**TOOL 7**

**SIX THINKING HATS**

**FROM THE TREE OF PRACTICES TO THE FOREST OF KNOWLEDGE**

A guide to identifying, capturing, sharing and communicating REDD+ Inspiring Practices

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**PURPOSE**

This activity encourages participants to reflect on a REDD+ experience from a variety of perspectives.

**DESCRIPTION**

For this activity, participants put on and take off six metaphorical hats to represent their opinion on a particular issue following a mode of thinking. The color of each hat represents a different approach to problem-solving.

Six hats are distributed among participants who then are asked to discuss their views on the practice according to the hat they have.

- **White** is neutral, objective, and focuses on facts and figures. The person wearing this hat should give specific information on the practice and the results.
- **Red** suggests emotions. The person wearing this hat should discuss feelings generated from their participation in the practice.
- **Black** is sad and negative; it includes goals that were not met. The person who wears this hat should discuss the difficulties, problems and fears generated from the practice.
- **Yellow** is positive and optimistic; it is related to hope and positive thought. The person who wears this hat should refer to the values, benefits, achievements and positive impacts brought about by the execution of the practice.
- **Green** is connected to growth. The person wearing this hat should recall situations and aspects that provided creative solutions that were considered innovations in the scientific, technological, political and social field.
- **Blue** is like the sky and above all. It deals with the control and organization of the thinking process. The person who wears it should share a big-picture lesson learned or to draw general conclusions about the experience.

While the activity is in progress, the moderator takes notes of the comments on corresponding colour cards.

At the end of the activity, the cards are organized in a diagram that shows the group an overview of their views.

**PARTICIPANTS**

- Group of people who took part in an experience
- Coordinator

**WHEN TO USE IT**

- To collect information from different stakeholders
- As a preliminary activity to begin collecting lessons learned and in evaluation sessions

**REQUIRED MATERIALS**

- Six hats (white, black, yellow, red, green and blue)
- Cards (white, black, yellow, red, green and blue)
- Pencils
- Markers