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Title of the side-event: ACHIEVING THE AICHI TARGETS: PERVERSE AND POSITIVE INCENTIVES RELATED TO CONSERVING BIODIVERSITY AND THE ROLE OF INDIGENOUS AND COMMUNITY CONSERVED TERRITORIES AND AREAS

Time: 18:15 – 19:45 Wednesday, 16 October 2013

Summary: This side event explored several themes related to the role of incentives and community conservation in achieving the Aichi Targets. A few major conclusions came out of the side event. The first was that perverse incentives that harm biodiversity are an important issue, as recognized in Aichi Target 3. Simone Lovera of the Global Forest Coalition introduced this issue by presenting a Global Forest Coalition briefing paper that highlights the role of unsustainable livestock farming, which is supported by significant subsidies, as a significant driver of biodiversity loss. Rachel Smolker of Biofuelwatch presented a new report by Biofuelwatch and the Global Forest Coalition that looked at the impact of wood-based bioenergy, another economic sector that is heavily supported by subsidies and other incentives, on forest biodiversity and communities.

The second major conclusion is that Indigenous People's and Community Conserved Territories and Areas (ICCAs) are essential to achieving the Aichi Targets. They are relevant to all the Strategic Goals and are increasingly being recognized as sites and initiatives where biodiversity is being conserved and sustainably used. In his presentation, Eli Makagon of Natural Justice highlighted the importance of appropriately recognizing and supporting ICCAs, it is important that the free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) of Indigenous peoples and local communities is obtained. Taghi Farvar, president of the ICCA Consortium, discussed, among other things, the resiliency of ICCAs and noted some specific aspects of ICCAs in Iran, which support sustainable livestock farming systems. As countries move forward with implementing the Strategic Goals, ICCAs should be part of their NBSAPs, keeping in mind the need for FPIC.



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