

The REDD+ Day at CBD COP 11

UN-REDD PROGRAMME

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Overview

The REDD+ Day will present the synergistic linkages between the REDD+ and the biodiversity agendas, and the catalytic role and impacts that forest carbon finance and related sector transformational policies could play for a transition to a green economy. The topics of the REDD+ Day are designed to support the discussions within the CBD COP 11 and linkages to the outcomes of Rio+20 and the UNFCCC process.

The key messages of the “REDD+ Day” are:

- i. REDD+ is a critical response to climate change, and can play a key role in achieving broader development goals for improved livelihoods as well as significant benefits for biodiversity and ecosystem services
- ii. Safeguards are essential for the successful implementation of REDD+ and to generate investments in REDD+
- iii. REDD+ will only succeed through a Green Economy transformation, which would involve engaging across sectors and national development priorities to address sustainable development and the root causes of deforestation
- iv. REDD+ investments, if wisely invested, can deliver on livelihood, biodiversity and climate change agendas , while yielding monetary and non-monetary benefits
- v. Partnerships and development of innovative mechanisms are important to mobilize further funding for forest sector transformation (i.e. both Government & Private Sector)

The UN-REDD Programme and other partners will organize the day presenting the linkages and opportunities of REDD+ for the biodiversity agenda, including conservation, sustainable use and fair and equitable sharing of benefits. The day will include side events, publication launches, multimedia and an evening reception. Each side event will involve a moderator, panel of experts including but not limited to country representatives, NGO representatives, on-the-ground practitioners, indigenous and local peoples, and multilateral representatives. Besides presentations from the panelists, each session will provide ample time for discussion and screening of videos when appropriate. Events will be reported through the Earth Negotiation Bulletin (ENB).

Location: Hyderabad, India

Venue: Rio Conventions Pavilion, ballroom of the Novotel, seating for approximately 200 persons

Timing: 16 October 2012



Session 1: Launch of the Little Forest Finance Book

Time: 11:30 -12:45

Objective: To launch the Little Forest Finance Book and highlight the role of private sector investment and PES in sustainable forest management and REDD+

Background: Following on the success of the Little REDD+ Book and the Little Biodiversity Finance Book, this event will launch the Little Forest Finance Book and provide an opportunity for discussion on how public and private finance for payment for ecosystem services can reshape the forest sector.

Partners: Global Canopy Project, UNEP FI

Keynote Speaker: Andrew Mitchell, Global Canopy Programme

Lunch Session: High-level Panel on REDD+, Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for a Green Economy

Time: 13:00 – 14:30

Objective: To increase high-level political commitment for REDD+ as a catalyst for the Green Economy based on ensuring multiple benefits through biodiversity conservation.

Background: Recognizing the importance of biodiversity conservation, and the potential that REDD+ brings for contributing to these efforts, governments such as Ecuador have prioritized biodiversity conservation as part of their national planning and REDD+ planning. Following the affirmation of Green Economy at Rio +20, this panel explores how REDD+, by tapping into the multiple benefits and ecosystem services of forests, can act as a catalyst to a green economy transition. This panel will highlight how countries have initiated and envision this transition as well as the support being offered from the international to local levels.

Partners: Government of Norway, Government of Ecuador, Government of Indonesia, Government of Nigeria, CBD Secretariat, IUCN

Panelists: Ms. Henriette Killi Westhrin, State Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Norway; Mr. Heru Prasetyo, Deputy Chairman of President's Delivery Unit for Development Monitoring and Oversight, Indonesia; Mr. Bráulio Ferreira de Souza Dias, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity.

Moderator: Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Director of Division of Environmental Policy Implementation, UNEP

Session 3: Launch of the UN-REDD Policy Brief on Multiple Benefits

Time: 15:00 – 16:15

Objective: To launch the 3rd installment in the UN-REDD Policy Brief Series focused on REDD+ and Multiple Benefits with specific attention to safeguards, economic valuation of multiple benefits and linkages to the Green Economy.

Background: The UN-REDD Policy Brief series was launched at the UNFCCC COP in Durban with a brief entitled “REDD+ and the Green Economy: Opportunities for a mutually supportive relationship”.

Session 4: Key findings of the new Global Forest Expert Panel (GFEP) assessment: Biodiversity, Forest Management, and REDD+

Time: 16:45 – 18:15

The "Global Forest Expert Panels" initiative of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests was launched in April 2007 to provide objective and independent scientific assessments of key issues in order to support more informed decision-making at the global level. The latest assessment will present scientific synthesis results on the linkages between biodiversity, forest management interventions, and their implications for REDD+. *Press briefing will follow.*

Partners: IUFRO

Session 5: REDD+ and biodiversity safeguards: best practices in governance and safeguarding biodiversity - Towards common guidance by UNFCCC and CBD (organized by the Governments of Switzerland and the Philippines)

Time: 18:30 – 20:00, followed by Cocktail Reception

Selected field practitioners from REDD+ projects across different regions as well as negotiators involved in the UNFCCC and CBD processes will share key findings of an exchange hosted in the context of a joint initiative of the Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland and the Climate Change Commission of the Philippines. The initiative was aimed to synthesize a set of best practices and recommendations towards translating global, national and local discussions for implementing and monitoring REDD+ safeguards into action.

Partners: Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN), Switzerland; Climate Change Commission (CCC), Philippines

Evening Reception: REDD+ Cocktails,

Time: 20:00-21:00

