Integrating HCS, HCV, and FPIC
A Technical Workshop for Practitioners
March 8-10, 2015 Bogor, Indonesia

Background

There is growing support from the diverse land use sectors for the High Carbon Stock Approach (HCS)[1] as a practical, effective tool for breaking the link between deforestation and commodity production such as Oil Palm Production. In practice many have raised questions about how to integrate the HCS approach with other established methodologies and values such as High Conservation Value (HCV) and Free Prior Informed Consent (FPIC). Recognising that each methodology has its own specific identity, lens and purpose, this workshop seeks to build technical consensus around how these could be integrated procedurally if all three assessments were required by the same client at the same site in a logical, efficient way.
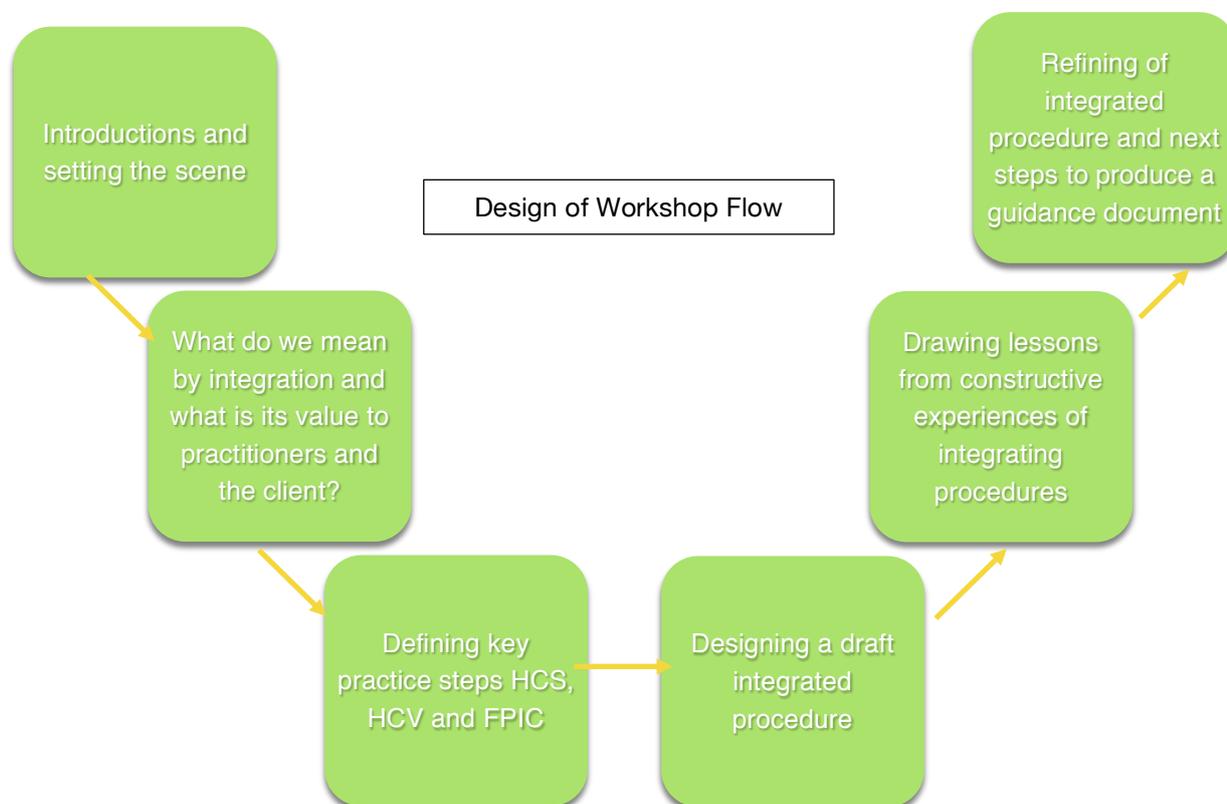
Workshop Objectives

By the end of the workshop participants will:

- Have reached a mutual understanding on "integration" and the value of clear procedural guidance for integrating the methodologies from HCS, HCV and FPIC tools;
- Have identified the overlaps, differences and synergies in the methodologies that require integration;
- Have designed a logical flow for a proposed draft procedure that integrates the methodologies taking into account synergy and reducing overlap;
- Have mapped further effort needed to develop a draft guidance document for practitioners on how to integrate the procedures before the end of August 2015.

