



REDD+ in Germany's International Climate Initiative (ICI) and its contributions to the REDD+ Partnership

Maximizing the Co-benefits of REDD+ Actions

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The workshop was co-organized by the International Climate Initiative (ICI) of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU), Germany, and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) of the Philippines in order to foster exchange of experiences among ICI projects on maximizing co-benefits and ensuring safeguards in REDD+ implementation. It gathered participants from 11 REDD+ demonstration activities supported by the ICI in 9 countries in Southeast-Asia and the Pacific, including representatives from governments, private sector and civil society.

Welcoming the engagement of the REDD+ Partnership on non-carbon impacts of REDD+ and safeguards, the participants agreed on the following key messages to the REDD+ Partnership as a result of the workshop.

The REDD+ Partnership may consider:

1. Encouraging countries to mainstream co-benefits management into cross-sectoral policy frameworks / planning processes;
2. Promoting cost-effective approaches to monitoring co-benefits and safeguards, keeping systems robust and simple;
3. Encouraging REDD+ Partnership countries to review, update and actively contribute to the Voluntary REDD+ Database in order to optimize its use as a strategic tool for safeguards and co-benefits;
4. Providing generic categories for non-carbon impacts that are then left to country-specific definition;
5. Providing guidance on operationalizing safeguards and managing co-benefits;
6. Strengthening existing structures and mechanisms for safeguards and for maximizing co-benefits involving multi-stakeholder approaches;
7. Encouraging on-going efforts on harmonization of co-benefit management and safeguard standards;
8. Supporting dialogue with industries driving deforestation (e.g. large-scale agriculture, logging, mining, infrastructure) in order to stimulate compliance with safeguards.