

The TREES Concept requests preliminary information about a proposed Participant that demonstrates that the Participant meets the TREES eligibility criteria and provides preliminary information regarding the other requirements under TREES. Participants should complete this form using information and estimates available at the time of submission. The ART Secretariat will review for completeness and conduct a general eligibility screening based on the information provided. The information will not be validated or verified as it is anticipated that the information will likely change during development of the TREES Registration Document (TRD) as more detailed analyses and calculations are conducted.

Please complete the form and submit it to the ART Secretariat through your ART Registry account. Any accompanying documents may be uploaded to the ART Registry account as well.

1. PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

ENTITY

COUNTRY

NEPAL

JURISDICTION (if registering as a sub-national Participant)

Subnational accounting area comprising three contiguous provinces: Bagmati, Gandaki and Lumbini

REPRESENTATIVE ORGANIZATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION

ORGANIZATION NAME

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF LEGAL AUTHORITY TO REPRESENT COUNTRY OR JURISDICTION

Constitution of Nepal (2015) states that the carbon services shall be regulated by the Government of Nepal (Schedule 5(27)). Forest Act (2019) and Environment Protection Act (2019) authorize the Government of Nepal to take part in carbon trading. Government of Nepal (Business Allocation) Rules, 2018 also gives authority to Ministry of Forests and Environment for the management of forests, carbon service and climate change mitigation and adaptation (Schedule 2 (14.15/16)). National REDD+ Strategy (2018) authorizes REDD Implementation

REPRESENTATIVE ORGANIZATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Centre to prepare, implement and coordinate REDD+ emission reduction program. REDD Implementation Centre is the central level Government agency responsible for REDD+ program in Nepal

2. PROGRAM PARTNERS

Provide a list of any other organizations and individuals who have or will assist in preparing the TREES documentation, including additional government agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and/or additional technical consultants.

REDD Implementation Centre is or will be supported by following agencies:

- MINISTRY OF FORESTS AND ENVIRONMENT, KATHMANDU
- FOREST RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTRE (CENTRAL LEVEL), KATHMANDU
- DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS AND SOIL CONSERVATION, KATHMANDU
- PROVINCIAL MINISTRIES ON FORESTS MATTERS IN BAGMATI, GANDAKI AND LUMBINI PROVINCE
- FOREST DIRECTORATES (BAGMATI, GANDAKI AND LUMBINI PROVINCE)
- FOREST RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTRE OF BAGMATI, GANDAKI AND LUMBINI PROVINCE
- DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICE, THIRTY-EIGHT DISTRICTS OF BAGMATI, GANDAKI AND LUMBINI.
- DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION, KATHMANDU.

3. REFERENCE PERIOD AND INITIAL CREDITING PERIOD

Identify the anticipated dates for the 5-year historical reference period and the initial crediting period.

REFERENCE PERIOD

mm/dd/yyyy	mm/dd/yyyy
Start 01/01/2017	End 12/31/2021

CREDITING PERIOD

mm/dd/yyyy	mm/dd/yyyy
Start 01/01/2022	End 12/31/2026

4. ACCOUNTING AREA

Identify whether the proposed accounting area is national or subnational. If a subnational accounting area will be used, list which jurisdiction(s) and/or recognized Indigenous Peoples territory(ies) are expected to be included.

