

**Expert Meeting on Methodological Issues relating to
Reference Emission Levels and Reference Levels**

**23 – 24 March 2009
Bonn, Germany**

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Monday, 23 March 2009 (09.00 – 18.00h)

- 09.00 – 09.15h** Welcome remarks by the Chair of the SBSTA
Welcome remarks by the SBSTA Coordinator, on behalf of the
UNFCCC Secretariat
- 09.15 – 12.30h** **Session I: Methodological issues relating to reference emission
levels for deforestation and forest degradation**

I. Approaches for establishing reference emission levels

- Technical presentations by experts
- Discussions

**II. Methodological issues and challenges to establishing reference emission levels
for forest degradation**

- Discussions

(Coffee break at 10.30 – 11.00h)

Aspects to be covered in presentations and further explored in discussions:

- i. Approaches for establishing reference emission levels:
 - Historical reference levels
 - Modelled/projected reference levels
 - Static/dynamic baselines
- ii. General elements that may be required for establishing reference emission levels or reference levels:
 - data availability, data quality, data gaps,
 - data sources: FAO, national statistics, remote sensing sources
 - applicability of approaches under different national circumstances
 - scale of implementation
 - tools and technologies required, technical and institutional capacity requirements
 - forest inventory and methodologies to measure changes in forest area/cover and changes in forest carbon stocks, wall-to-wall vs. sampling
 - means to address uncertainty of estimates
 - cost implications of constructing reference emission levels

(Lunch break 12.30 – 14.00h)

14.00 – 15.00h Session I: Continuation of discussions

15.00 – 18.00h **Session II: Methodological issues relating to the role and contribution of conservation, sustainable management of forests, changes in forest cover and associated carbon stocks and greenhouse gas emissions and the enhancement of forest carbon stocks to enhance action on mitigation of climate change and to the consideration of reference levels**

- Technical presentations
- Discussions

Aspects to be covered in presentations and further explored in discussions:

- Data needs, data quality and data sources available
- Applicability of existing methodologies for establishing reference emission levels for deforestation for the cases of conservation, SFM and enhancement of forest carbon stocks
- Methodological challenges to establishing reference levels for conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks

(Coffee break at 16.00 – 16.30h)

- Summary of day's discussions

(End of day 1)

Tuesday, 24 March 2009 (09.00 – 13.00h)

09.00 – 12.00h **Session III: In-depth discussions on outstanding methodological issues**

In-depth discussions on the following issues:

- Relationship between reference emission levels and reference levels
- Identifying gaps in information and data and proposals to overcome gaps
- Identifying further needs for research and development
- Identifying the technical and institutional capacity needs
- Identifying elements in the establishment of reference emission levels and reference levels that may be linked to policy

(Coffee break at 11.30 – 12.00h)

12.00 – 13.00h **Session IV: Concluding Remarks**

- Summary of key elements and issues highlighted in presentations and discussions
- Concluding remarks and closing

(End of meeting)