

**UNFCCC SECOND WORKSHOP ON REDUCING EMISSIONS FROM
DEFORESTATION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**

7 to 9 MARCH, 2007 CAIRNS, AUSTRALIA

AGENDA

Wednesday, 7 March 2007

07.30 – 09.00	Registration
09.00 – 09.30	<p><i>Welcome and Opening</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Welcome to country by Mr. Seth Four Mile, indigenous land owner ○ Welcome and introduction by Mr. Kevin Byrne, Mayor of Cairns ○ Welcome speech by Mr. Howard Bamsey, Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Environment and Water Resources ○ Statement from H.E. Sir Michael Somare, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea delivered by Honorable William Duma, Minister for Environment and Conservation ○ Welcome remarks by Mr. Kishan Kumarsingh, SBSTA Chair ○ Statement from Mr. Yvo de Boer, Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC secretariat delivered by Mr. Roberto Acosta, SBSTA Coordinator
09.30 – 10.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.00 – 10.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introduction to the workshop (UNFCCC secretariat) ● Overview of updated data and information on emissions and trends in deforestation, data needs, policies and programmes in place or being considered to address deforestation and its root causes from voluntary submissions by non-Annex I Parties¹ (UNFCCC secretariat)
10.15 – 13.00	THEME I: <i>Improving the understanding of reducing emissions from deforestation in developing countries</i> ²
10.15 – 10.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Application of methodologies and guidance from the IPCC Guidelines and IPCC Good Practice Guidance in the estimation and monitoring of deforestation (Mr. Simon Eggleston, IPCC)
10.30 – 10.45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● National wall-to-wall monitoring of forest sinks and sources (Mr. Gary Richards, Australia)
10.45 – 11.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● National Forest Assessments and the GFRA: how these assessments can contribute to the data and data quality needs of a potential international arrangement (Ms. Susan Braatz, FAO)
11.00 – 11.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Calculations of baselines in the case of avoided deforestation (Mr. Ben de Jong, Unidad Villahermosa, Mexico)
11.15 – 11.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lessons learned from different projects relevant to improving understanding of reducing deforestation (Mr. Michael Dutschke, Germany)
11.30 – 11.45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tradable Avoided Deforestation Offsets in Australia (Mr. Mark Jackson, Carbon Pool, Australia)
11.45 – 12.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● State of the forests in Congo Basin 2006 - summary of key issues (representative from the Congo Basin countries)
12.00 – 13.00	Discussions
13.00 – 14.30	<i>Lunch</i>
14.30 – 16.30	Continuation of Theme I
14.30 – 14.45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Practical experiences on policies and incentives to reduce deforestation in developing countries (Mr. Arild Angelsen, Norwegian University of Life Sciences)
14.45 – 15.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Practical experiences on policies and incentives to reduce deforestation in developing countries - experiences from Africa (Mr. Godwin Kowero, ICRAF Nairobi)

15.00 – 15.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimated financial values from reducing emissions from deforestation and financing options (Mr. Ian Noble, World Bank)
15.15 – 16.15	Continuation of discussions
16.15 – 16.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
16.30 – 18.30	<p>THEME II: <i>Ongoing and potential policy approaches and positive incentives; technical and methodological requirements related to their implementation and assessment of results and their reliability</i>²</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentations by Parties on policy approaches and positive incentives including information on the main technical and methodological requirements related to their implementation and the assessment of results and their reliability <p>Confirmed presentations by representatives of the following Parties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vanuatu forests: Reducing emissions from deforestation (Mr. Sean Weaver, Vanuatu) Tuvalu India Papua New Guinea Congo Basin countries EU perspectives on RED (European Union) USG REDD projects: design and evaluation, future steps (United States)
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<i>Reception hosted by the Australian Government</i>	

Thursday, 8 March 2007

09.00 – 11.00	<p>THEME II: <i>Ongoing and potential policy approaches and positive incentives; technical and methodological requirements related to their implementation and assessment of results and their reliability</i>²</p>
	Continuation of presentations, if necessary, as in previous session
	Discussions on the policy approaches and positive incentives presented by Parties, technical and methodological requirements related to their implementation and to the assessment of results and their reliability
11.00 – 11.15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.15 – 13.00	Continuation of discussions as in previous session
13.00 – 14.30	<i>Lunch (hosted by Rio Tinto)</i>
14.30 – 16.00	Discussions on the policy approaches and positive incentives presented by Parties, technical and methodological requirements related to their implementation and to the assessment of results and their reliability
16.00 – 16.15	<i>Coffee break</i>
16.15 – 18.00	Continuation of discussions as in previous session

Friday, 9 March 2007

09.00 – 10.00	Discussion panel with intergovernmental organizations
10.00 – 12.00	Brainstorming on the process forward
12.00 – 12.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
12.30 – 13.00	Summary of main issues from discussions on Themes I and II by the Chair and concluding remarks

Notes:

- 1 The SBSTA, at its twenty-fifth session, requested the secretariat to provide a short presentation on updated data and information on emissions and trends in deforestation, data needs, policies and programmes in place or being considered to address deforestation and its root causes from voluntary submissions by non-Annex I Parties (FCCC/SBSTA/2006/11, paragraph 91).
- 2 Specific topics discussed at the Rome workshop included:
 - (a) Scientific, socio-economic, technical, and methodological issues, including the role of forests, in particular tropical forests, in the global carbon cycle; definitional issues, including those relating to links between deforestation and degradation; data availability and quality; scale; rates and drivers of deforestation; estimation of changes in carbon stocks and forest cover; and related uncertainties;
 - (b) Policy approaches and positive incentives to reduce emissions from deforestation in developing countries, including causes; short- and long-term effectiveness with respect to emission reductions; the displacement of emissions; bilateral and multilateral cooperation; activities of other relevant international bodies; enhancing sustainable forest management; capacity-building; and financial mechanisms and other alternatives – basing discussions on experiences and lessons learned;
 - (c) Identification of possible links between relevant scientific, socio-economic, technical and methodological issues and policy approaches and positive incentives that may arise from the consideration of the topics in subparagraphs (a) and (b) above.
- 3 Please note that exact titles of presentations in this provisional agenda may be subject to change on day of workshop.