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| DRAFT Concept Note  Convening the “REDD-plus Hour” events series |
| UN-REDD PROGRAMME |
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**Background**: The proposed “REDD-plus Hour” events are implemented within the multiple benefits work area of the UN-REDD Programme and are aligned with the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB) and the CBD events for this year which include the SBSTTA, COP 10, and the Global Expert Workshop on REDD+ and Biodiversity benefits. The proposed events are planned to be continued during UNFCCC COP16 and UNCCD COP10 in 2011 (also at the Ecosystems and Climate Change Pavilion) and during the International Year of Forests. This concept note focus on the up-coming CBD events and the IYB. A separate concept is being prepared for the follow-up during UNFCCC COP16, the International Year of Forests (2011) and UNCCD COP10.

**Objective:** The objectives of the “REDD-plus Hour” events series are to a) raise awareness and seek dialogue on the opportunity REDD+ presents for biodiversity conservation and management and vice versa within the CBD constituency, especially the CBD negotiators, b) promote the involvement of the biodiversity constituency in national REDD+ processes c) raise the awareness of UN-REDD work on biodiversity and ecosystem services

**Activity:**A workshop, seminar and ‘happening’ *series* that present the synergistic linkages among the REDD+ the biodiversity agendas, and the catalytic role that forest carbon finance could play for conservation, sustainable use and fair and equitable sharing of benefits from biodiversity. Designed to foster partnership and collaboration this workshop series invites partner organizations to co-hosts specific topics and workshops that are relevant to their areas of expertise and interests.

1. **CBD SBSTTA 11 May 2010, 1:15 to 2:45pm**

*Location:* Nairobi, Kenya

*Venue:* UNON Campus, Conference Room 1

*Available time:* 1.5h

*Target audience:* CBD Negotiators and Constituency

*Side Event: “REDD-plus Hour”* panel discussion on Economics of forest biodiversity and ecosystem services and MRV of biodiversity and ecosystem services within REDD+

Event Objectives:

1. Demonstration of the potentially great synergies between REDD+ and biodiversity and how working closer together would be mutually beneficial
2. Demonstration of the opportunity for developing these synergies which has never been better given that this is IYB and the next year is IYF
3. This dialogue will be continued and expanded in Nagoya and Cancun

*Moderator:* Mario Boccucci or Ravi Prabhu

*Potential Panelists:*  Barney Dickson (UNEP-WCMC), Pavan Sukhdev (TEEB), ICRAF, CBD, IUCN, WWF, Country Representative, Kenya or other UN-REDD country

*Budget: To be determined*

1. **COP10 – 18 -29 October 2010**

The UN REDD Programme and other partners will organize a series of workshops presenting the linkages and opportunities of REDD-plus for the biodiversity agenda, including conservation, sustainable use and fair and equitable sharing of benefits. The workshop series also provides opportunities for the biodiversity constituency to provide messages and input to the UNFCCC process including COP16.

The series would be arranged as a daily ‘REDD-plus hour’ in collaboration between UN-REDD (UNEP), the Rio Convention Pavilion team, and other partners including the World Bank and ITTO. The workshops will take place in the *Ecosystems and Climate Change Pavilion* room inside the Nagoya Convention Centre. Each workshop would be followed by a small reception (depending on finance).

*Location:* Nagoya, Japan

*Venue:* “Ecosystems and Climate Change Pavilion” at the COP

*Proposed timing:* Multiple 90 minute interventions as part of a series, possibly daily or selected dates

*Target audiences:* CBD Negotiators and Constituency, Donor Countries, Practitioners, Conservation Partners

***Session 1:*  Inter-linkages of biodiversity and carbon**

*Time: Saturday, 23 October 2010, 6 – 8 pm:*

*Objective:* Exploring evidence of the positive correlation between biodiversity and carbon and the linkages between CBD and UNFCCC

*Potential Panelists/co-hosts:* UNEP – WCMC, WWF, Norway, ?

*Featured activities:*

1. A panel discussion involving practitioners, policy makers, conservationists
2. Keynote speech
3. Audio/visual product e.g. Posters/slideshow from Biodiversity & REDD+ projects around the world

*Take home message:* The evidence for synergy is strong, the opportunities tangible - need to act now to take advantage of them

***Session 2*: Measuring, Monitoring, Reporting and Verification of biodiversity and ecosystem services within REDD+**

*Time:* *Monday, 25 October 2010, 6 – 8 pm:*

*Objective:* Exploring the role of biodiversity in the UNFCCC REDD+ debate and MMRV opportunities on biodiversity and ecosystem services within REDD+ processes

*Potential Panelists/co-hosts:* Barney Dickson (UNEP-WCMC), Greenpeace, HCVF specialist (FSC or WWF), CIFOR, ?

