



**National Approaches to REDD+ Safeguards**

**Opportunities for improved Forest Governance**

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**UN-REDD PROGRAMME**

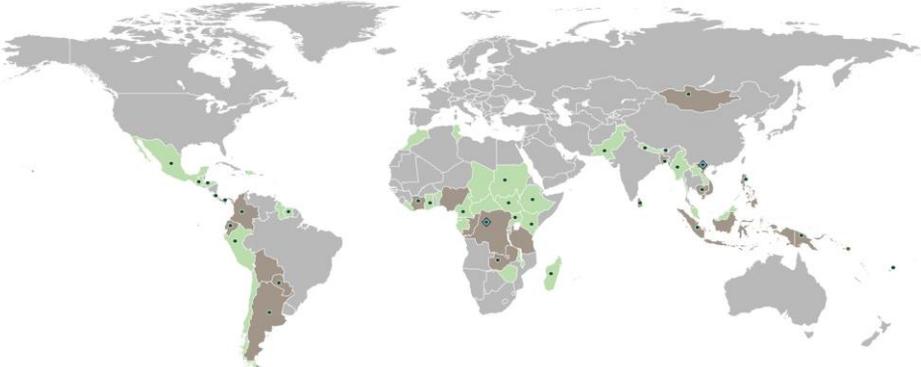
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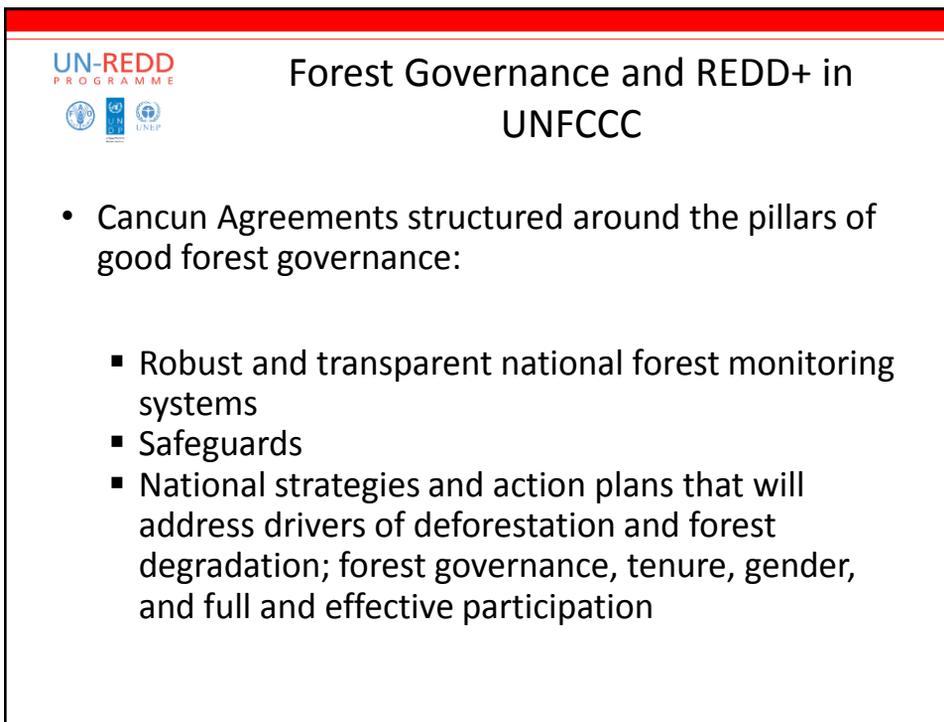
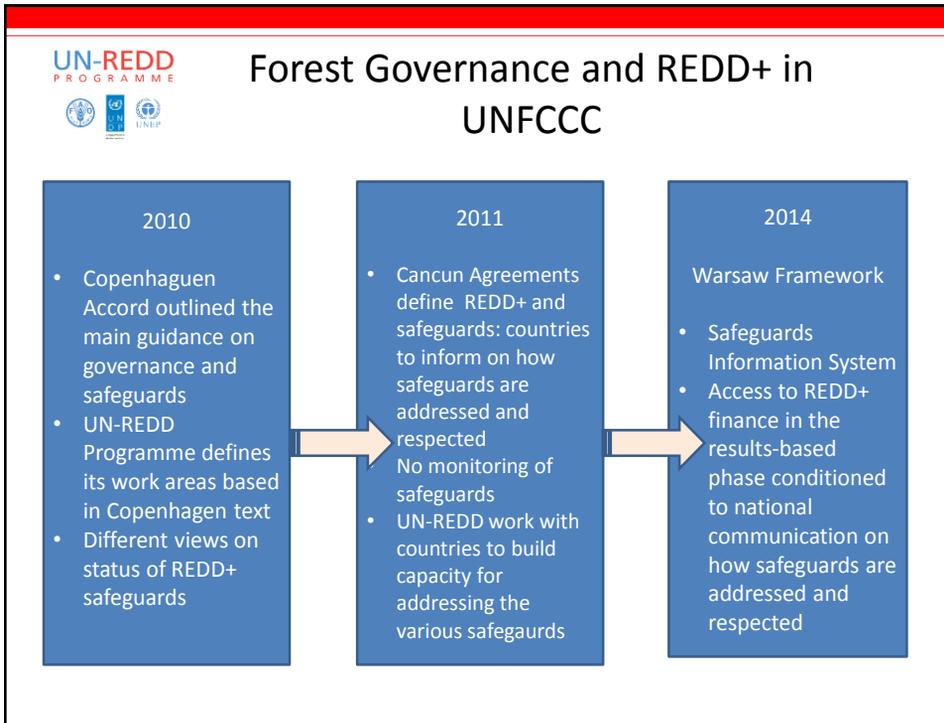

