
Abbreviations and acronyms

FCPF	Forest Carbon Partnership Facility
GHG	greenhouse gas
ICAT	Initiative for Climate Action Transparency
NGO	non-governmental organization
PV	photovoltaic
REDD+	reducing emissions from deforestation and from forest degradation, conservation of forest carbon stocks, sustainable management of forest and enhancement of forest carbon stocks
TWG	Technical Working Group
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Glossary

Assessment report	A report, completed by the user, that documents the assessment process, and the GHG, sustainable development and/or transformational impacts of a policy or action
Consultations	Processes that enable exchange of information between stakeholders (including between government and other stakeholders), including providing information and capacity-building to stakeholders, and enabling diverse stakeholders to provide input reflecting their needs and interests relating to the subject of the consultation
Customary rights	Established, traditional patterns of norms that can be observed within a particular sociocultural setting, such as patterns of long-standing land and resource usage in accordance with customary laws, values, customs and traditions, including seasonal or cyclical use, rather than formal legal title to land and resources issued by the state
Effective stakeholder participation	Processes in which stakeholders have meaningful influence over decisions, involving those who are potentially affected by, or interested in, a decision and who have a right to be involved in the decision-making process, with special attention to those who may be marginalized and those who may be directly affected by the policy. The processes recognize and communicate the needs and interests of all stakeholders, involve stakeholders in defining how they participate, provide stakeholders with the information and capacity to participate, and communicate to stakeholders how their input affected the decisions.
Ex-ante assessment	The process of assessing expected future impacts of a policy or action
Ex-post assessment	The process of assessing historical impacts of a policy or action
Expert elicitation	A protocol for consulting with experts, including a process for helping experts understand the elicitation process, avoiding biases, and producing independent and reliable judgments
Feedback	Information provided back to stakeholders (including to the government) in response or reaction to previous information from that person or entity
Grievance	An issue, concern, problem or claim (perceived or actual) that an individual or group wants to be addressed and resolved
Impact assessment	The assessment of GHG, sustainable development and/or transformational impacts resulting from a policy or action, either ex-ante or ex-post
Marginalized people or groups	People or groups that have relatively little or no influence over decision-making processes
Multi-stakeholder body	A formal or informal regular gathering of people representing various constituencies, interests and stakes for the purpose of ensuring and enabling their participation, contribution and influence towards a goal or strategy
Participation	Processes that enable stakeholders to understand and influence decisions and processes that may interest or affect them

Policy or action	An intervention taken or mandated by a government, institution or other entity, which may include laws, regulations and standards; taxes, charges, subsidies and incentives; information instruments; voluntary agreements; implementation of technologies, processes or practices; and public or private sector financing and investment
Redress	A remedy or compensation for a wrong, loss or grievance
Stakeholders	People, organizations, communities or individuals who are directly or indirectly affected by, and/or who have influence or power over, a policy
Stakeholder participation plan	A plan that specifies activities, methods, timing, roles, responsibilities, reporting and resources required to meet the identified objectives of stakeholder participation

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