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Benefit-sharing and fairness in cooperative approaches - A Case of Zambia

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How is benefit-sharing ensured, and what key considerations were taken into account in the process?



- BSP/BSM is an indicator/eligibility criteria at the MADD stage for the approval of a mitigation activity that asks for CA, and is applicable where there is direct community participation in the respective proposed project activity. In general, in most cases, this will be project activities in the LULUCF sector.
- Key considerations in the process of developing the indicator in the framework took into account that not all mitigation activities may have direct community participation and as such through the assessment of the MAIN, the DNA may determine whether an activity requires the submission of a BSP.
- Furthermore, project developers, where BSM is applicable, are required to report on the performance of the BSP as part the monitoring and verification processes of the implementation of the mitigation activity.
- Projects that require a Benefit Sharing and Distribution Plan must present an approved plan to the DNA, i.e., it must be approved by the community, the project operator and by government representatives in charge. Without such an approval the project would not be eligible.
- If a BSD plan has been agreed on and been approved, the Zambia Environmental Management Agency has the right to carry out on the ground visits to check whether the project respects the stipulations of the BSD plan.

Who are the direct beneficiaries of the benefit-sharing mechanism, and what tangible benefits have they received?



- The Zambian government hasn't had adequate oversight to benefit sharing, hence the development of the framework and regulations to facilitate oversight into the integrity and effectiveness of BSMs
- The government has, through the EPJ project implemented a benefit sharing mechanism which is still yet to be actualized and deliver results as the project prepares to trade. The outcomes and effectiveness of this BSP will provide insight to the development of the guidelines.
- BSM at present have the community, government and project developers as direct beneficiaries. In case of project activities with CA, the government will ask for Share of Proceeds (SOP), and revenues from selling emission reduction certificates shall benefit the communities involved and the project operator (based on a fair and approved BSD plan!)

How have the needs and interests of the participating Parties been considered and preserved in the Article 6.2 cooperation in Zambia



- Zambia's bilateral agreement negotiations with buyer countries have been focused on addressing the needs and interest of the country. For example, our bilateral agreements with Sweden and Norway have a keen focus on renewable energy mitigation activities which serve the current interests of the country. We will also see support for project development and capacity building, which are bottlenecks in the implementation of carbon markets in Zambia, made available from the buyer countries. The BA with Switzerland will be signed within the next months.
- All bilateral agreements for Art. 6.2 cooperation are guided by the guiding principle that any mitigation activity needs to demonstrate the contribution to SDG achievement, whether this may be biodiversity conservation, access to energy, employment generation or any other SDG. This principle of Zambia is very much in line with the expectations of buyer countries!
- the MOU with Singapore and pending negotiations, including pending negotiations with Germany are important for Zambia as Zambia's largest mitigation potential lies in the LULUCF sector, where Zambia aims at the development and implementation of high-quality removal projects.



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