

# Welcome to the

## Field Dialogue on REDD+ Benefit Sharing in Ghana

2-5 December 2013  
Elmina, Ghana





# Welcome

## Dialogue Co-Chairs

- Elijah Danso- Forest Consultant
- Milagre Nuvunga – MICAIA Foundation
- Patrick Wylie – International Union for Conservation of Nature(IUCN)

# Today's Program

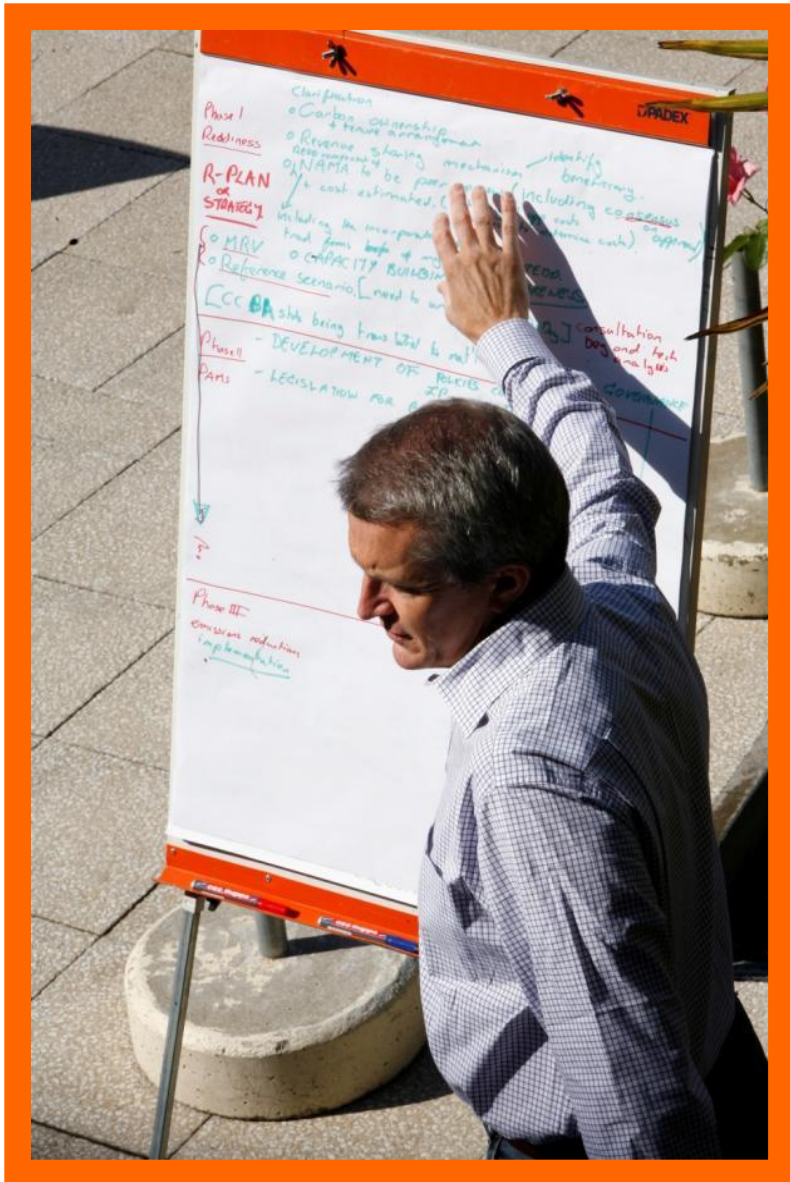
**Wednesday, 4 December**

**Morning Co-chair: Elijah Danso**

- Welcome Address & Introduction
- International Context of REDD+ Benefit Sharing
- REDD+ Benefit Sharing in Ghana
- 10:45 Coffee Break
- Plenary Discussion: Key Challenges for designing and implementing Benefit Sharing in Ghana
- 12:30 Lunch Break

**Afternoon Co-chair: Milagre Nuvunga**

- Breakout Group Session I: Stakeholder Perspectives on Key Challenges in designing and implementing Benefit Sharing in Ghana
- 17:00 Adjourn for the day
- 18:30 Group Dinner



