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Summary

As countries move from REDD+ Readiness (phase I) towards the implementation of policies and measures (phase II) and results-based payments for emissions reductions (phase III), the design of a clear framework of enabling policies, laws and institutions is essential. The development and reform of domestic legal frameworks for REDD+ is critical for the implementation of REDD+ strategies, for the successful development of REDD+ activities on the ground and for secure REDD+ investments. Legal frameworks are key in ensuring that national systems do not only deliver emission reductions but also protect from the social and environmental risks created by REDD+ whilst promoting the co-benefits that it can deliver. However, creating legal frameworks for REDD+ requires consideration of legislation across multiple sectors. This, and the often protracted reform process, makes legal preparedness for REDD+ a complex task.

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