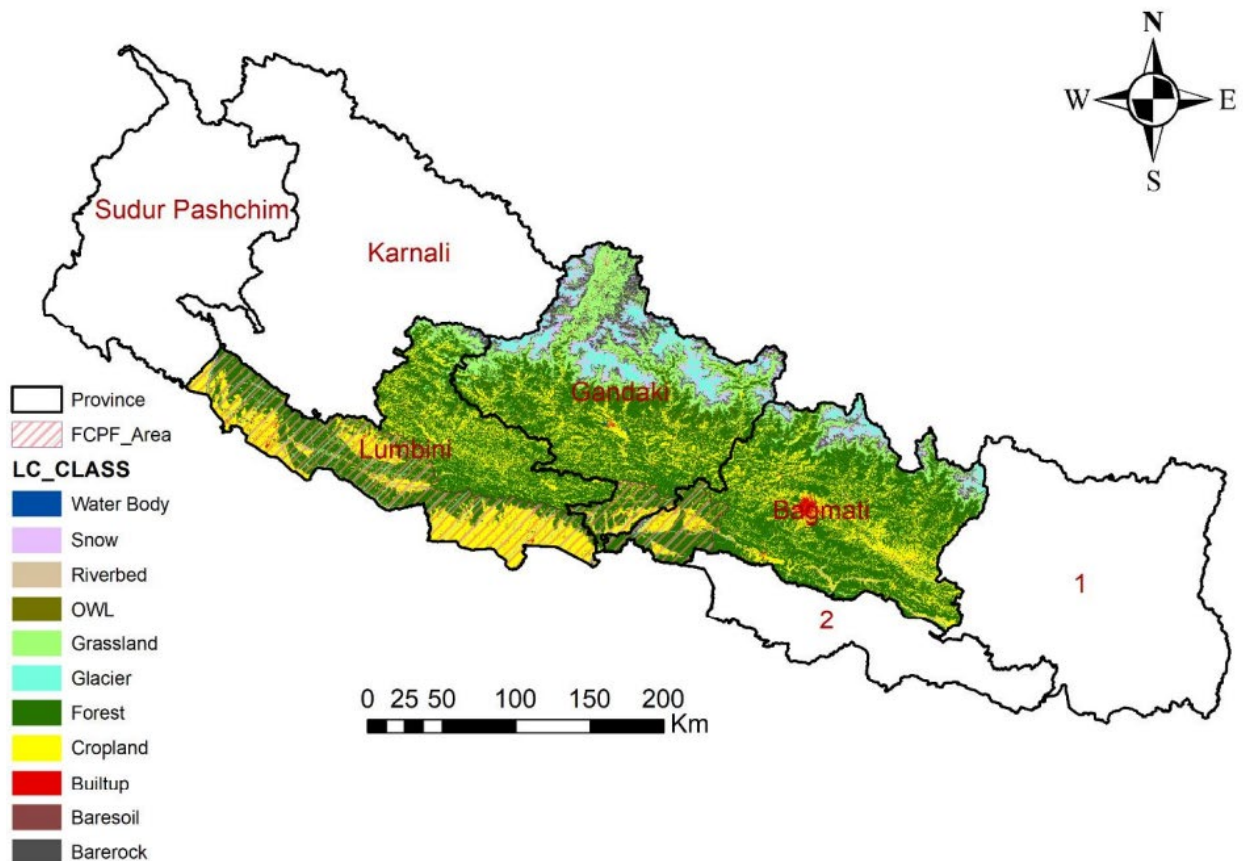
Subnational accounting area of three Provinces: Bagmati, Gandaki and Lumbini

TOTAL HECTARES (HA) OF FOREST IN ACCOUNTING AREA

3,204,836.22

PERCENTAGE (%) OF NATIONAL FOREST COVERED BY ACCOUNTING AREA

48%



5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Check the appropriate box below for each criterion to indicate whether the criterion is met or is not applicable. Supporting evidence is expected to be provided in other sections of the TREES Concept and is not required to be duplicated here. However, additional information can be included in the box below if desired.

CRITERIA MET	NOT APPLICABLE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The TREES Participant is a national government or subnational government no more than one level down from national level.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If a subnational accounting area is proposed by a national government or by a subnational government: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The boundary of the subnational accounting area corresponds with the entire area of one or several administrative jurisdictions no more than one level down from national level; AND • The accounting area is comprised of a total forest area of at least 2.5 million hectares
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If the Participant is a subnational government, the Participant has or will have a letter from the national government authorizing the Participant's application to and participation in ART.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The Participant or the Participant's country has included forests in their NDCs.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The Participant or Participant's country has a system for providing information on safeguards.

Provide any additional information regarding the above criteria as needed.

[Second Nationally Determined Contribution \(NDC\) - 2020.pdf \(unfccc.int\)](https://unfccc.int/second-nationally-determined-contribution-ndc-2020.pdf)

6. OWNERSHIP RIGHTS TO EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS AND REMOVALS TO BE ISSUED BY ART

Provide a brief summary of the Participant's rights to the ERR's generated from the accounting area (regulatory frameworks, laws or administrative orders) or a description of how rights will be obtained in accordance with domestic law. It may not necessary for the Participant to establish or enact new legislation or a legal framework to address carbon rights. However, the Participant must explain how, under existing constitutional or legal frameworks, carbon rights and/or related intangible property interests, are established and addressed. This explanation should include how such carbon rights and/or intangible property interests would be established, the legal basis for creating such rights and interests, and how claims to such rights from private parties, Indigenous Peoples or subnational entities will be resolved (consistent with applicable UNFCCC Cancun Safeguards and Section 12.0 herein). To address the latter, the Participant must describe any agreements in place or that will be in place, for the transfer of TREES rights or benefit allocation arrangements with landowners / resource rights holders that exist between the Participant and project owners, landowners and/or other collective rights holders (including indigenous peoples and other traditional communities). TREES will only be issued that have demonstrated clear ownership or rights. Participants may provide this demonstration at a later date, within the same crediting period or during a subsequent crediting period (provided the crediting periods are adjacent).