# TFD & the REDD+ Initiatives

**Xiaoting Hou**

The Forests Dialogue

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# The Forests Dialogue

## Purpose

- Established in 2000 by NGO and Business Leaders
- Reduce conflict among stakeholders in the forest sector
- International platform and process to discuss key SFM and conservation issues
- Build mutual trust, enhanced understanding and commitment to change

## Governing body:

- Steering Committee



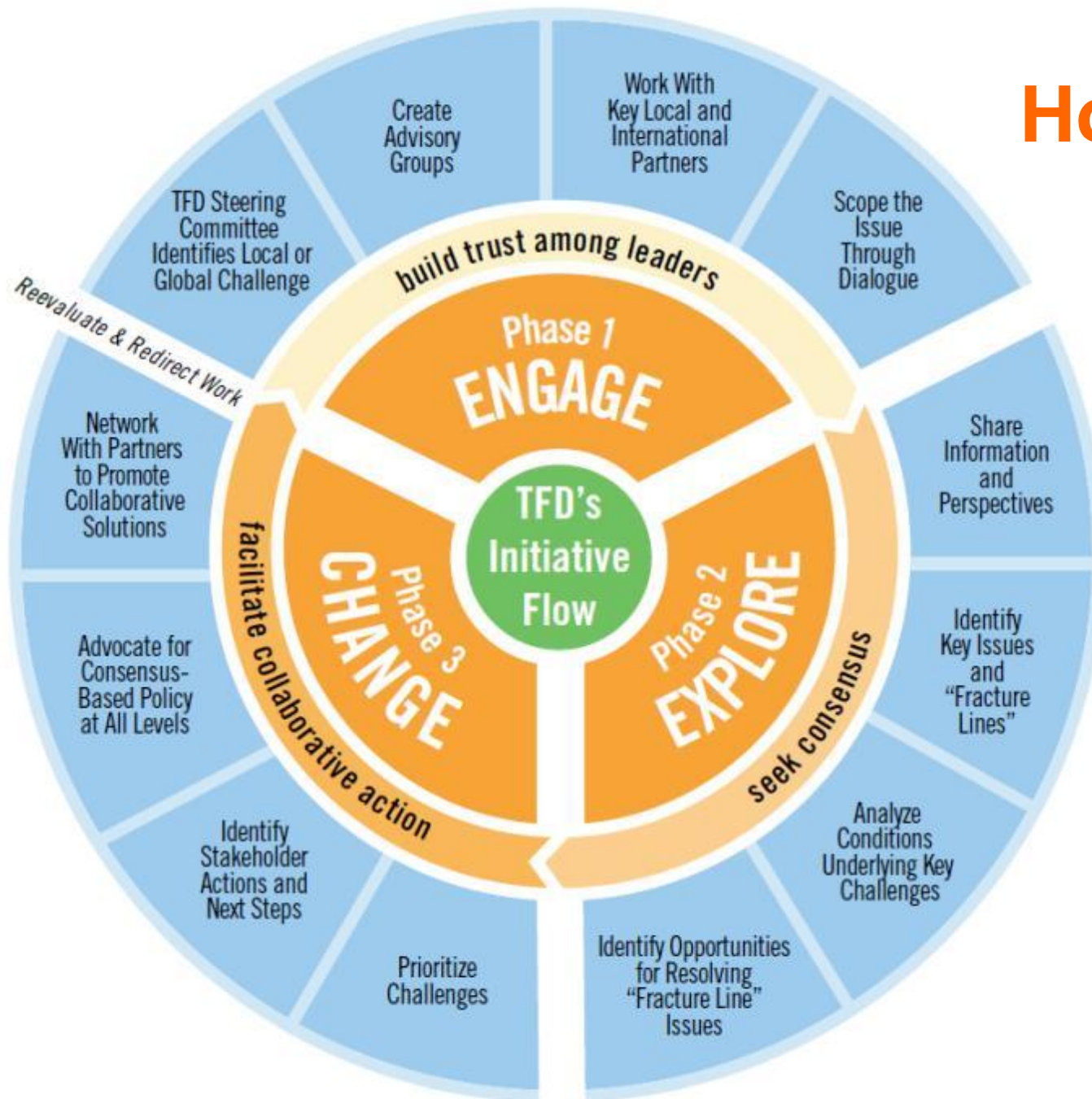
# TFD Initiatives

## Priority SFM Issues

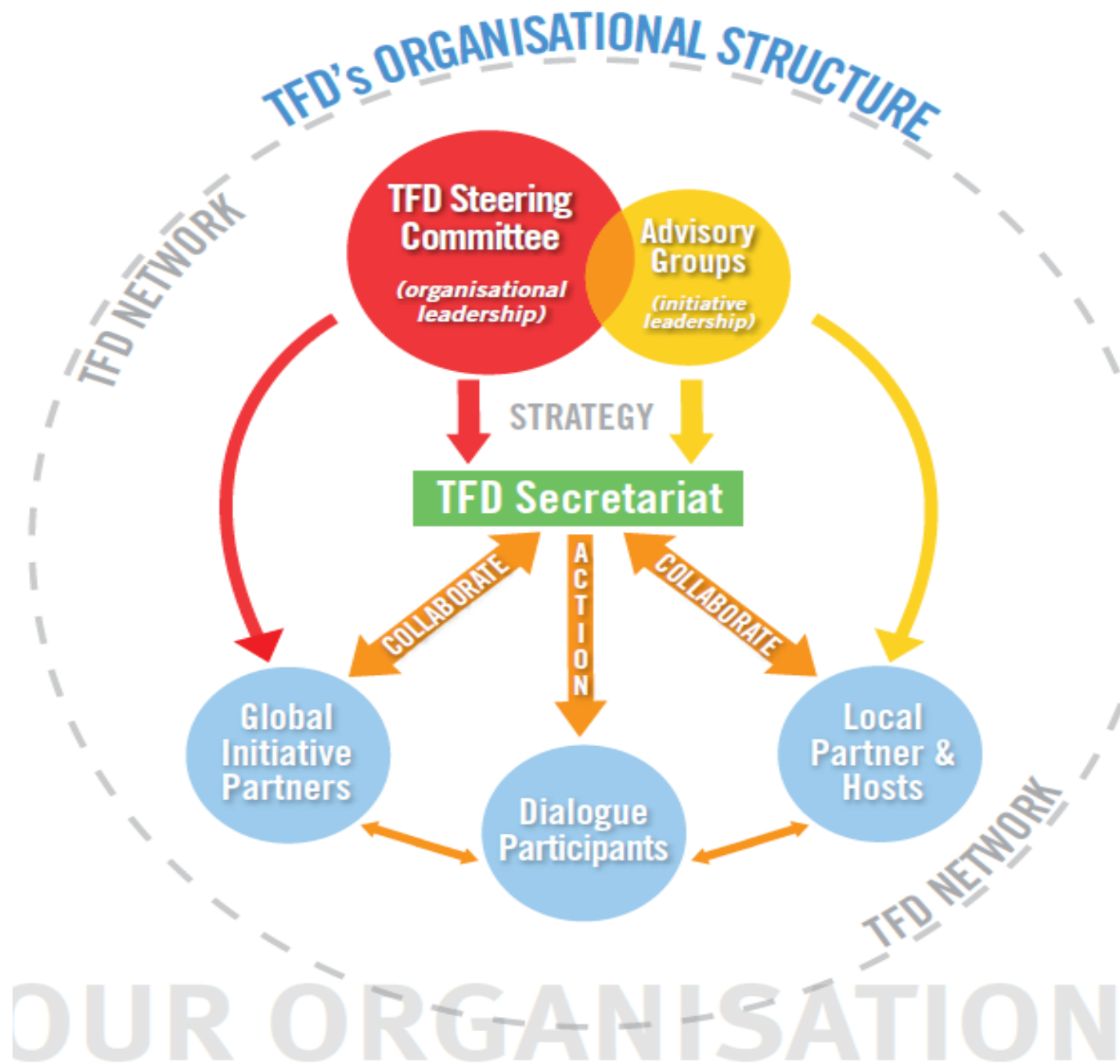
- REDD+ Benefit Sharing
- Food, Fuel, Fiber and Forests
- Genetically Modified Trees
- Free, Prior, and Informed Consent
- Investing in Locally Controlled Forestry
- Forests & Poverty Reduction and Rural Livelihoods
- Intensively Managed Planted Forests
- Illegal Logging and Forest Governance
- Forests and Biodiversity Conservation
- Forest Certification



