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Paying for more than carbon – ensuring a successful REDD+?

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The «win-win-win»



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Benefits of reduced deforestation and forest degradation

- Protecting natural forests, biodiversity and ecosystem services
- Securing the rights and livelihoods of forest dependent peoples
- Reducing carbon emissions

Interlinked elements – no long term forest protection without the others



Where do we stand?



The foundation – Cancun agreement

- Key focus: *Emissions*
- Acknowledge wider issues – safeguards, national planning
 - Weak implementation language
 - More principles than safeguards
 - Reporting on safeguards?
 - Support of safeguards?
- The practice – rainforest countries
 - Main focus on MRV of carbon – human and economic resources



Examples



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- Perception: Safeguards regarded as conditionality – a barrier rather than a tool
- Investments: FCPF readiness costs: approx. 40% to MRV of carbon in REDD+ countries
- FCPF Carbon Fund: Design process now – payments based on reduced emissions only
- In country: “Carbon cowboys” – Battle over carbon rights, even in countries with clarified land rights



Why?



- REDD+ phase 3 will be results based
- “Results” not defined
 - but default thinking: carbon/reduced emissions
- Expectations of a carbon market distort the focus
 - measurement of carbon, at the expense of other important issues

Result: Wider objectives and safeguards of REDD+ attracts too little attention in REDD+ readiness and implementation

- even if “everybody” agree that pre-requisite for success



Why the «wider» elements of REDD+ are essential



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- Overall objective: *“slow, halt and revers forest cover and carbon loss”*
- Doesn't help with exact measurement of carbon, if actions taken today endanger the success
- Need to:
 - Secure broad ownership
 - avoid increasing conflicts
 - secure robust ecosystems
 - etc



The solution?



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- Interest and “investment” follow expectations for REDD+ payments
- Broadening the definition of results in REDD+ beyond carbon
- Start defining practical ways to measure the results that we expect REDD+ to deliver
 - carbon a part of it, but not the only
 - environmental issues; biodiversity/ecosystem services
 - good governance, participation
 - Rights of indigenous peoples and local communities
 - addressing drivers of deforestation
- Cancun request: “support” the safeguards
 - Measurable indicators on performance of safeguard implementation?



Expectations for Durban



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- LCA request to SBSTA:
 - discuss performance metrics additional to carbon (incl. in phase 3), addressing the wider benefits of REDD+
- Direct future investments and actions in REDD+ countries
- Turning the safeguards from conditionality and “the stick” to a *carrot*
 - reward positive outcomes



Tusen takk!
Thank you!

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