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International Forest Carbon Initiative

Workshop on Methodological Issues relating to Reducing
Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in
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International Forest Carbon Initiative

- replaces Global Initiative on Forests and Climate
- responds to Bali decision
- demonstrates that REDD can be part of an equitable and effective international agreement on climate change
- demonstrates that market mechanisms can be used to address REDD
- activities focused on PNG and Indonesia
 - Indonesia – Australia Forest Carbon Partnership
 - Papua New Guinea – Australia Forest Carbon Partnership

International Forest Carbon Initiative

AU\$200m for REDD, focussed on:

- increasing international forest carbon monitoring and accounting capacity
- trialling approaches on methodological, technical and policy issues necessary to demonstrate that we can take robust and verifiable action on REDD
- undertaking practical demonstration activities (as in Bali decision)
- supporting international efforts to develop and evaluate market-based approaches to REDD

Capacity building – carbon accounting and monitoring

- supporting development of national carbon accounting and monitoring systems
- working closely with the Clinton Climate Initiative to develop a global carbon monitoring system
- cooperation through Group on Earth Observations

Demonstration activities

- Kalimantan Forests and Climate Partnership
 - Australia has committed AU\$30 million to the Partnership, located in Central Kalimantan
 - aims to trial an innovative, market-oriented approach to financing and implementing measures

Some lessons learned - demonstration activities

design must be flexible

demonstration activities inform development
of national carbon accounting systems

baseline methodologies will be key

important to work cooperatively with host
governments

- and to coordinate with other donors

demonstration activities need robust criteria

Lessons learned – REDD framework

- Need high level political support
- Need to build understanding about REDD
- Identification and implementation of institutional requirements will be key
- Robust estimations of opportunity costs are needed



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