After the promulgation of Constitution of Nepal in 2015, Nepal has been restructured into three-tiered federal governance system: Federal, Provincial (seven provinces), and Local (753 local government units). The Constitution has clearly defined and distributed power and jurisdiction for three main levels of government. For example, the Schedule 5 (27) of the Constitution has identified carbon as a service. According to article 57(1) and Schedule 5 (27) of the Constitution, carbon services shall be regulated by the Government of Nepal. Forest Act 2019 recognizes carbon services as one of the environmental services generated from forest ecosystems. According to Section 44 (1.a) of the Forest Act, the Government of Nepal shall make an appropriate arrangement for the management, utilization and distribution of benefits arising out of the environmental services, including carbon stock and emission reduction programme. Environment Protection Act 2019 authorizes the Government of Nepal to take part in carbon trading for emission reduction and carbon stock enhancements with international mechanism, foreign Governments or entity or professional entity or private sector established under international conventions. For the national forest and/or government land, the land ownership rests with the Government of Nepal, while for the private land, private land owner have a carbon ownership right, as it relates to their own private land. Environment Protection Regulation 2020 has the provision that allow private forest land owners to participate in carbon trade by the Government of Nepal. The Government of Nepal will obtain carbon rights from private land owners in accordance with above Regulation and transfer title to ER to any third party. For this purposes, the Government of Nepal can establish a mechanism, prepare a benefit sharing plan and specify the procedures. With this provision, the Government of Nepal (Federal Government) has the ability to transfer title to emission reductions. This was also practiced for the first Emission Reducation Payment Agreement (ERPA) with Carbon Fund in 2021. Therefore, Nepal have clear legal provisions to transfer title to ER by the Government of Nepal.

7. SAFEGUARDS OVERVIEW

For each indicator below, indicate whether the Participant plans to demonstrate conformance with the indicator during the first verification or if the Participant plans to provide a plan for achieving conformance over the first five years after joining ART.

CANCUN SAFEGUARD A		
THEME A.1 Consistency with the objectives of national forest programs		
CONFORMANCE	PLAN FOR CONFORMANCE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	STRUCTURAL INDICATOR: Domestic legal framework or policy (or national REDD+ strategy or action plan) for REDD+ actions is clearly defined and designed in consistency with national and if applicable, subnational, forest policies/programs.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PROCESS INDICATOR: Public institutions have made use of mandates, procedures and resources to ensure REDD+ actions are designed and implemented in consistency with the broader legal or policy framework of the forest sector, and inconsistencies are identified and resolved.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OUTCOME INDICATOR: Design and implementation of REDD+ actions have been consistent with or complemented the objectives of the national and if applicable, subnational, forest policies/programs.
THEME A.2 Consistency with the objectives of relevant international conventions and agreements		
CONFORMANCE	PLAN FOR CONFORMANCE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	STRUCTURAL INDICATOR: Domestic and if applicable, subnational, legal framework or policy (or national REDD+ strategy or action plan) for REDD+ actions recognize and promote the application of

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		ratified relevant international conventions and agreements in the context of design and implementation of REDD+ actions.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PROCESS INDICATOR: Public institutions have made use of mandates, procedures, and resources to design and implement REDD+ actions that recognize and promote the application of ratified relevant international conventions and agreements.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OUTCOME INDICATOR: Design and implementation of REDD+ actions have been consistent with or has complemented the objectives of identified, ratified and relevant international conventions and agreements.

CANCUN SAFEGUARD B

THEME B.1 Respect, protect, and fulfill the right of access to information

CONFORMANCE	PLAN FOR CONFORMANCE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	STRUCTURAL INDICATOR: Participants have in place a legal framework, policies and/or programs for accessing information related to REDD+ actions in accordance with international human rights standards, and these are anchored in relevant ratified international conventions/agreements and/or domestic and if applicable, subnational, legal framework.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PROCESS INDICATOR: Public institutions have made use of mandates, procedures, and resources for accessing information related to REDD+ actions in line with relevant ratified international conventions and agreements and/or domestic and if applicable, subnational, legal framework, policies, and programs for accessing information.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OUTCOME INDICATOR: The public has been aware of and exercised the right to seek and receive official information on REDD+ actions, as well as on how safeguards have been addressed and respected.
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THEME B.2 Promote transparency and prevention of corruption, including the promotion of anti-corruption measures

