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What are potential ways and means to ensure the link between results-based payments and addressing and respecting safeguards, addressing drivers of deforestation and the reduction of risks?

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a) Legal and policy framework including:

- Identification of specific non carbon benefits (water, biodiversity, soil, etc.)
- Identifying **specific actions** to be implemented (conservation, management, agroforestry, assisted regeneration, native species, etc.)
- Creating incentives for sustainable and climate-smart agriculture and reviewing potentially perverse incentives
- Identifying specific sources of funding (national, international, public, private) and level of reward per co-benefit: + + + + = \$plus. –Increase required to be competitive-

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- a) Legal and policy framework including:
- (Decide on size and priorities for selecting target-lands and its overarching policy frameworks (Conservation of Biodiversity, Low emission development strategies, Sustainable Forest Management programs, Poverty Reduction Strategies, National Action Plans on Land Degradation, Water Management Plans, NAP, etc.)
- Enhanced **illegal logging monitoring and control**, including compliance of no forest —land use change enforcement and respecting the SFM principles along the production chain.
- Allowing payments for territories under legally demonstrated "possesion" and providing support to obtain land-titles
- Legal limitations of contracted lands are registered in the National Property Registry
- Enhancement of the participation of local and regional groups of stakeholders, local communities and Indigenous peoples, including an expanded decision making body at the highest political level (REDD+ Executive Committee)
- A template to register and rank activities and co-benefits

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- RBA in the context of PES = fulfillment of contractual provisions:
 - Develop a management plan by an authorized professional: area, activities not allowed and allowed, cession of environmental services rights to the Government, fires prevention and control, no use of forest-sub-products (To be adjusted to allow cultural and traditional uses but not on a commercial basis, subsistence)
 - Regent: Annually verified >>> Report >>> Payments
 - Automated payments National Bank System
 - Monitoring of contract and fulfillment of conditions, NSCA, public faith
 - Carbon exclusive contracts (CDM agroforestry/reforestation and regeneration): additional requirements: limited pesticide use, proper management of plantations, limited use of fuels, carbon stocks accounting using CDM approved methodologies)
 - Different payment modalities according to the activity,
 - (PREDICTABLE FINANCE IS A MUST TO MAKE NATIONAL DECISIONS)

