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NOTIFICATION

Selected Experts for the Asia-Pacific Regional Consultation and Capacity Building Workshop on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries (REDD-plus¹), Including on Relevant Biodiversity Safeguards

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to share with you the list of sponsored experts for the Asia-Pacific Regional Consultation and Capacity Building Workshop on REDD-plus, Including on Relevant Biodiversity Safeguards. The selection of experts was conducted in accordance with established procedures and with particular attention to geographical and gender balance. Additional experts will be selected from the full list of nominees if additional funds become available. For this purpose **the deadline for Parties who have not submitted nominations yet has been extended to 23 February 2011.**

Self-funded participants from Parties or relevant organizations whose nominations were received by the Secretariat on or before 10 February 2011, on the basis of notification 2010-218, are invited to participate. They are requested to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements. A block-booking for sponsored participants will be made at a hotel close to the workshop venue. Self-funded participants might consider arranging accommodation in the same hotel, as transportation to the workshop venue will be provided by the host country.

¹ With reference to decisions 4/CP.15 and 1/CP.16 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), REDD-plus refers to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries. The acronyms REDD and REDD-plus are used for convenience only, without any attempt to pre-empt ongoing or future negotiations under the UNFCCC.

To: CBD NFPs for Asia-Pacific Region

cc: National Focal Points of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), National Focal Points of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF), ASEAN Secretariat; ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity; Indigenous and Local Community Organizations; Members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests; other Relevant Organizations; SBSTTA Focal Points; CHM Focal Points; POWPA Focal Points

The Workshop will be held from 15 to 18 March 2011 in Singapore and will be convened thanks to the financial contributions of the governments of the United Kingdom and Germany, the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity, and the United Nations Development Programme (on behalf of the UN-REDD Programme).

A provisional workshop agenda and further documents, including an information note for participants, will be posted shortly at <http://www.cbd.int/meetings>.

All national experts invited to the Workshop are kindly requested to prepare one presentation per country about their national experience and views on REDD-plus safeguards for, and assessment and monitoring of impacts of REDD-plus on, biodiversity and indigenous and local communities. I suggest you make use of the attached template for this purpose.

Representatives of relevant organizations and indigenous and local communities will be contacted individually by the Secretariat regarding opportunities for participation in the workshop, and for presentations during the workshop.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

Attachment

List of Participants Selected for the Asia-Pacific Regional Consultation and Capacity Building Workshop on REDD-plus, Including on Relevant Biodiversity Safeguards

Name	Country
Mr. Lutfullah Safi	Afghanistan
Mr. Safiul Alam Chowdury	Bangladesh
Mr. Karma C. Nyedrup	Bhutan
Mr. Tsering Gyeltshen	Bhutan
Ms. Somaly Chan	Cambodia
Mr. Kamal Uy	Cambodia
Mr. Li Diqiang	China
Ms. Wu Shuirong	China
Mr. Jagdish Kishwan	India
Mr. Hem Pande	India
Mr. Asghar Mohammadi Fazel	Iran
Ms. Tsengel Nergui	Mongolia
Mr. Than Naing	Myanmar
Ms. Le Le Thein	Myanmar
Mr. Krishna Chandra Paudel	Nepal
Mr. Resham Bahadur Dangi	Nepal
Mr. Syed Said Badshah Bukhari	Pakistan
Ms. Ana Rose DF Opena	Philippines
Mr. Modesto Lagumbay Jr	Philippines
Ms. Rowena Reyes-Boquiren	Philippines
Mr. Anawat Sukhotanang	Thailand
Ms. Phanumard Ladpala	Thailand
Mr. Panuwat Kamattachart	Thailand



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*Combined safeguards and sub-regional capacity
building workshop on REDD-plus, Singapore,
15-18 March 2011*

[Name and affiliation of presenter(s)]

National experience with REDD-plus

Key questions:

What is the national structure for REDD-plus planning?

What is the status of REDD-plus preparations?

How are biodiversity experts involved (including holders of traditional knowledge)?

How are indigenous and local communities involved?

Are there experiences from the voluntary carbon market that you are drawing from?

National experience with biodiversity safeguards

Key questions:

Level of political support and capacity for including biodiversity safeguards?

Which are the main obstacles for including biodiversity safeguards?

What are concrete capacity building needs regarding biodiversity safeguards (if any), and at which level (government, civil society/IPs, local communities)?

What are main lessons learned so far regarding biodiversity safeguards?

National experience with safeguards for indigenous and local communities

Key questions:

What is the structure of civil society organizations representing indigenous and local community views?
Are their views well coordinated?

What are the mechanisms through which the views of indigenous and local communities are considered?

How are concerns related to CBD Articles 8j (respect for traditional knowledge) and 10c (support customary use of biodiversity) reflected in REDD-plus planning and design?

National experience with assessing/ monitoring impacts of REDD-plus

Key questions:

Are you planning tools to assess/monitor the impacts of REDD-plus on biodiversity and indigenous and local livelihoods? If so, how? E.g. have you identified or designed any criteria and indicators for REDD-plus impacts on biodiversity?

Has your country completed the National Ecological Gap analysis under the CBD (for explanation, [click here](#))?

Are the national gap analyses considered in REDD planning?

Are you applying or developing multiple benefit tools at national level, e.g. mapping of biodiversity and carbon overlays (such as www.carbon-biodiversity.net/OtherScales)?

Regional collaboration regarding safeguards and impact assessment

Key questions:

Do you participate in regional and international exchanges of REDD-plus pilot experiences regarding multiple benefits? What is their value?

What is the level of regional collaboration on REDD-plus e.g. through regional organizations such as ASEAN?

What regional and international support (in addition to support provided by UN-REDD/FCPF/ITTO, etc.) would be useful?

thank you!
merci!
¡gracias!

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