# How TFD Works









# TFD's Process

## Spirit of Participation

- Active listening
- Constructive, solution oriented interventions
- Participate as individual
- Help define and own the outcomes
- Facilitation “light” / Co-Chair’s roles



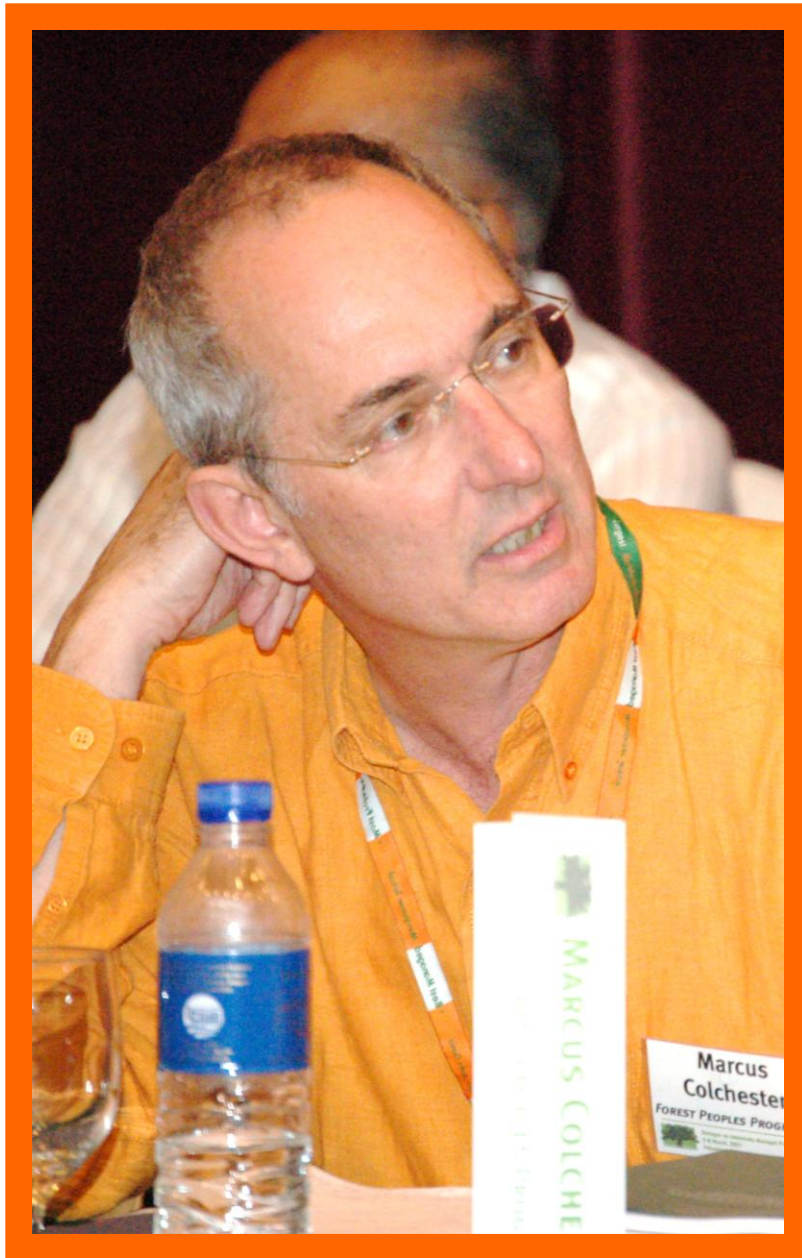
# TFD's Process

## TFD Operates under the Chatham House Rule

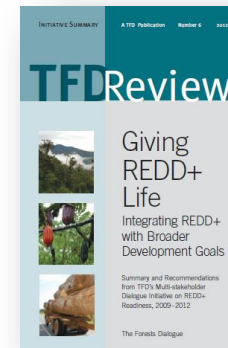
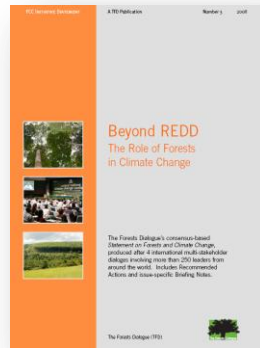
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- Use mobiles and computers during breaks
- No video
- Pictures OK
- Use Name Tents



# TFDs Forest and Climate Change Related Initiatives

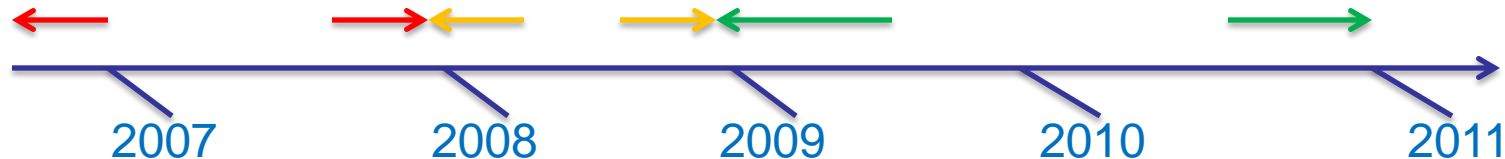


**Forest & Climate Change:**  
275 Leaders

**Financing REDD+:**  
100 Stakeholders

**REDD+ Readiness :**  
240 Stakeholders

Brazil; Ghana; Guatemala; Ecuador; Cambodia



2007

2008

2009

2010

2011

**UNFCCC BALI:**  
RED  
Co-benefits/safeguard  
will “derail” RED

