Group three feedback

Day 1 afternoon session

Questions dealt with organically!

- 1. Finance instruments
- 2. Safeguards & FPIC
- 3. Co-benefits
- 4. Commitment & Opting out
- 5. Triggers for moving through phases

1. Long-term viability of finance instruments

- situation is different for fund-based and market-based
- for market, long-term commitment comes from binding contracts (espec. in Phase 3)
- for funds, agreement likely to be limited to a specific phase (eg FCPF for Phase 1) longer term commitment needs to be negotiated with new instruments RISK of shift from grants to loans and/or market finance, more complex to negotiate and subject to shifting political priorities
- •Hope that a new funding window within the Convention will ease this risk for Phase 2, as there will be no market incentive at this stage.
- •Indonesia is negotiating a "whole package" approach for the 3 phases bilaterally with Australia and Norway but not all countries have power to do that therefore need for capacity building for countries to make the funding transition as part of Readiness phase

4. Commitment & Opting out

- national commitment is linked to international credibility and access to REDD funding
- national commitment is not only governmental
- need a multi-stakeholder approach to reach that position
- multiple stakeholders can hold each other to account self-regulation
- the drivers of deforestation are very political. To combat them REDD needs to compensate them financially
- economic co-benefits forests generate money without cutting trees and REDD commitment can create price premium for products
- •"Opting out" is opting out of finance, so unlikely to be a desireable option. The challenge may be more about how do you "stay in".

3. Co-benefits

- •social and environmental co-benefits are automatically rewarded by the voluntary market which places premium price on "high quality" carbon
- •Therefore in Phase 1 & 2, co-benefits should be identified & encouraged, to prepare countries to enter market where they will be rewarded
- When biodiversity and land tenure /forest governance reform (and maybe others) are means of ensuring permanence, they should be made pre-conditions of REDD for the full implementation phase
- •REDD itself is actually a co-benefit of sustainable management of forests. Can existing forest certification processes guarantee further co-benefits?
- Social and political co-benefits cannot easily be reduced to a financial value e.g. Tenure rights and some of these start from day one of the process before the market is there to reward them
- there must also safeguards related to REDD ("do no harm"), and they are not the same as co-benefits ("do more good")

2. Safeguards & FPIC

- safegurads need to be made explicit what safeguards?
- •sustainable forest management standards can be used as the safeguard mechanism
- need to create an affordable mechanism not to penalise small forests
- In some contexts it may be possible to have a REDD add-on to existing national forest standards
- traditional land use management by indigenous peoples must be referenced in such standards
- Market can positively stimulate maintenance of standards
- (WE NEVER GOT TO DISCUSS FPIC)

5. Triggers for moving through phases

- Concept of "stage gate" process
- multiple stakeholder process is precondition for shift from readiness to PAM phase
- AS A GROUP WE GOT NO FURTHER