CONFORMANCE	PLAN FOR CONFORMANCE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	STRUCTURAL INDICATOR: Participants have in place anti-corruption measures and measures to promote transparency reflecting the principles of rule of law, proper management of public affairs and public property, integrity, transparency, and accountability, and these are anchored in relevant ratified international conventions/agreements and/or domestic and if applicable, subnational, legal framework.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PROCESS INDICATOR: Public institutions have made use of mandates, procedures, and resources to apply anti-corruption measures and measures to promote transparency in the implementation of REDD+ actions and the distribution of REDD+ benefits, according to relevant ratified international conventions, agreements, and/or domestic and if applicable, subnational, legal frameworks; the measures should reflect principles of the rule of law, proper management of public affairs and public property, integrity, transparency, and accountability.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OUTCOME INDICATOR: The distribution of REDD+ benefits related to the implementation of the REDD+ results-based actions have been carried out in a fair, transparent, and accountable manner, as per relevant ratified international conventions, agreements, and/or domestic and if applicable, subnational, legal framework.

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THEME B.3 Respect, protect, and fulfill land tenure rights

CONFORMANCE	PLAN FOR CONFORMANCE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	STRUCTURAL INDICATOR: Participants have in place a legal framework, policies or programs for the recognition, inventorying, mapping, and security of customary and statutory land and resource tenure rights where REDD+ actions are implemented, and these are anchored in relevant ratified international conventions/agreements and/or domestic and if applicable, subnational, legal framework.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PROCESS INDICATOR: Public institutions have made use of mandates, procedures, and resources to recognize, inventory, map, and secure statutory and customary rights to lands and resources relevant to the implementation of REDD+ actions in line with relevant ratified international conventions, agreements, and/or domestic and if applicable, subnational, legal framework.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OUTCOME INDICATOR: Stakeholders had access to, use of, and control over land and resources in line with relevant ratified international conventions, agreements, and/or domestic and if applicable, subnational, legal framework, and no involuntary relocation took place without the free, prior, and informed consent (FPIC) of any indigenous peoples and local communities (or equivalent) concerned

THEME B.4 Respect, protect, and fulfill access to justice

CONFORMANCE	PLAN FOR CONFORMANCE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	STRUCTURAL INDICATOR: Participants have in place procedures for guaranteeing non-discriminatory and non-cost prohibitive access to dispute resolution

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		mechanisms at all relevant levels, and these are anchored in relevant ratified international conventions/agreements and/or domestic and if applicable, subnational, legal framework..
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PROCESS INDICATOR: Public institutions have made use of mandates, procedures, and resources to facilitate access to dispute resolution mechanisms for stakeholders involved in the implementation of REDD+ actions including judicial and/or administrative procedures for legal redress, which, <i>inter alia</i> , provide access for indigenous peoples, local communities, or equivalent stakeholders with a recognized legal interest.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OUTCOME INDICATOR: Resolved disputes, competing claims, and effective recourse and remedies have been provided when there was a violation of rights, grievance, dispute or claim related to the implementation of REDD+ actions.

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THEME C.1 Identify indigenous peoples and local communities, or equivalent

CONFORMANCE	PLAN FOR CONFORMANCE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	STRUCTURAL INDICATOR: Participants have in place a legal framework, policies or procedures for the identification or self-identification of indigenous peoples, and local communities, or equivalent, and for the respect of their rights, and these are anchored in relevant ratified international conventions/agreements and/or domestic and if applicable, subnational, legal framework.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PROCESS INDICATOR: Public institutions have made use of mandates, procedures, and resources to

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		respect the rights of the indigenous peoples and local communities, or equivalent in the design and implementation of REDD+ actions, according to relevant ratified international conventions, agreements, and/or domestic and if applicable, subnational, legal framework.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OUTCOME INDICATOR: Indigenous peoples and local communities, or equivalent, have been identified and their respective rights have been respected in the design and implementation of REDD+ actions.

