



**Convention on
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NOTIFICATION

**Selected Experts for the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Consultation and Capacity Building Workshop on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries (REDD-plus¹), Including on Relevant Biodiversity Safeguards
5 to 8 July 2011
Quito, Ecuador**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to share with you the list of sponsored experts for the Latin American and Caribbean 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. We are in the process of identifying further funding and considering to further increase the participation of Parties that have not yet nominated experts from the region. In this case, Parties will be contacted directly by the Secretariat.

Self-funded participants from Parties or relevant organizations whose nominations were received by the Secretariat on or before 18 May 2011, on the basis of notification 2011-078, are

¹ With reference to decision 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 National Focal Points for Latin America - Caribbean Region

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



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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.

The Workshop will be held from 5 to 8 July 2011 in Quito, Ecuador, and will be convened by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), in collaboration with the Ministry of the Environment of the Republic of Ecuador, and with the generous financial support from the Governments of Japan and Ecuador and the UN-REDD Programme.² The workshop will be held in English and Spanish.

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

² United Nations Collaborative Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries

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

Name	Country
Ms. Natalie Unterstell	Brazil
Mr. Daniel Alvarez	Chile
Mr. Felipe Gomez Villota	Colombia
Ms. Luz Stella Pollido	Colombia
Mr. Arlety Ajete Hernandez	Cuba
Ms. Alicia Mercadet Portillo	Cuba
Mr. Omar Ramírez Tejada	Dominican Republic
Mr. Jorge Ernesto Quezada	El Salvador
Mr. Spencer Thomas	Grenada
Mr. Jorge Alberto Laínez Alfaro	Honduras
Mr. Jose Maria Michel	Mexico
Ms. Josefina Brana Varela	Mexico
Mr. Edilberto Duarte	Nicaragua
Mr. Jorge U. Garcia	Panama
Mr. Adams Toussaint	Saint Lucia
Mr. Rewiechand Matai	Suriname
Ms. Rachele Rijker	Suriname
Mr. Luis Ordeig Di Leone	Uruguay



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[Country and agency/organization]

*Combined safeguards and sub-regional capacity
building workshop on REDD-plus, Quito, Ecuador,
5-8 July 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:

What is the 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 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)?



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REDD-plus: Seeking synergies between the CBD and the UNFCCC

Key questions:

How do you seek synergies between the two conventions through both Conventions' forest-related programmes of work?

How can synergies be achieved through the design and the implementation of the REDD-plus mechanism?

To what extent have you found a mechanism to achieve the objectives of both conventions?

What are the challenges and opportunities of finding synergies between the forest-related objectives of both conventions?

thank you!
merci!
¡gracias!

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