



**THE  
POLICY  
CONTEXT  
OF  
FOREST  
MONITORING**

# SCOPE OF WORK

- **This workshop (bottom-up):** What would a community forest monitoring system look like for the groups here?
- **Develop version 1.0:** Based on these requirements can we build a first draft of a forest monitoring system?
- **Next workshop (top-down):** How can our forest monitoring system meet the national and international requirements for forest monitoring?
- **Develop 2.0:** Integrate feedback to improve version 1.0
- **Launch and pilot:** Share experiences at COP 15 and test the final system in the field across multiple sites

# INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES

- UNFCCC
  - Setting the benchmark for international forest monitoring
  - Refers to ‘other relevant conventions’ and explicitly to UNDRIP
- FCPF and UN-REDD
  - Developing guidelines during the implementation of readiness activities
- REDD+ SES
  - Voluntary approach being piloted in various countries and states through CCBA and Care

# WHAT IS IN THE UNFCCC?

- **Cancun Agreements**

- Established a framework and set out a programme of work for REDD+
- Requested developing countries to develop:
  - A national strategy or action plan;
  - A national forest reference emission level and/or forest reference level;
  - A robust and transparent national forest monitoring system;
  - A system for providing information on how the safeguards are being addressed

# REFERENCE LEVELS

- How will reference levels be applied at the subnational level? (nesting)
- What will be the unit of measurement? Carbon / hectares?
- Should payments be based on reference levels or on something else i.e. monitoring?
- To what level of accuracy do we need to measure? Carbon markets?

# FOREST MONITORING SYSTEM

- “... the means to integrate subnational monitoring systems into a national monitoring system”
- Community forest monitoring can improve the accuracy of national monitoring programmes
- How will the data integrate?

# SAFEGUARDS

- How will safeguards be addressed in designing community forest monitoring systems?
- What safeguards will be measured?
  - Transparent and effective national forest governance structures
  - Respect for the knowledge and rights of indigenous peoples and members of local communities
  - That actions are consistent with the conservation of natural forests and biological diversity

# THANK YOU

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