

Institutional policy framework in restoration and carbon program

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Why policy framework in restoration program?

- **Stakeholders' interests:** how different interests and values conflict or intersect,
- **Restoration interventions:** what is and is not to be restored,
- **Restoration methodologies:** how restoration will be achieved,
- **Restoration impact:** what are the potential consequences restoration might have for economic, social, and ecological processes.
- **Stakeholders' buy-in:** whether or not concerned stakeholders accept/approve and support the restoration program

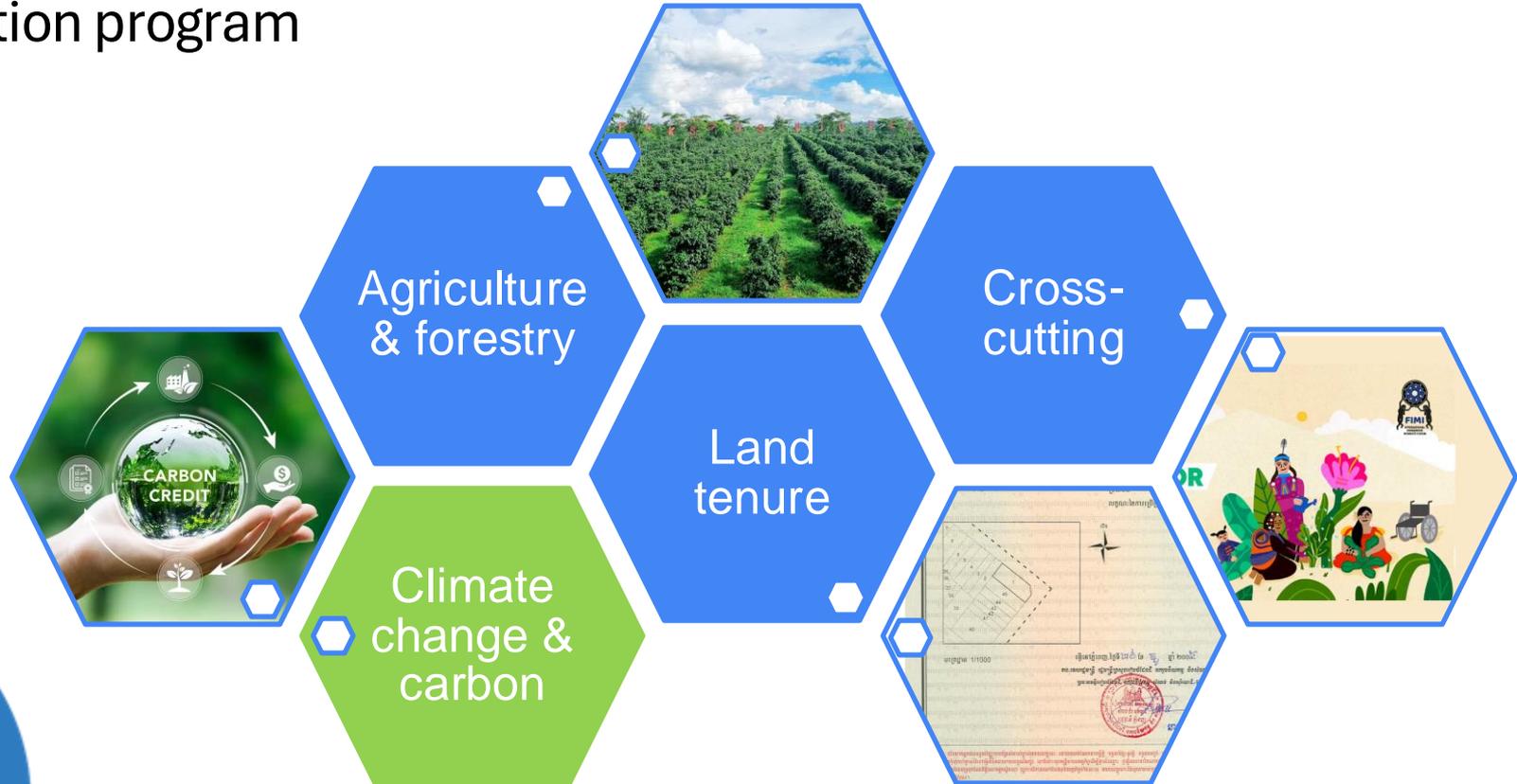


What to do with policy in restoration program?