**Poznan:**  
REDD

**Copenhagen:**  
REDD+  
Consensus on  
principles and  
safeguards  
Phased approach

**Cancun:**  
Ratification of REDD+  
Guidance and  
safeguards for REDD  
+(in ANNEX 1)

**Durban:**  
Market and non-  
market mechanisms  
may be both  
appropriate

**Other  
Multilateral  
Mechanisms**

**FCPF  
UNREDD**

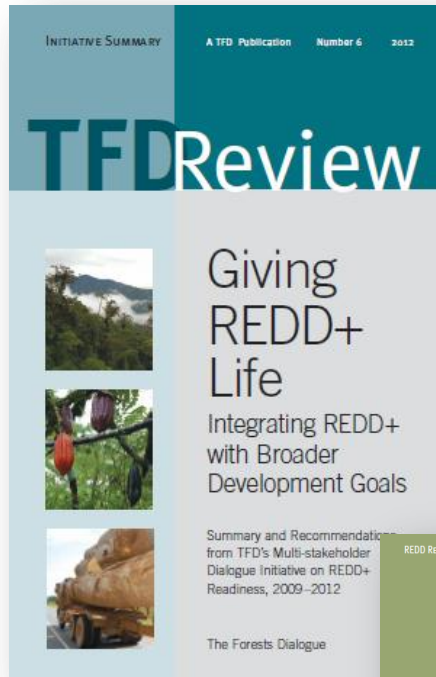
**FIP**

**REDD+  
Partnership**

**REDD+ Partnership:**  
75 countries  
FCPF: 37  
UNREDD: 44  
FIP: 8



# REDD+ Readiness Key Findings



- Establishment of a revenue and benefits distribution system
- Access to, use and availability of information and its use in capacity-building
- Effectiveness of multi-stakeholder participation and engagement mechanisms and processes
- Reform of policy and legislative frameworks, particularly those on tree and carbon rights
- Integration of REDD-plus policies with broader land-use plans and other sector and development plans