THEME C.2 Respect and protect traditional knowledge

CONFORMANCE	PLAN FOR CONFORMANCE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	STRUCTURAL INDICATOR: Relevant ratified international conventions/agreements, and/or domestic and if applicable, subnational, legal framework define, and provide guidance for respecting and protecting indigenous people's knowledge and/or local communities' knowledge.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PROCESS INDICATOR: Public institutions have made use of mandates, procedures, and resources to respect and protect indigenous peoples and/or local communities traditional knowledge in the implementation of REDD+ actions, in line with relevant ratified international conventions, agreements, and/or domestic and if applicable, subnational, legal framework.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OUTCOME INDICATOR: Traditional knowledge of indigenous peoples and/or local communities, or equivalent, has been respected and protected in the design and implementation of REDD+ actions where permission for its use has been granted.

THEME C.3 Respect, protect, and fulfill rights of indigenous peoples and/or local communities, or equivalent

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CONFORMANCE	PLAN FOR CONFORMANCE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	STRUCTURAL INDICATOR: Participants have in place legal framework, policies or programs to respect, protect and fulfill human rights of indigenous peoples and local communities, or equivalent, in conformity with customary law, institutions, and practices as applicable and these are anchored in relevant ratified international conventions/agreements and/or domestic and if applicable, subnational, legal framework.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PROCESS INDICATOR: Public institutions have made use of mandates, procedures, and resources to respect, protect and fulfil rights of indigenous peoples local communities, or equivalent throughout the implementation of the REDD+ actions, according to relevant ratified international conventions, agreements, and/or domestic and if applicable, subnational, legal framework.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OUTCOME INDICATOR: Rights of indigenous peoples and local communities, or equivalent, have been identified and respected, protected and fulfilled in the design and implementation of REDD+ actions.

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THEME D.1 Respect, protect, and fulfill the right of all relevant stakeholders to participate fully and effectively in the design and implementation of REDD+ actions

CONFORMANCE	PLAN FOR CONFORMANCE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	STRUCTURAL INDICATOR: Participants have in place legal frameworks, policies or programs to respect, protect and fulfill the right of all relevant stakeholders to participate fully and effectively, including timely access and culturally appropriate information prior to

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		consultations, and these are anchored in relevant ratified international conventions/agreements and/or domestic and if applicable, subnational, legal framework.; access is established to recourse mechanisms to ensure the participation process is respected.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PROCESS INDICATOR: Public institutions have made use of mandates, procedures, and resources to respect, protect and fulfill the right to full, effective and timely participation in the design and implementation of REDD+ actions, as indicated in relevant ratified international conventions, agreements, and/or domestic and if applicable, subnational, legal framework.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OUTCOME INDICATOR: Relevant stakeholders have participated fully, effectively and timely in the design and implementation of REDD+ actions.
THEME D.2 Promote adequate participatory procedures for the meaningful participation of indigenous peoples and local communities, or equivalent		
CONFORMANCE	PLAN FOR CONFORMANCE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	STRUCTURAL INDICATOR: Relevant ratified international conventions, agreements, and/or domestic legal framework recognizes, respects, and protects the respective rights to participation of indigenous peoples, local communities, or equivalent, through their respective decision-making structures and processes, ¹ which requires appropriate procedures take place in a climate of mutual trust.

¹ If the institutions consulted are not considered representative by the people they claim to represent, the consultation may have no legitimacy. “If an appropriate consultation process is not developed with the indigenous and tribal institutions or organizations that are truly representative of the communities affected, the resulting consultations will not comply with the requirements of the Convention” (ILO Governing Body, 282nd session, 2001, GB.282/14/2).

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>PROCESS INDICATOR: Public institutions have made use of mandates, procedures, and resources to promote the meaningful participation of indigenous peoples and local communities, or equivalent in the design, implementation and periodic assessments of REDD+ actions, according to their respective rights and decision-making structures and processes and to the relevant ratified international conventions, agreements, and/or domestic and if applicable, subnational, legal framework.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>OUTCOME INDICATOR: Design, implementation, and periodic assessments of REDD+ actions were, where relevant, undertaken with the participation of indigenous peoples and/or local communities, or equivalent, including if applicable through FPIC, in accordance with relevant international and/or domestic and if applicable, subnational, legal framework, and in accordance with their respective rights and decision-making structures and processes.</p>

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THEME E.1 Non-conversion of natural forests and other natural ecosystems.

