BENEFIT SHARING MECHANISMS: PRINCIPLES FOR DIALOGUE
CONFUSION IS EVERYWHERE
Benefit-sharing Basics

*Balancing Objectives*

*Effective Incentives vs. Legitimacy*

1. Provide effective incentives for actions
   - Overall benefits are determined by costs, demand & setup

2. Build broad support & legitimacy of REDD+ system
   - Fair distribution avoids resource conflict, builds trust
   - Particular attention paid for poor and vulnerable groups*
What is REDD+ benefit-sharing?
“Everyone has a say”

FAO says:
“agreements between stakeholders, such as private sector, local communities, government and non-profit organizations, about the equitable distribution of benefits related to the commercialization of carbon”

IUCN says:
“agreements between stakeholders about the distribution of monetary benefits from the commercialization of forest carbon”
PROJECT VS. JURISDICTIONAL REDD+

International REDD Finance

Fund-based

National REDD Fund

Vertical Benefit-sharing

Intermediaries & Facilitators
NGO's
Private Developers & Companies

Central Government
Regional Government
Local Government

Horizontal Benefit-Sharing

Between Communities
Within Communities
Within Households

Source: adapted from Ellis-Jones
THANK YOU

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Co-chair’s Reflections from the Field

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2. Role of Multiple Actors
3. Sustainability, Equity & Permanence of Benefits
4. Transparency, Redress/grievance & feedback-loops
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