

Informal meeting of experts on enhancing coordination of capacity-building activities in relation to using the IPCC guidance and guidelines, as a basis for estimating forest-related greenhouse gas emissions and removals, forest carbon stock and forest area changes

**Bonn, Germany
25 – 26 May 2010**

Background

The Conference of the Parties, in its decision 4/CP.15 on “Methodological guidance for activities relating 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,” requested the secretariat to enhance coordination of capacity-building activities in relation to using the guidance and guidelines by the IPCC as a basis for estimating forest-related greenhouse gas emissions and removals, forest carbon stocks and forest area changes, in the context of existing initiatives (paragraph 6).

This informal meeting of experts is among the activities being proposed and organized by the secretariat to fulfil this mandate.

Objectives

This meeting will:

- **Identify issues and gaps**, particularly technical and methodological issues and gaps, being faced by developing countries in relation to their use of the IPCC guidance and guidelines in the estimation of emissions and removals, forest carbon stocks and forest area changes.
- Encourage **sharing of experiences and good practice** in the use of the IPCC guidance and guidelines among developed and developing countries
- Develop **recommendations on how to enhance coordination** among Parties, relevant organizations and other stakeholders in ongoing and planned efforts in using or on supporting capacity-building on the IPCC guidance and guidelines, in the context of existing initiatives
- **Identify products and/or activities** that are ongoing and/or that could be developed that facilitate enhancement of coordination of capacity-building efforts.

Modes of Work

- Technical presentations by experts
- Break-out groups – guiding discussion questions will be provided to focus discussions on the themes of the meeting
- Plenary discussions

Agenda

Day 1: Tuesday, 25 May 2010	
07.30–08.30	Registration
08.30–12.00	Morning session
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief opening Welcome remarks by the Chair of the SBSTA Welcome remarks by the Officer-in-Charge, Adaptation, Technology and Science Programme, on behalf of the UNFCCC Secretariat
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session I: Technical presentations Experts share experiences on capacity-building activities and outcomes, particularly in relation to the use of the IPCC guidelines and methodologies, efforts on national/regional coordination, lessons learned, gaps to be addressed and challenges faced
<i>10.00–10.30</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.30–11.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session I: Technical presentations (cont'd)
11.00–12.00	Q&A, discussions
<i>12.00–13.30</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>
13.30–18.30	Afternoon session
13.30–15.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session II, Plenary session: Sharing of experiences on the use of the IPCC guidance and guidelines, issues and challenges faced <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Technical presentation by the IPCC – “Outcomes of the IPCC expert meeting on national forest greenhouse gas inventories and next steps” ▪ Discussions at plenary will focus on identifying and/or elaborating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ issues and challenges faced by developing countries in the use of the IPCC guidance and guidelines; ○ gaps and assessment of areas where capacity-building is needed to facilitate the use of the IPCC guidance, guidelines and methodologies to estimate and monitor emissions/removals, forest carbon stocks and forest area changes from REDD activities; ○ relevant existing initiatives;
<i>15.00–15.30</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>

15.30–17.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session III, Breakout group discussions: Recommendations, opportunities, tools and activities for coordination of capacity-building <p>Each group will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Share views and experiences on national and regional coordination of capacity-building activities - good practices, lessons learned and opportunities for improvement ▪ Share views and experiences - donors'/implementing organizations perspectives on coordination of capacity-building activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Focus of Group I: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Develop and provide recommendations/proposals on how to enhance coordination among Parties, relevant organizations and stakeholders in their efforts to implement or support implementation of the guidance and guidelines of the IPCC, with the aim of developing robust and transparent forest GHG inventories and forest monitoring systems ❖ Focus of Group II: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Identify products that could be developed to facilitate and enhance coordination of capacity-building activities, in particular in relation to the use of IPCC guidance and guidelines
17.30-18.30	Report back by the groups, Q&A and discussions
	<i>(End of Day 1)</i>

Day 2: Wednesday, 26 May 2010	
09.00–11.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session IV: Plenary session <p>Recap of working group reports. Next steps and consolidated recommendations to enhance coordination of capacity-building activities, in relation to the use of the IPCC guidance and guidelines</p>
<i>11.00–11.30</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.30–12.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session V: Closing <p>Summing up of key points and issues by the Chair of the meeting Closing remarks by the Chair</p>
	<i>(End of meeting)</i>