Key Outputs

There will be two main outputs from this workshop:
1. A draft procedure for integrating the current methodologies on HCS, HCV and FPIC[2].
2. An action plan for developing a guidance document for practitioners on integration of HCS, HCV and FPIC so that they could be used simultaneously in the same site

Design of Workshop Flow

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[1] All references to HCS refer to both The HCS Approach http://highcarbonstock.org/the-hcs-approach-toolkit/ and the SPOM HCS study http://www.carbonstockstudy.com/Home

[2] A single draft procedure that integrates the methodologies but maintains the identity of the three tools

Principles of Workshop Design

The workshop has been designed based on the following principles.

Logical Process flow: The workshop has been designed as a process to achieve a specific set of objectives that will be agreed with the practitioners at the start. Each session has been designed to build on the outputs of the previous session with space provided for questioning assumptions and providing feedback at the end of each session. It is critical that participants are available to attend the process consistently.

Visual: The process will be visualised so that practitioners have an ongoing visual reference to outputs and ideas from previous sessions allowing shared distillation of consensus and recognition of differences throughout the process.

Participatory: The process will use methods that take into account a range of engagement styles that give everybody the opportunity to express their opinion and ideas. This includes finding innovative ways to integrate presentations into the overall process as a springboard for wider discussion and generating further ideas so the presentation becomes a means rather than as an end itself. This will be achieved by using a variation of group dialogue methods and cross-fertilisation of ideas between groups.

Appreciative: The workshop will use the constructionist principle which builds on positive elements of experience to enhance the effectiveness of lessons for the future. This still addresses challenges but brings positivity into the process emphasizing strengths to address challenges. This will be reflected in questions formulated for sessions and discussion groups and mainstreamed throughout the process.

Draft Program

	Day 1 (May 8th)	Day 2 (May 9th)
9.00 - 10.30	**Setting the scene and introductions/expectations** *Objectives:* • *To agree the workshop objectives and for participants to share their own expectations from the process.* • *To agree a shared understanding of what is meant by "integration" in this case and its potential value for stakeholders.*	**Practical Experiences on Integration** (3-4 short case study presentations followed by group reflection on key lessons) *Objective:* • *To stimulate and draw on how different groups have been handling the challenges of integration in practice and identify key lessons to assist when refining integrated procedure further*
11.00 - 12.30	**Defining and unpacking HCS, HCV and FPIC** (Four focused 10 mins presentations highlighting the presenter's view of the key practice steps, followed by group discussions). *Objective:* • *To provide an overview of each "tool" and to identify and agree the key practical methodological steps for each tool (HCS, HCV, FPIC).*	**Distilling levels of consensus and refining draft integrated procedure** *Objective:* • *To provide an overview of consensus from previous day and identify areas which need further consensus building and technical integration including building on lessons from practice identified in session 1 Day 2.*

Day 1 (May 8th)		Day 2 (May 9th)
1.30 - 3.00	**Designing a "First Draft" Integrated Procedure** *Objective:* • *To provide an opportunity for all participants to unpack the different practice steps and align them where there is synergy, overlap or difference into one procedure.*	**Refining draft integrated procedure (continued)**
3.30 - 5.00	**Sharing Integrated Procedure Outputs and Wrap up** *Objective:* • *To provide space for participants to share the outputs of their discussions and raise questions for discussions the next day. This would include some general reflection on level of consensus and identification of what needs further discussion the next day.*	**Next Steps** *Objective:* • *To agree on areas of priority for further effort and to prepare an action plan for the development of a guidance document for practitioners before the end of August 2015*

Notes

- All presentations should be as focused as possible responding to the objectives of the session. Further guidance can be requested from the facilitator (kedwds@me.com). It is suggested that presentations are no longer than 15 minutes (max).
- Case Study presentations on Day 2 should be selected carefully to identify **constructive** lessons on what has been done in practice to integrate procedurally. It is not necessary to present weaknesses or lack of integration at this stage in the process.
- As the workshop will be a participatory format it is suggested that a round table set up is used and that the venue provides as many flip chart stands and boards as possible so the process can be visualised throughout.
- Note there are three key references that can be used to guide the discussion HCS http://highcarbonstock.org/the-hcs-approach-toolkit/, HCV - https://www.hcvnetwork.org/resources/cg-identification-sep-2014-english, FPIC – Oct 2014 FPIC Guide. RSPO Human Rights working group