

Safeguard information systems:

Objectives – what is the purpose of the SIS?

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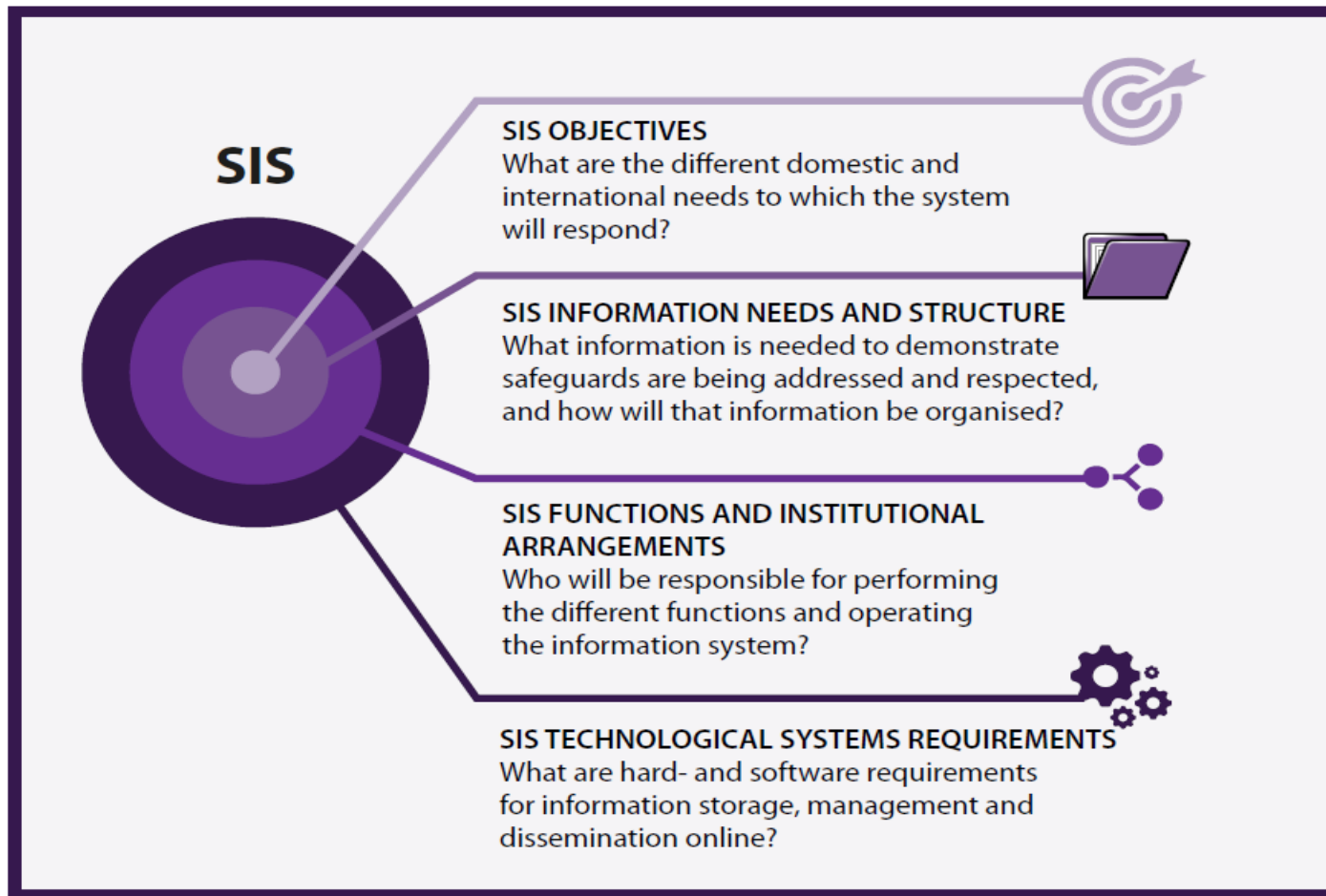


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Key design considerations



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SIS objectives

- **Default** - meeting **UNFCCC** requirements to obtain payments for results under REDD+
 - *‘a system for providing information on how the [Cancun] safeguards are being addressed and respected throughout the implementation of [REDD+] activities’*
- But information on how the environment and society are being safeguarded could contribute to a range of **other domestic objectives**:
 - Funding accessed
 - Improved NS/AP implementation
 - Greater legitimacy of REDD+
 - Evidence-based national policies reform
 - Other international reporting requirements met

Asia-Pacific – Viet Nam



1. 2016-2020:

- provide information on how the country specific safeguards are being addressed and respected throughout the implementation of REDD+ activities (meet **UNFCCC** safeguards requirements)
- gather and provide information on safeguards implementation for the proposed **Forest Carbon Partnership Facility** Emissions Reduction Programme during this period

2. After 2020:

- support monitoring of **priority activities in the forestry sector**, such as Payments for Forest Environmental Services
- contributing to the enhancement of **governance** in the forestry sector
- supporting the monitoring of **policy implementation, and law enforcement** in the forestry sector

Africa – Zambia (1)



SIS v1.0 (2016-2020):

1. Demonstrating that the **Cancun safeguards** have been addressed and respected throughout the implementation of REDD+ actions;
–Success criterion - summaries of information submitted to the UNFCCC and easily accessible online to all SIS end-users

2. **Design** of REDD+ actions and National REDD+ Strategy/Investment Plan **implementation** is improved
–Success criterion – institutions/projects involved in REDD+ implementation easily access and use online safeguards information to inform REDD+ action design/implementation

3. Inform evidence-based **policy, legal and regulatory reform**, implementation and investment priority identification
– Success criterion - government institutions, and other stakeholders, apply safeguards information in PLR reform, and investment priority identification processes

Africa – Zambia (2)



SIS v1.1 (2021-2030):

- Two additional objectives should be incrementally adopted as experience and capacity develops in operating the SIS:
 1. Improve existing information systems' **institutional capacity** and operations
 - the need to operate a SIS can contribute to the improved functioning of the existing systems upon which it is built
 2. Implementation of **international conventions** and obligations
 - reporting requirements under different conventions could benefit from information produced by a functional SIS.



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- National Framework for Social and Environmental Safeguards applicable to **all climate change projects** and programmes from different sectors

→ National Information System on Climate Change Safeguards

- **Strengthen understanding of social and environmental safeguards** applicable to all climate change projects and programmes
- **Mitigate environmental and social risks and enhance benefits** resulting from the policies, measures and actions of these projects and programmes



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