Note: Indicators are specifications to the Criteria, containing elements that verify conformance with the Criteria. Normally, they are specific to a certain situation or region. This version of the standard purposefully does not include indicators, because: i) their scope is very generic, including various stakeholders, scales and regions; ii) this document is not expected to be used in the field by itself, (not used with another standard/norm), to evaluate REDD+ projects or programs.

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| **Principle 1 – LEGAL COMPLIANCE: conformance to legal requirements and relevant international agreements.** |
| Criterion 1.2 | REDD+ actions shall respect the Brazilian environmental legislation. |
| Criterion 1.3 | REDD+ actions shall respect all international social, environmental, cultural, labor and commercial agreements ratified by Brazil. |
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| **Principle 5 – ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY: contribution to conservation and recovery of natural ecosystems, biodiversity and environmental services.** |
| Criterion 5.1 | REDD+ actions shall contribute to the conservation and recovery of natural ecosystems and avoid causing significant negative impacts to biodiversity and ecosystem services. |
| Criterion 5.2 | Species or ecosystems that are rare, endemic or threatened with extinction, as well as any other high conservation value attribute, shall be previously identified, protected and monitored. |
| Criterion 5.3 | In case of restoration activities in degraded areas, REDD+ actions shall use native species. |
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| **Principle 7 – MONITORING AND TRANSPARENCY: complete availability of information related to REDD+ actions.** |
| Criterion 7.1 | Beneficiaries shall have free access to information relating to REDD+ actions, in simple language, so they can participate in the decision making process in a previously informed and responsible manner. |
| Criterion 7.2 | Transparency of information about REDD+ actions shall be guaranteed, including at least those related to the methodology, location and size of the area, definition and participation of involved and affected stakeholders, activities to be executed, time length of the project and conflict resolution mechanisms. |
| Criterion 7.3 | In public lands, protected areas and in other areas that involve Indigenous Peoples, small landowners and local communities, or in REDD+ actions supported by public funds, there shall be ensured transparency of information regarding the raise, use and distribution of benefits generated by REDD+, as well as periodic financial reporting. |
| Criterion 7.4 | There shall be periodic monitoring of the socio-environmental, economic and climate related impacts and benefits of REDD+ actions, while respecting the traditional way of life and practices of Indigenous Peoples, small landowners and local communities, and results of this monitoring shall be made publicly available. |
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| **Principle 8 – GOVERNANCE: fostering of better governance, coordination and alignment with national, regional and local policies and guidelines.** |
| Criterion 8.1 | REDD+ actions shall be coordinated and be consistent with national, state, regional and municipal policies and program on climate change, conservation, sustainable development and deforestation prevention. |
| Criterion 8.2 | REDD+ actions shall meet the requirements of state or national REDD+ policies. |
| Criterion 8.3 | Emissions reduction and carbon sequestration generated by REDD+ actions shall be quantified and registered in a way to avoid double counting. |
| Criterion 8.4 | REDD+ government actions shall contribute to strengthen public instruments and processes for forestry and territory management. |
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