CONFORMANCE	PLAN FOR CONFORMANCE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>STRUCTURAL INDICATOR: Relevant domestic legal framework, policies and programs consistently define the term natural forests and other natural ecosystems, distinguishing them from plantations, describe the process for mapping the spatial distribution of natural forests and other natural ecosystems, and policies or procedures are in place prohibiting the conversion of natural forests and other natural ecosystems as part of REDD+ actions.</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>PROCESS INDICATOR: Public institutions have made use of mandates, procedures, and resources to en-</p>

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		sure the design and implementation of REDD+ actions considers information of spatial distribution of natural forests and other natural ecosystems and avoids the conversion of these forests and other natural ecosystems, in line with relevant ratified international conventions, agreements, and/or domestic and if applicable, subnational, legal framework, policies and programs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OUTCOME INDICATOR: REDD+ actions were designed and implemented avoiding the conversion of natural forests and other natural ecosystems to plantations or other land uses.

THEME E.2 Protect natural forests, biological diversity, and ecosystem services

CONFORMANCE	PLAN FOR CONFORMANCE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	STRUCTURAL INDICATOR: Relevant ratified international conventions, agreements, and/or domestic legal framework or policies identify priorities for the protection and conservation of natural forest areas and natural ecosystems, biodiversity, and ecosystem services, to which REDD+ actions could contribute.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PROCESS INDICATOR: Public institutions have made use of mandates, procedures, and resources to protect and avoid adverse impacts on natural forest areas and natural ecosystems, biodiversity, and ecosystem services in the design and implementation of REDD+ actions, according to relevant ratified international conventions, agreements, and/or domestic legal frameworks, policies and programs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OUTCOME INDICATOR: REDD+ actions have promoted the protection of natural forest and other natural ecosystem areas, biodiversity and ecosystem services.

THEME E.3 Enhancement of social and environmental benefits

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CONFORMANCE	PLAN FOR CONFORMANCE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	STRUCTURAL INDICATOR: Relevant ratified international conventions, agreements, and/or domestic legal framework, policies and programs regulate the assessment of potential social and environmental benefits of REDD+ actions.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PROCESS INDICATOR: Public institutions have made use of mandates, procedures, and resources to assess social and environmental benefits of REDD+ actions and to promote the enhancement of these benefits in the implementation of these actions, according to relevant ratified international conventions, agreements, and/or domestic and if applicable, subnational, legal frameworks, policies and programs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OUTCOME INDICATOR: REDD+ actions have contributed to enhancing social and environmental benefits.

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THEME F.1 The risk of reversals is integrated in the design, prioritization, implementation, and periodic assessments of REDD+ policies and measures.²

CONFORMANCE	PLAN FOR CONFORMANCE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PROCESS INDICATOR: Public institutions have identified and integrated measures to address the risk of reversals in the design, prioritization, implementation, and periodic assessments of REDD+ actions.

² In accordance and/or complementarity to technical measures and procedures to address reversals included in Section 7 of the Standard.

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No structure or outcome indicators have been developed for Safeguard F as these issues are broadly addressed by requirements in other sections of the Standard.

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THEME G.1 The risk of displacement of emissions is integrated in the design, prioritization, implementation, and periodic assessments of REDD+ policies and measures.

CONFORMANCE	PLAN FOR CONFORMANCE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>PROCESS INDICATOR: Public institutions have identified and integrated measures to address the risk of displacement of emissions in the design, prioritization, implementation, and periodic assessments of REDD+ actions.</p>

No structure or outcome indicators have been developed for Safeguard 'G' as these issues are broadly addressed by requirements in other sections of the Standard.

8. PARTICIPATION IN OTHER PROGRAMS

Disclose any existing REDD+ programs or projects under which some or all of the accounting area may generate credits or payment for performance.

Nepal has entered into an emission reduction payment agreement (ERPA) with Carbon Fund of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility for the period 2018 - 2024. Some of the area (8 districts out of 36 districts in three Provinces) from the FCPF Carbon Fund Programme is included in the ART/TREES and LEAF programme. Because of the overlap of some of the accounting area for the period 2022 - 2024, the ER generated from eight districts till December 2024 will be used for FCPF Carbon Fund and therefore, not counted for ART/TREES LEAF Program.

9. DOUBLE COUNTING

Indicate the intended use for ART emission reduction credits, if known. For example, if they will be used for compliance against NDC targets, for transfer to another entity for use, or a combination of both.

Nepal intends to use ART emission reduction credits for compliance against Nepal's NDC targets. However, Nepal is open to all four transaction pathways, as indicated earlier in the application. ART credits are expected to be bought by the members of the LEAF Coalition.

Provide a preliminary description of the plan and procedures to ensure double counting is avoided per Section 13, TREES Standard.

Double counting will be avoided by subtracting the emission reduction volumes issues or sold to others such as FCPF Carbon Fund from overlapping area and period. The risk of double counting will be further mitigated by using a robust and reliable registry system.