- The UN Collaborative Programme for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries
- Established in 2008 by FAO, UNDP and UNEP, under the «delivery as one UN» approach
- Objective: Support developing countries to participate of REDD+

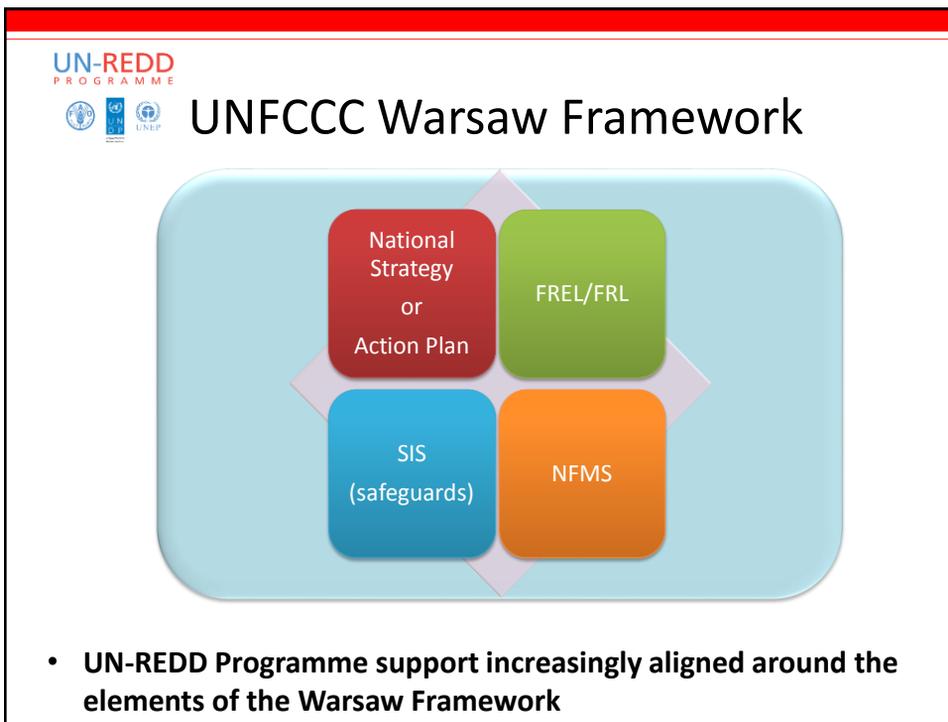
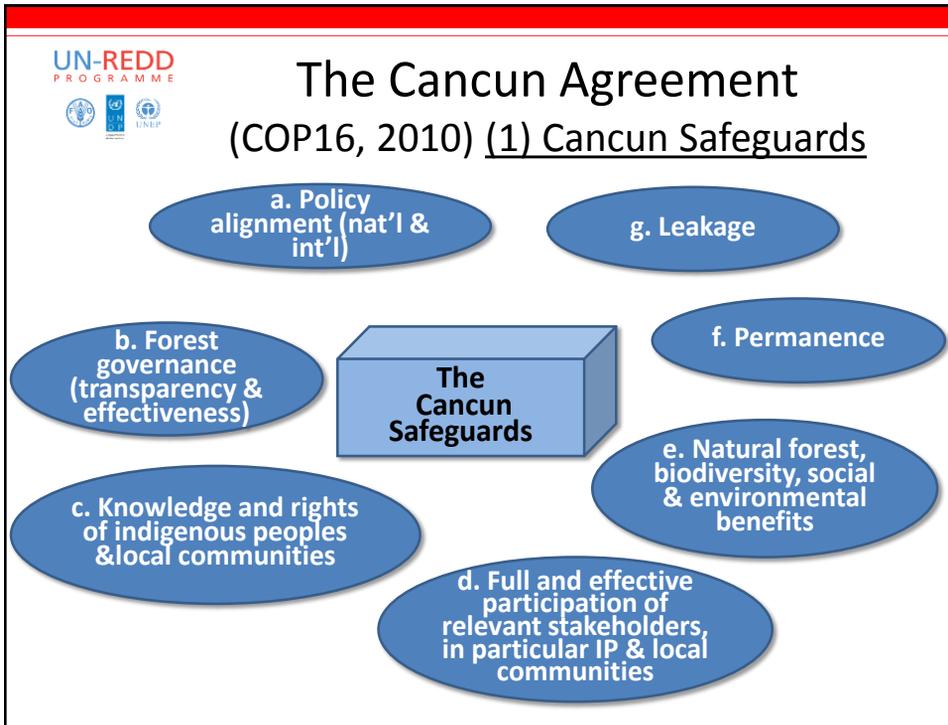
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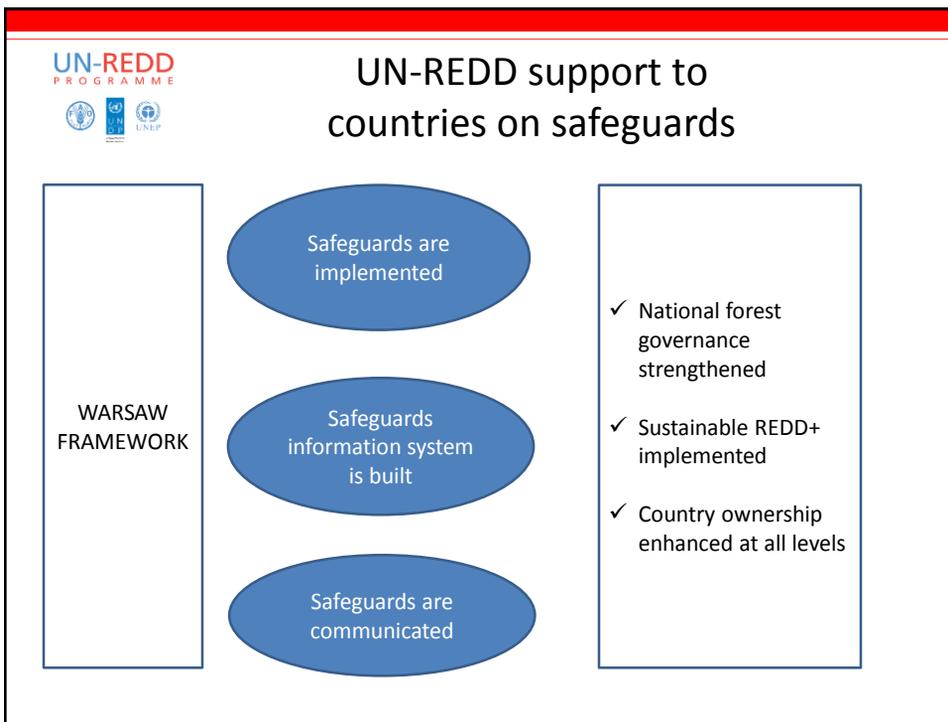
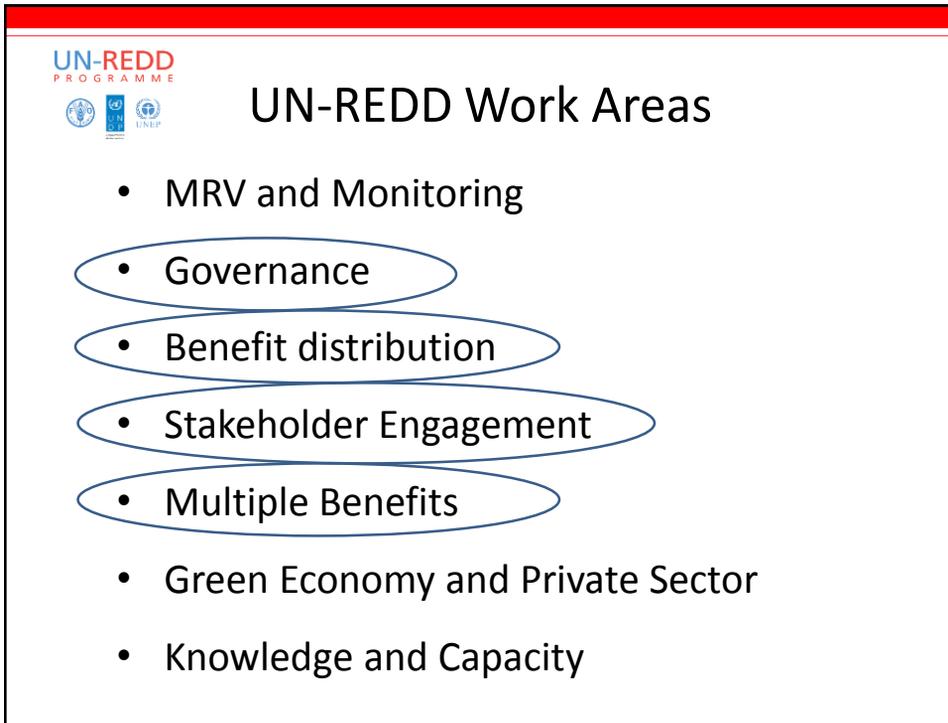
**UN-REDD Supported Countries**  
58 Partner Countries



