and rights of indigenous peoples and members of local communities
- Full and effective participation of relevant stakeholders in REDD+ , in particular indigenous peoples and local communities
- Enhancement of social benefits

Environmental criteria

- No conversion of natural forests
- Reduce the risk of reversals and displacement
- Conservation of natural forests and biodiversity
- Enhancement of environmental benefits (e.g. biodiversity and ecosystem services)

Two core elements of a national approach to safeguards

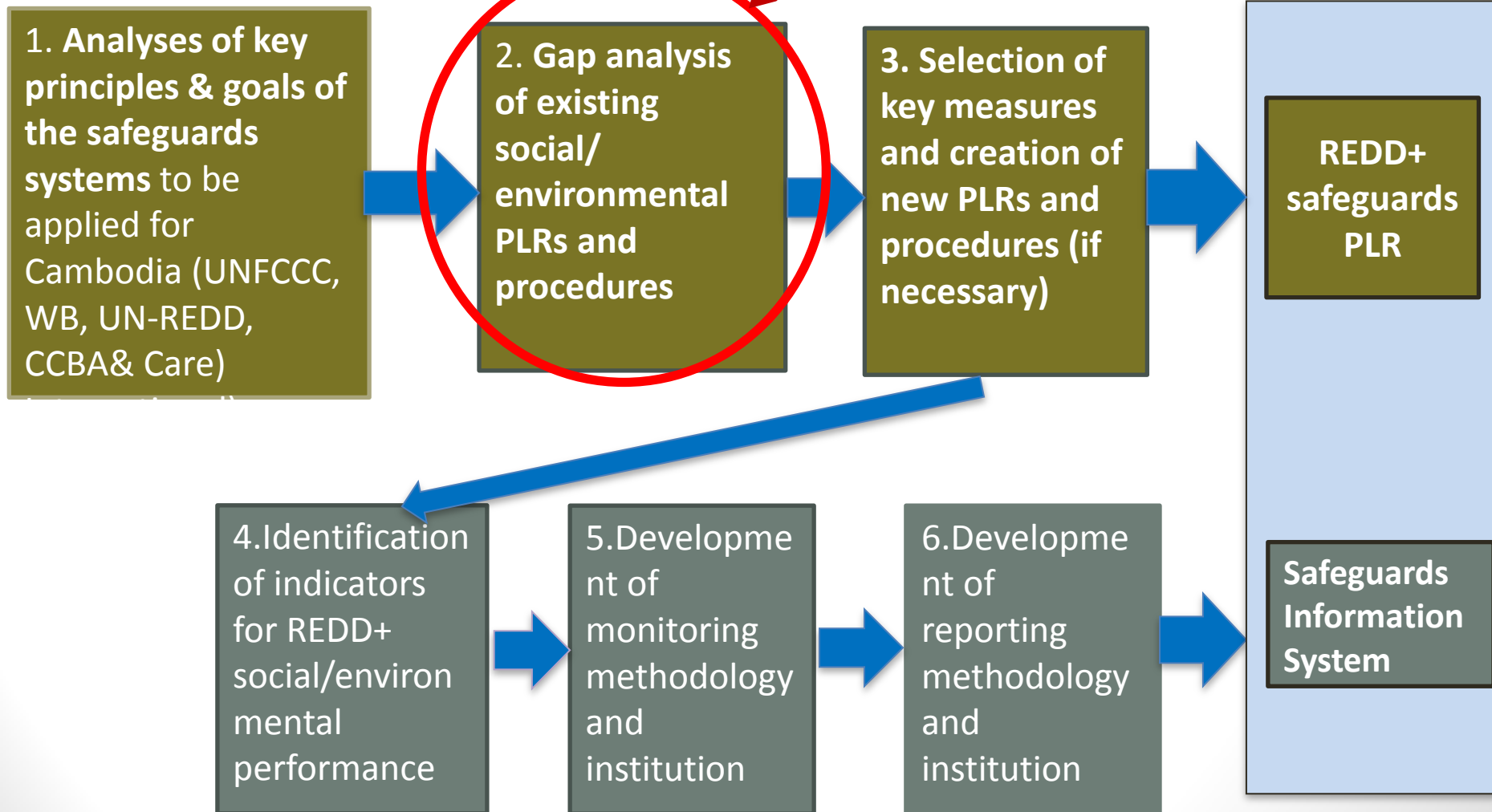


Global level safeguards relevant for REDD+

- **UN-REDD**: Social and Environmental Principles and Criteria (SEPC)
 - 7 Principles and 24 Criteria
 - Human rights based approach (e.g. FPIC)
- **World Bank FCPF**: Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA)
 - Designed for all WB projects (does not address REDD+ specific risks)
 - FCPF countries are obliged to adopt WB safeguards but with common approach
- **The Climate, Community and Biodiversity Alliance (CCBA) and CARE International**: REDD+ Social and Environmental Standards (SES)
 - 7 principles and 28 criteria

Main steps for development of a national safeguards system

We are here!!



Next steps for Cambodia

- Completion of a gap analysis: [Jan, 2014](#)
- Completion of a technical paper: [Feb, 2014](#)
- A consultation workshop to develop a draft proposal for REDD+ safeguards PLR, [May, 2014](#)
- A draft proposal for safeguards information systems, [September, 2014](#)
- Cambodia will be ready for REDD+ safeguards by the end of 2014!



Thank you for listening



UNFCCC safeguards:

Cancun decision (COP 16)

- a) That actions complement or are consistent with the objectives of **national forest programmes** and relevant **international conventions and agreements**;
- b) Transparent and effective **national forest governance structures**, taking into account national legislation and sovereignty;
- c) **Respect for the knowledge and rights of indigenous peoples and members of local communities**.....;
- d) **The full and effective participation of relevant stakeholders**, in particular indigenous peoples and local communities,-----;
- e) That actions are consistent with the **conservation of natural forests and biological diversity**, ensuring that the actions referred to in paragraph 70 of this decision **are not used for the conversion of natural forests**, and **to enhance other social and environmental benefits**;
- f) Actions to address the **risks of reversals**
- g) Actions to reduce **displacement of emissions**.

UNFCCC safeguard information system (SIS): Durban Guidance (COP 17)

*Decision 12/CP.17 agrees that systems for providing information on how the safeguards referred to in appendix I to decision 1/CP.16 are addressed and respected should, taking into account **national circumstances and respective capabilities**, and recognizing **national sovereignty and legislation**, and relevant **international obligations and agreements**, and respecting **gender considerations**:*

- a) Be consistent with the guidance identified in decision 1/CP.16, appendix I
- b) Provide **transparent and consistent information** that is accessible by all relevant stakeholders and updated on a regular basis;
- c) **Be transparent and flexible** to allow for improvements over time
- d) Provide information on how all of the safeguards are being addressed and respected;
- e) Be country-driven and implemented at the national level;
- f) Build upon existing systems, as appropriate;