- Align with the policies
- Prioritize incentives and practices which increase restoration outcomes.
- Incorporate secure land and natural resource tenure.
- Encourage effective institutional coordination while incorporating good governance.
- Contribute to improving livelihoods and addressing political, cultural, and economic concerns.
- Incorporate ecosystem services, economic, social, and ecological benefits, including biodiversity.
- Integrate with local and national policy and international commitments



Four main areas under which policies can be mapped out and prioritised for restoration program



Some relevant policies under each area

Agriculture & forestry

- National agriculture, forestry, and natural resource management strategies/frameworks
- Sub-national/local frameworks and action plans

Land tenure

- Law on land,
- Land ownership, land use rights
- Customary rights (i.e. to land & resources)

Climate change & carbon

- Climate change mitigation & adaptation strategies
- NDC
- Carbon-related regulations
- Article 6 implementation guidelines

Cross-cutting

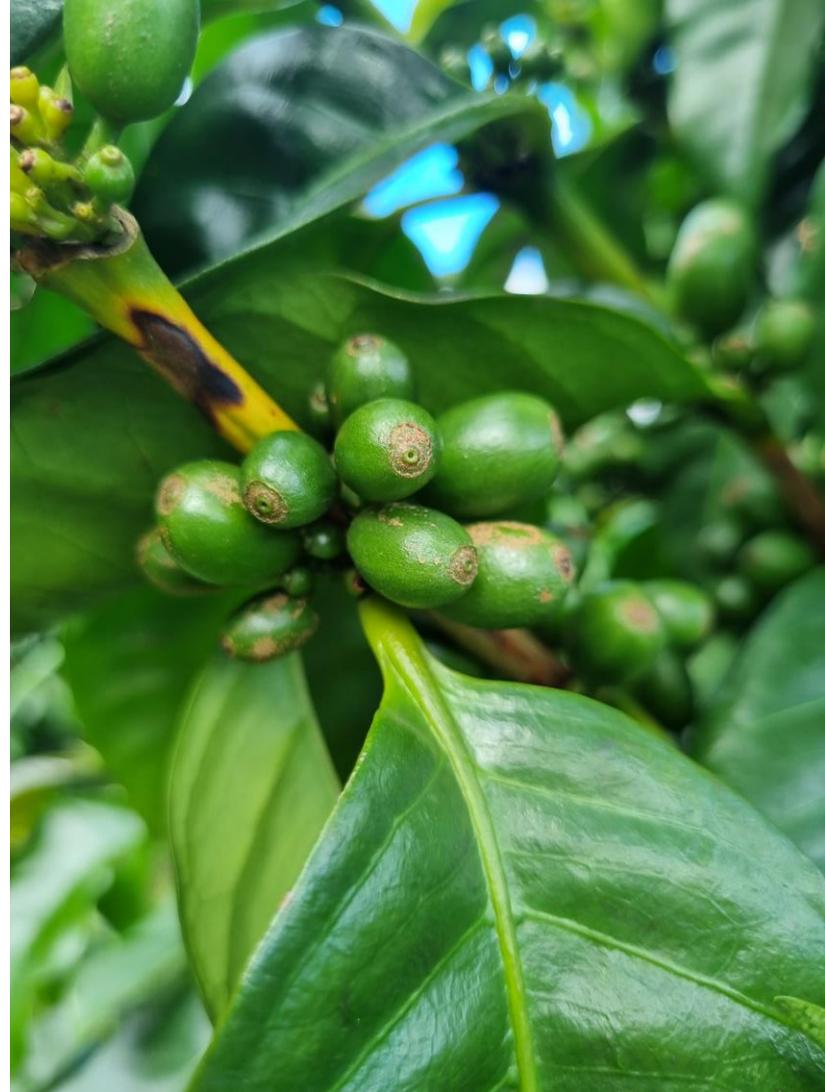
- Gender equality & social inclusion framework
- Free, Prior, Informed consent guidelines
- ESG
- Others

A case study from GEA's project in Vietnam

Policy(ies)	Objectives	Relevant govt authority(ies)	Area
2021-2030 National Forestry Development and Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development Strategy	Strategies & policies on agriculture, agricultural practices, food security, environment protection, forest and natural resource management and protection,	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD)	Agriculture & forestry
Laws on land (1993 land law, 2003 law on land, 2013 law on land)	Land-use rights, allocation of land, land tenure governance, communal land allocation, clarity on illegal land use/occupation	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MoNRE)	Land tenure
National Climate Change Strategy (NCCS) to 2050; 2022 NDC; framework on carbon market underway	Lower GHG emissions by 43.5% by 2030 & achieve net zero by 2050.	MoNRE	Climate change & carbon
National Strategy on Gender Equality for the 2021-2030; National Law on Disability (2010); Master Plan on Socio-economic Development of Ethnic Minorities and Mountainous Areas 2021-2030, etc.	Mainstream gender equality and social inclusion	Several different govt authorities	Cross-cutting

Practical advice around policy and govt engagement, for the design of a restoration and carbon program

- Conduct policy mapping & analysis (i.e. supportive & conflicting policies) and do that early
- Develop government engagement strategy/plans and engage them early



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