National Programme countries (21)    Other partner countries (37)    ● Targeted Support countries (39)    ◆ Tier 2 countries (2)









## Country approach to safeguards: key elements/steps

### Scope and goal setting:

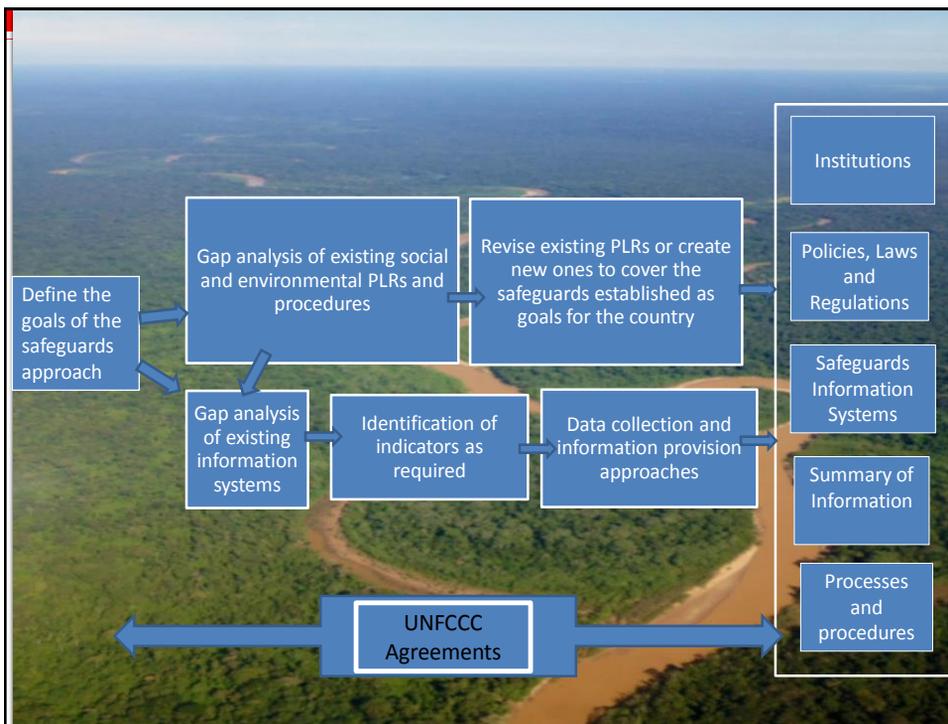
- What does a country want to achieve with safeguards?
  - Minimum Cancun compliance or beyond to include other policy commitments?
- What will safeguards apply to?
  - Just REDD+ activities or beyond to all forestry sector, other land use sectors?

