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1.	<p><u>Local Stakeholder Consultation Meetings: awareness, plausible stakeholders definition, prior notice of consultation</u></p>	<p>i) The notice of the local stakeholder consultation meeting to be given one month in advance , in at least two local daily in two different language – one in vernacular language and other in English</p> <p>ii)Also the stakeholders are to be identified – ranging from Government agencies involved in land acquisition , environmental protection to local self governing bodies and notice for the meeting to be sent to them separately. Such a procedure to be stipulated by the government to ensure that such a provision is carried on.</p> <p>iii) Awareness regarding the CDM public consultation is very low. Affected people don't know about the right and importance of the public consultation. There is no transparency regarding public consultation. The Designated National Authority should hold capacity building mechanism such as training and workshop to create a pool of organisations who would act as an expert in holding these meeting and ensure public participations in stakeholders meetings.</p>

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2.	<u>Responsibility of Local Stakeholder Consultation</u>	<p>The responsibility of the local stakeholder consultation meetings currently lies with project proponent itself. In case of negative comments or outcome of the meeting, it is obvious that, a fair picture of the meeting would not be portrayed. Hence, the procedure to be carried out not only by the project proponent, but the local self-government and the SPCB (State Pollution Control Board) should be given an equal involvement. As per EIA notification 2006, SPCB is responsible to organize the Environment Public Hearing. In the same manner, responsibility should be given to the same authority.</p>

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3.	<u>Executive summary and availability of documents for local people</u>	<p>i) An executive summary of PCN (Project Concept Note) should be mandatorily circulated among the local stakeholders and authorities (local self governing bodies, SPCB) so that it is in reach of local people who can read it and be aware about concerned information.</p> <p>ii) Also, the procedure of public consultation to be made available to anyone who is seeking for it.</p> <p>iii) Project relevant documents should be made available in the local language during the local stakeholders' consultation period including interim technical reports, Environmental Impact Assessments and PDDs.</p> <p>iv) The videography of the public consultation should be made mandatory and the stakeholder consultation video should be uploaded during the validation period along with the comments received during validation. It should also be displayed on the website of DNA.</p> <p>v) Social, Economical, Environmental and Technical well being or benefits mentioned in the PDD should be mentioned in easily interpreted language, so that the local affected people can understand it. Appropriate and measurable data should be provided in the PDD in terms of employment, direct and indirect benefits and any others mentioned benefits.</p> <p>vi) During Validation process, all relevant documents such as PDD, EIAs and other evaluations should be 1) disclosed and uploaded to the UNFCCC site and 2) in the language of the host country. Likewise, comments submitted during the global stakeholder consultation period should at least be allowed in the language of the host country.</p>

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4.	<u>DNA-Host Country Approval Authority</u>	<p>i) In case of situations where a concerned party has missed out attending the local stakeholder consultation meeting due to unavoidable circumstances, a provision should be made in such a way, that the projects which have been proposed for host country approval should be displayed on DNA’s website at least one month in advance. This would facilitate a chance for people who have missed the meeting, to present their views before the host country approval.</p> <p>ii) Even though the host country has authority to give approval for carbon credits, it has no power of revocation of such approval in case if the project proponent violates the terms and conditions.</p> <p>Hence, the host country to be given power to revoke the approval in case of violation of terms by the project proponent</p>

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5.	<u>Monitoring Authority – Social Audit & continuous consultation process</u>	<p>i) The approval by the host country is given only after reviewing the activities of the project proponent which are going to result in social development in the near future. But unfortunately, after giving the approval, there exist no monitoring body to check if the activities are actually resulting in social development or not and if the objectives based on which approval is being given are met.</p> <p>ii) At present, DOE is responsible to monitor project implementation. But as per our National Rural Employment Guarantee scheme – provision of social audit exists – which is very admirable step to check the effectiveness. Similarly, a Social Audit mechanism should be implemented along with DOE for CDM projects.</p> <p>iii) The provisions for follow up stakeholder’s consultation should be included in the CDM project. Stakeholders’ consultation should be done in periodical manner such as after ever 5yrs because initially people don’t perceive the problems which they would face by the project but once the project is started they realise the unforeseen troubles due to the project. DNA is not effectively monitoring the CDM projects so if the UNFCCC makes it mandatory then people will get chance to raise their concern regarding the project.</p>