# REDD+ Benefit Sharing Initiative



**Global Partner and  
Ghana Dialogue Host**



Bundesministerium  
für Umwelt, Naturschutz  
und Reaktorsicherheit

**Initiative Support**



# Objectives of REDD+ Benefit Sharing Initiative

- **Build a community of practice** among locally-rooted, well connected REDD practitioners to share experiences and to develop practical tools that support effective, efficient and equitable benefit sharing for REDD+;
- **Develop and understand the current state** of REDD+ Benefit Sharing in several countries to identify the challenges of designing and implementing those mechanisms more broadly;
- **Promote appropriate economic, policy and institutional arrangements** at local, national and international levels to facilitate equitable and efficient delivery of REDD+ Benefit Sharing mechanisms.





# REDD+ Benefit Sharing to Date

- **Advisors: 16 experts representing communities, IP, gender experts IGO, private sector, NGOs**
- **23-24 March 2013 – Washington, DC**



**16-19 November, 2009-  
Wassa Amenfi West, Ghana**

**24-27 September, 2013 –  
Lam Dong, Vietnam**

# Key Issues(1)

**What can be done in the immediate term to identify and work with beneficiaries when rights are unclear/or land right system is complicated?**

Ghana REDD Readiness Dialogue (2009):

- National Level: Balance and linkage between effectiveness and equity
- Community level:
  - demonstrated sophisticated thinking for how to identify beneficiaries

Vietnam:

- National Level- Set priorities to guide identification (e.g. poverty reduction)
- Sub-national level – multi-stakeholder platform to allow open discussions to identify beneficiaries based on local context
- Community level- given authority to do so, communities are capable to define beneficiaries themselves

# Key Issues(2)

## How to use multiple benefits to incentivize stakeholders at different levels and in different phases of REDD+?

Ghana REDD Readiness Dialogue (2009):

- Integrated land-uses with diversified income and other multiple benefits
- Recommended ways forward: e.g. focus on systematic restoration of degraded forestlands and the locally appropriate diversification of farming systems through the incorporation of on-farm trees.

Vietnam:

- Identify the bundle of benefits that can be used to incentivize stakeholders
- Build cross-sectoral collaboration and invest in sustainable land-use planning to maximize the benefits from forest landscapes



# Key Issues(3)

## On what basis can benefits be shared?

Ghana REDD Readiness Dialogue (2009):

- Taking into consideration of the existing basis when incomes (timber concessions; shared cropping) are shared

Vietnam:

- Different mechanisms apply at different levels and through different phases of REDD+
- Leverage multiple benefits and emphasis non-cash benefits at sub-national level
- Simplified messages and approaches at local level

# Key Issues(4)

## How to reduce the costs of implementing REDD+?

Ghana REDD Readiness Dialogue (2009):

- Building on existing programs (e.g. existing multi-stakeholder engagement platforms like district forest forums)

Vietnam:

- Build on existing programs where appropriate
- Invest in sustainable forest landscape management in ways that can generate income while reducing deforestation and degradation

## Key Issues(5)

**How to actively involve private sector in designing and implementing REDD+ Benefits Sharing?**

Ghana REDD Readiness Dialogue (2009):

- Recognized domestic private sectors have a large role to play in Ghana

# Key Issues(6)

## How to design national programs on REDD+ Benefit Sharing that accommodate different local context?

### Vietnam:

- Recognize the differences and linkage between project-level and national-level approaches
- Design a macro framework under clear societal goals at national-level to guide participatory design and implementation of Benefit Sharing based on sub-national contexts
- Ensure transparency and free access to information -- feedback/grievance mechanisms



# Key Next Steps in Vietnam

- **Identify the bundle of benefits that can be used to incentivize stakeholders:**
- **Strengthen community forestry:**
- **Study and learn from existing mechanisms beyond PFES:**
- **Strengthen existing multi-stakeholder platforms for information exchange and discussions on REDD+ Benefit Sharing among different stakeholder groups including government, NGOs, private sector and communities:**
- **Institutionalize recourse and grievance procedures.**

# Key Next Steps in Ghana





# Thanks!

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