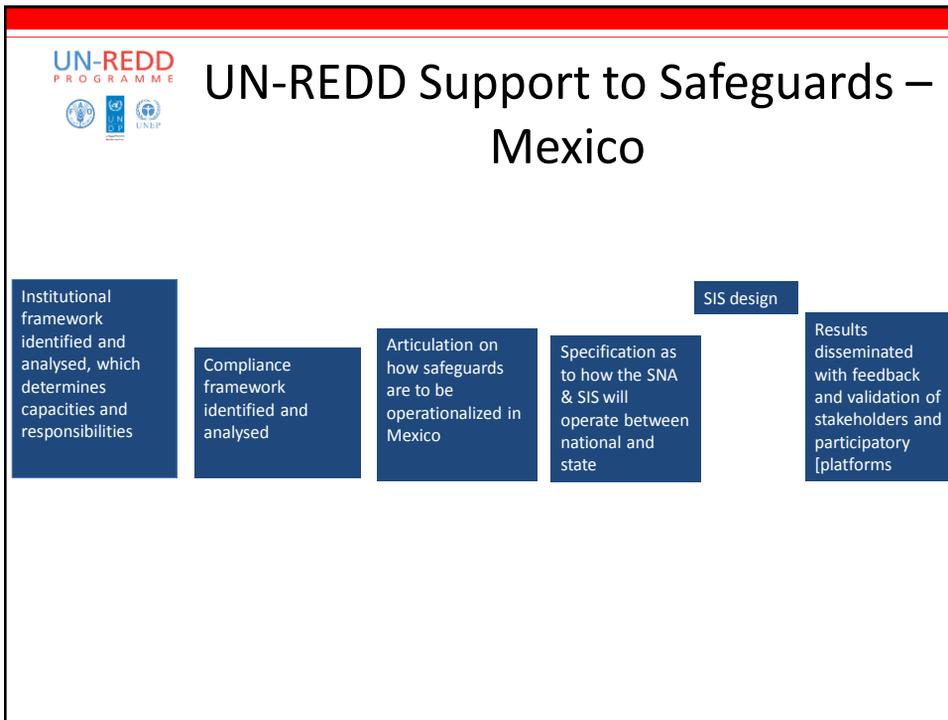
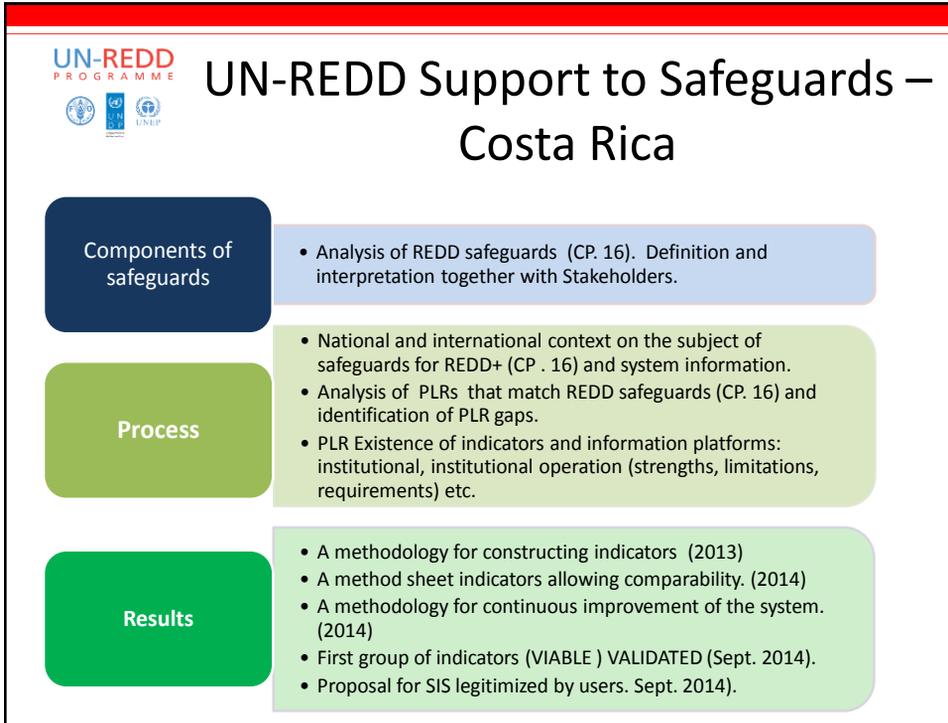
### Assessment of existing governance arrangements:

- What policies, laws and regulations (PLRs) does a country have in place to *address* safeguards?
- How well do a country's institutions and institutional processes and procedures *respect* safeguards?

### Assessment of existing information sources and systems:

- What information and information systems does a country have in place to demonstrate safeguards are addressed and respected?





## Emerging lessons

### REDD+-centred approach

- High levels of confusion persist on how countries meet multiple safeguards
- Large sets of novel indicators has been the main response to date
  - Not embedded in countries' legal/institutional frameworks
  - Prohibitively high operational costs for monitoring
- Multiple scales of safeguards/standards application – National/jurisdictional/ project
- Opportunity to catalyze transformative governance improvements missed

### Country approach

- In theory, a single solution to meet multiple safeguards
- Still early days...can't corroborate theory with empirical evidence...yet...
- Pioneering countries welcome broader governance benefit potential
- Country approach dependent on country leadership
  - challenge to politically engage across sectors/ministries

## Looking forward -

- Increase knowledge sharing; continuing capture of lessons learned; and facilitate south-south collaboration in the area of safeguards.
- Enhance coordination among the UN-REDD Programme and other initiatives on support related to safeguards at country, regional and global levels.
- Primary focus to facilitate countries' meeting their UNFCCC commitments.
- Help clarifying different safeguards approach at country level and maximize contribution to enhanced forest governance and sustainable REDD+.



## Thank You

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