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## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Figure 1.1.1 shows the Guiding Principles that are central to the 2012 Strategy and the 2013-2015 Plan. The Guiding Principles are: (1) Economic Growth, (2) Environmental Protection, (3) Social Inclusion, and (4) Sustainable Development.

### 1. Economic Growth

Economic growth is the primary driver of development and is essential for achieving the other Guiding Principles. It is a necessary condition for the achievement of the other Guiding Principles. Economic growth is defined as the increase in the real gross domestic product (GDP) over time. It is measured in terms of the volume of goods and services produced in an economy. Economic growth is a key indicator of a country's development and is a key factor in determining the standard of living of its citizens.

The 2012 Strategy and the 2013-2015 Plan focus on promoting economic growth through a number of key areas: (1) Investment in infrastructure, (2) Investment in human capital, (3) Investment in innovation, (4) Investment in entrepreneurship, (5) Investment in research and development, (6) Investment in education, (7) Investment in health, (8) Investment in social services, (9) Investment in environmental protection, and (10) Investment in sustainable development. The 2012 Strategy and the 2013-2015 Plan also focus on promoting economic growth through a number of key areas: (1) Investment in infrastructure, (2) Investment in human capital, (3) Investment in innovation, (4) Investment in entrepreneurship, (5) Investment in research and development, (6) Investment in education, (7) Investment in health, (8) Investment in social services, (9) Investment in environmental protection, and (10) Investment in sustainable development.

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*Note: The Forests Dialogue is an international collaborative platform and process driven by environmental and social groups, businesses, Indigenous Peoples' and forest community groups, trade unions, forest owners, and international organizations. Its mission is to promote sustainable forest management through a constructive dialogue among all key stakeholders. The Forests Dialogue's approach is based on establishing mutual trust, improving understanding on issues, and a commitment to change. This Initiative on Forests and Climate Change is the seventh and largest initiative convened by The Forests Dialogue since its inception in 1999. All materials related to the Initiative on Forests and Climate can be found at [www.theforestdialogue.org/climate.html](http://www.theforestdialogue.org/climate.html).*

**ANNEX: POSSIBLE ACTIONS**

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→ The development of a REDD+ framework, including the development of a REDD+ standard, should be based on the following principles:

→ The framework should be based on the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, in the light of equity and the principle of common interests.

→ The framework should be based on the principle of the right to self-determination of peoples, and the right to freely dispose of their natural wealth and resources without prejudice to any obligations or responsibilities that may be incumbent on them towards other States, the international community or future generations, and the right to development.

→ Countries should have the right to determine their own forest policies, strategies and programmes, and to decide the role of forests in their national development.

→ The framework should be based on the principle of the right to a fair and equitable distribution of the benefits derived from REDD+ activities, and the right to participation in decision-making.

→ The framework should be based on the principle of the right to a healthy environment, and the right to the highest attainable standard of living.

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→ The OECD has been instrumental in the development of the framework, and its work should be continued.

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