



Convention on
Biological Diversity

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'Mini-workshop' on REDD-plus biodiversity safeguards

Are you working on REDD-plus biodiversity safeguards? Do you have recent experience, results or updates to share? Would you like to hear from other organizations and experts in this field?

The CBD Secretariat invites you to present a short update of maximum 5 minutes (verbal presentation and handouts only, no powerpoint). Results of the recent Asia-Pacific REDD-plus and Biodiversity workshop¹, Singapore, will also be presented.

Date and venue: Monday 13 June 2011, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Gustav-Stressemann-Institute, Langer Grabenweg 68, 53175 Bonn (5 minutes walk from the Maritime Hotel).

Coffee/tea will be available from 10:30. Lunch will be provided at 1 p.m. for a maximum of 30 participants.

If you would like to participate, please register as soon as possible, but before 10 June 2011, via email to Ms Annie Cung: annie.cung@cbd.int

Background

At its tenth meeting, held in Nagoya in October 2010, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) invited Parties, other Governments, and relevant organizations and processes to enhance the benefits for, and avoid negative impacts on biodiversity from 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, and other sustainable land management and biodiversity conservation and sustainable use activities, taking into account the need to ensure the full and effective participation of indigenous and local communities in relevant policy-making and implementation processes, where appropriate; and to consider land ownership and land tenure, in accordance with national legislation (see decision X/33, para. 8 (q)).

In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to provide advice, for approval by the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting, including on the application of relevant safeguards for biodiversity, without pre-empting any future decisions taken under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, based on effective consultation with Parties and their views, and with the participation of indigenous and local communities, so that actions are consistent with the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity and avoid negative impacts on and enhance benefits for biodiversity (see decision X/33, para. 9 (g)).

The side events organized by the CBD Secretariat during UNFCCC SBSTA 34 are taking place pursuant to these decisions, as well as decision IX/5 para 3(b), requesting the Executive Secretary to 'support Parties efforts to address reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries in the framework of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change'.

The results of the 'mini-workshop' will contribute to the development of advice on REDD-plus Biodiversity safeguards in the context of CBD decision X/33.

The event is organized with financial support of the Government of Norway.

¹ The workshop in Singapore, March 15-18, 2011, was the first in a series of three regional consultation workshops on REDD-plus and Biodiversity, including relevant safeguards. The next workshop will be held in Quito, Ecuador, 5-8 July 2011, for Latin America and the Caribbean. The workshops are organized in collaboration between the CBD Secretariat and the UN-REDD Programme. The workshop series is supported financially by the governments of the United Kingdom, Japan, Norway, and by the UN-REDD Programme.

Biodiversity Safeguards of REDD-plus

UNFCCC SBSTA 34, Tuesday, 14 June 2011, 13:15 – 14:45
Bonn, Germany, Ministry of Transport, Robert-Schuman-Platz 1
'TRAM' room

A light lunch will be provided.

This side event will present interim results of a consultation process¹ undertaken by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), in collaboration with the UN-REDD Programme and other partners, on the development and application of relevant REDD-plus safeguards for biodiversity, as well as on ways and means to enhance co-benefits of REDD-plus for biodiversity.

Biodiversity Safeguards of REDD-plus

Chair: Mr Jagdish Kishwan, India

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| 13:15 | Welcome and introductory remarks by the Chair |
| 13:30 | CBD support to REDD-plus, including advice on relevant safeguards
<i>Tim Christophersen, CBD Secretariat</i> |
| 13:40 | The Social and Environmental Principles and Criteria of the UN REDD Programme
<i>Barney Dickson, UN-REDD Programme</i> |
| 13:50 | Relevant safeguards for indigenous and local communities
<i>Grace Tauli Balawag, TEBTEBBA</i> |
| 14:00 | Progress towards national-level safeguards of a leading REDD country (<i>Speaker to be confirmed</i>) |
| 14:10 - 14:45 | Panel discussion |

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¹ On the basis CBD decisions IX/5 and X/33, and with reference to safeguards in UNFCCC decision 1/CP.16