

Organizational Actors Semi-Structured Interviews

Level 4 CODING

Semi-structured interviews of the core organization/actors respondents will complement the Social Organization survey, they will be administered to a high ranking representative of the organization who is politically-knowledgeable about REDD policy debates.

Interviews might be conducted with all core organizations that are part of the policy domain, or a subset of peak organizations with a balanced representation among government, business, civil society and international actors.

These interviews will provide more depth and details with regard to main stances, and preferred policy options of the organization. The semi-structured interviews guide is organized in 4 sections. In the first set of questions, the respondent will be asked to describe the main beliefs, interests and activities of his/her organization in relation to the REDD debates.

In the second section, the respondent will be asked to comment about the main challenges posed by a REDD policy strategy and about the existing opportunities provided by the introduction of REDD policies. The third section asks to assess governance aspects of the consultation process leading to national REDD strategies. Finally the respondent will provide an assessment of existing REDD related policies and of likely policy directions in terms of effectiveness, cost-efficiency, equity and other co-benefits.

These interviews can be analysed with a full-fledged “grounded theory” approach using open coding technique. The teams will record and have these interviews transcribed into text form, and will then code them using NVivo (or another computer-assisted qualitative data analysis package) for the categories of thought and value judgment that the actors use, as well as the specific substantive information they mention.

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

Section 1: Organizational Interest

First, I would like to ask you about your organization’s main interest and activities

Question 1

What is the main mandate or mission of your organization?

Question 2

When did your organization first get involved in the REDD debate and why?

Question 3

What is your organization’s main position on REDD and what are your main objectives in terms of policy design and implementation?

Question 4

What are the main activities in the REDD arena that your organization is engaged in?

Section 2: Policy Challenges and Opportunities

Question 5

What are the main challenges for REDD in [COUNTRYNAME]?

Question 6 (Governance)

In particular, are there, and if so which are the main governance challenges that need to be overcome to design and implement effective REDD policies in [COUNTRYNAME]?

(Probe on aspects related to coordination, transparency and accountability of policy actors, institutional and civil society capacity)

Question 7

Do you believe there are important opportunities that REDD can provide to [COUNTRYNAME]. If so, what are these opportunities?

Question 8

What do you think will be the consequences of the introduction of a national REDD policy strategy for [COUNTRYNAME]?

Section 3: Consultation Process

With respect to consultation processes undertaken so far for the development of the national REDD strategy....

Question 9

Can you please comment of the role, nature and effectiveness of these consultation processes?

(Probe on access to information, inclusiveness of stakeholder participation, quality of participation)

Question 10

Do you feel the position and claims of your organization were seriously considered in the decision-making process?

Section 4: Policy assessment and 3 Es

Question 11

Looking at existing REDD related policies and likely directions of policy design and implementation. Do you think these policies will effectively address the drivers of deforestation and degradation? Will they be **effective** in reducing national level carbon emission from REDD-Plus related sectors?

Question 12

So far, do you think proposed policies effectively address issue of **cost-efficiency** in the design and implementation of REDD related? Can you give examples on why this is the case?

Question 13

Can you comment on the extent to which **equity (fairness) issues** are or will be taken into account in design and implementation?

(Probe on the extent to which co-benefits - as poverty alleviation, protection of biodiversity and other environmental services, and governance improvements – will/should be included as objectives)