

Reducing emissions from deforestation EU Perspectives



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High level commitment...



The Feb 2007 Environment Council Conclusions say:

“The EU emphasises that emissions from deforestation in developing countries amount to about 20% of global CO₂ emissions and that concrete policies and actions as part of a global and comprehensive post-2012 agreement are needed to halt these emissions and reverse them within the next two to three decades, while ensuring the integrity of the climate regime and maximising co-benefits, in particular with regard to biodiversity protection and sustainable development, using synergies between the UNFCCC, CBD and CCD”

What we seek...



- A substantive outcome in Bali from the two year process started in Montreal.
- Policy options and associated methodological requirements from SBSTA27 to be forwarded to COP for consideration.
- Rules to be consistent with sustainable development and broader post 2012 considerations

Critical Elements for all approaches...



- Rewarding real reductions in emissions
- Long term sustainable land management
- Recognition of existing commitments
- Simplicity, flexibility and practicability
- Consistency with existing monitoring and accounting approaches
- Linkage to national programmes
- Promoting synergies
- Encouragement of early action

Policy Approaches I



- Basis – current commitments:
 - ✓ UNFCCC, including mechanisms like guidance to the GEF, SCCF, provisions for TT, CB, and Adaptation Fund,
 - ✓ other bodies and processes
- Need to strengthen those, and also develop additional provisions

Policy Approaches II



- Period up to 2012 - Preparatory scheme
 - ✓ Assess national implementation of policies
 - ✓ Improve monitoring and reporting capacities
 - ✓ Define baseline or reference scenario including future trends
 - ✓ Encourage countries via positive incentives to reduce emissions from deforestation (e.g. voluntary funding, AIJ, other sources of funding and support acceptable to Parties concerned)

Policy Approaches III



- Period after 2012
 - ✓ Take account of the negotiations for the overall post -2012 climate regime
 - ✓ Need for an agreed emission reduction level as a basis for positive incentives including the carbon market
 - ✓ Agreed levels ambitious yet realistic, and revised periodically
 - ✓ Generate co-benefits and promote sustainable development

Methodologies and Modalities



- Monitoring
 - ✓ IPCC guidance for GHG estimation should be used as a basis
- Leakage
 - ✓ Minimisation through national approaches, wide coverage, and broader definition of deforestation
- Permanence
 - ✓ Not an issue when reversals are compensated
 - ✓ Other approaches
 - Temporary credits
 - Reducing future credits
 - Bank credits and debits
 - Mandatory banking of a share of the emission reductions
- Co-Benefits
 - ✓ Methodologies may needed for assessing co-benefits

Linkages with International Processes



Agreement should work synergistically with other processes at international and national level

Exploration of

- ✓ Reference between legal texts
- ✓ Joint arrangements between bodies
- ✓ Approaches to funding
- ✓ Reporting
- ✓ Capacity building
- ✓ Better coordination at national level

Potential Outcome of the 2-year SBSTA Process



COP decision to include:

- ✓ Recognition of the role of deforestation
- ✓ Reiteration of existing commitments
- ✓ Identification of the scope of deforestation in the context of SFM
- ✓ Identification of synergies and opportunities for cooperation
- ✓ Possible messages to other processes
- ✓ Encouragement of actions up to 2012
- ✓ Options for policy approaches after 2012

High level commitment...

Feb 2007 Environment Council Conclusions



- The EU is willing to commit to a reduction of 30% of GHG by 2020 compared to 1990 in the context of an fair and flexible international agreement.
- The EU commits firmly and independently to achieve at least 20% GHG emissions reduction by 2020 compared to 1990

Danke schön!



