



Chair's summary

Fifty-four countries, representing the world's major forest basins and the main donor countries for forest preservation met in Paris today, 11 March 2010, to deepen and implement a REDD+ partnership. The next conference will be held in Oslo in two months' time.

The conference, which was opened by French President Nicolas Sarkozy, was the first major international meeting since the Copenhagen Summit on climate.

At the conference:

- The countries of the major forest basins presented their national actions and strategies to combat deforestation and forest degradation, and to foster reforestation and sustainable management of forests.
- Australia, France, Japan, Norway, the United Kingdom and the United States confirmed their collective pledge of \$3.5 billion for the 2010-2012 period.
- Germany, Slovenia, Spain and the European Commission joined that first group of donors.
- The donor countries stressed the importance of forestry in fast-start funding. Many donor countries intend to devote at least 20% of their fast-start funding pledges under the Copenhagen Agreement to REDD+.
- The countries invited all potential donors to confirm their contributions by the Oslo conference in order to mobilise the necessary financing for forestry.

The participants agreed on the following points:

- The REDD+ partnership must enter into a concrete, more efficient and better coordinated, implementation phase.
- The countries in the partnership consider that this is to be a transparent process, open to all, which will contribute from here until Cancun to the discussions under way in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
- The countries in attendance agreed that the partnership should be driven by a facilitating group of active countries, open to all interested countries. Australia, Brazil, the Democratic Republic of Congo, France, Norway and Papua New Guinea have already agreed to participate. Other countries – Colombia, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana and the United States – have also expressed their interest. The group will help prepare the Oslo conference.
- The participants also agreed on the need to have the support of a light secretariat, in charge of identifying the most urgent needs, financial flows, existing actions and available resources. Australia, France and Papua New Guinea offered their contributions. The secretariat will start working in the next few weeks and will report on its preliminary analyses at the Oslo meeting.