*Featured activities:*

1. Panel discussion on improving the synergies, sharing the data, making the information accessible and real
2. Demo of MRV to demonstrate power of modern media, technology in monitoring

***Session 3:* Environmental Governance and REDD-plus**

*Time: Tuesday, 26 October 2010, 6 – 8 pm:*

*Objective:* Exploring the role of environmental governance in national REDD+ implementation

*Potential Panelists/co-hosts:* Country Representative, The Nature Conservancy, Conservation International, ?

*Featured activities:*

1. Case study presentation of the role of environmental governance
2. Discussion

***Session 4:* Empowerment of the biodiversity constituency in REDD+ processes**

*Time: Wednesday, 27 October 2010, 6 – 8 pm:*

*Objective:* Exploring lessons on benefit sharing from REDD-plus, CBD ABS, Integrated Conservation and Development Projects, Community Based Natural Resource Management and landscape level conservation planning.

*Potential Panelists/co-hosts:* CBD, Yemi Katerere (UN-REDD), IUCN, ?

*Featured activities:*

* 1. An ideas wall would be posted throughout COP for participants to ask questions and post comments
  2. Panel discussion to address questions and comments brought up on the wall

***Session 5:* Traditional knowledge in conserving biodiversity and carbon**

*Time:* *Thursday, 28 October 2010, 6 – 8 pm:*

*Objective:* Exploring how traditional knowledge can support decision making in national REDD strategy development and implementation

Alternatively: How can we make FPIC work for people, biodiversity and climate?

*Potential Panelists/co-hosts:* CBD, UN-REDD, Indigenous Peoples Representative, WRI, ?

*Featured activities:*

1. Video featuring indigenous peoples and other forest dependent peoples
2. Testimonials from IPs and other local communities
3. Discussion about connecting traditional knowledge to policy

***Session 6:* Environmental safeguards**

*Objective:* Exploring what measures should be included in national REDD+ strategies to both safeguard and capture biodiversity benefits

*Co-hosts: World Bank, ?*

*Potential Panelists:* IISD, Joanna Durbin (CCBA), World Bank, Rights and Resources Initiative

*Featured activities:*

1. Overview presentation about existing safeguards for REDD+
2. Discussion on how CBD safeguards can be brought to bear on LCA negotiations and to ensure safeguards have force*?*

***Session 7:* Tools and methodologies for delivering on co-benefits within REDD-plus implementation**

Objective: Tools and methodologies for delivering co-benefits within REDD-plus presented and discussed

*Potential Panelist/co-hosts:* FSC, WWF, ITTO, UNEP-WCMC, Gustavo Fonseca (GEF)

Featured activities:

1) Presentation of tools and methodologies

2) Discussion, feedback and input

**Communications**

Messages from each REDD-plus hour session would be compiled by UNEP and channeled into the overall messaging process of the Ecosystem and Climate Change Pavilion, with the aim to inform UNFCCC COP16 other relevant actors and fora on the role of biodiversity in REDD-plus implementation (CBD, UN-REDD, UNFCCC SBSTA Chair).

Subject to available funding, the workshops would be offered in English with simultaneous translation into Spanish and French, and will also be covered by the ENB. Presentations will be made available on the web, including through video streaming.

In addition to the workshop series, REDD-plus aspects will also be reflected in the ‘Economics Hour’ in the thematic Pavilion day on forests, and at the special thematic day on ‘The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB)’.

*Products/Publications*

1) Forest biodiversity and carbon paper

2) Hand outs for each session that identified key outcomes

3) Posters

*Outreach*

1) Media engagement strategy to be formulated

2) Creating the buzz to promote events

**Beyond CBD COP – connecting to UNFCCC COP**

The CBD, UNFCCC, and UNCCCD are working together and plan to have an “Ecosystems and Climate Change Pavilion” at each of the major COPs at the end of 2010 and into 2011. If this model were to be successful in CBD COP and UNFCCC COP 16, it could be replicated in following CBD, UNFCCC and UNCCD COPs.

**Budget**

Below are three budget estimates: high, medium and low. The high budget accounts for a longer event (the full two weeks), a commissioned paper, a communication product, a catered event and covering the costs of 3 participants. The medium budget is for a shorter event (10 days), a catered event and covering the costs of 3 participants. The low estimate is for a short event (5 days) and none of the other extras.

**High:** USD 150,000

**Medium:** USD 75,000

**Low:** USD 33,000