

## **INFORMATION NOTE**

### **Workshop on coordination of support for the implementation of activities in relation to mitigation actions in the forest sector by developing countries, including institutional arrangements**

#### **Mandate and Background**

Through decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 35, the COP requested the SBSTA and SBI to jointly initiate a process on the need to improve the coordination of support for the implementation of reducing emissions from deforestation; reducing emissions from forest degradation, conservation of forest carbon stocks, sustainable management of forests, and enhancement of forest carbon stocks (REDD-plus activities), and to provide adequate and predictable support, and to consider existing institutional arrangements or potential governance alternatives including a body, a board or a committee. The COP invited Parties and admitted observer organizations to submit views on these matters.

The COP also requested the secretariat to organize, subject to the availability of supplementary resources, an in-session workshop at SBSTA/SBI 38, taking into account the submissions by Parties and admitted observer organizations referred to above.

#### **General Objectives and Proposed Approach to the Workshop**

The workshop is expected to allow Parties:

- To engage in an in-depth discussion on the issues and challenges relating to coordination of support for the implementation of REDD-plus activities;
- To discuss in detail the functions that new and/or existing institutions would need to fulfill to facilitate the coordination of support;
- To consider concrete proposals, such as on existing institutional arrangements or potential governance alternatives including a body, a board or a committee;
- To have interactive exchanges of views on the issues raised during AWG-LCA15 and in Parties' submissions on coordination of support, and to share ideas and experiences and lessons learned.

The outcomes of the workshop are expected to facilitate and advance the consideration of issues as well as identify the key elements relating to coordination of support for the implementation of REDD-plus actions.

The agenda of the workshop will be structured around the issues and proposals highlighted in Parties' submissions. It will also take into account the views of Parties expressed during the AWG-LCA15 session.

The workshop will be organized in two main sessions. The first session will be designed around presentations by Parties. Following these brief presentations and questions and answers session, the second session will revolve around a plenary discussion. Parties and

observers will be invited to engage in an interactive exchange of views among themselves, guided by the co-chairs of the workshop.

The workshop is open to all Parties and admitted observer organizations at the Bonn Climate Change Conference. There will be a short opening and closing session. The co-chairs of the workshop will provide an initial summary of the key points raised in the discussions at the end of the workshop. A workshop report will be prepared after the session for consideration of SB 39.

All Parties are invited to engage in, and contribute to, an interactive exchange of views and the sharing of experiences and lessons learned at the workshop. Admitted observer organizations may be invited, if time permits, to contribute to the discussions. The working language of the workshop will be English.

*Duration:* The workshop is expected to be held for a **half day** (1500- 1800h).

**Background documents for this workshop:**

- Views on modalities and procedures for financing results-based actions and considering activities related to decision 1/CP.16, paragraphs 68-70 and 72. Submissions from Parties. (FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/MISC.3, Add.1, Add.2, Add.3 and Add.4)
- Technical Paper on Financing options for the full implementation of resultsbased actions relating to the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, including related modalities and procedures (FCCC/TP/2012/3)
- Report on the workshop on financing options for the full implementation of results-based actions relating to REDD-plus, including modalities and procedures for financing these results-based actions (FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/INF.8)