**June 8, 2011**

**REDD+ Roundtable**

CI, WCS, CCBA, Union of Concerned Scientists

Side event will focus on issues for 2011 of REDD+ under SBSTA: Reference levels, Monitoring and MRV, Safeguards and LCA: Finance

Background, some initial findings:

* Compiled existing information on safeguards
* Need of more robust literature on how to operationalize safeguards
* Expert meeting on safeguards will also help
* Provide overarching views
* Market financing critical for REDD+

1. Calen May Tobin, Union of Concerned Scientist, Reference levels: Many different proposals that differ on details, but what are the fundamentals and do they get us where we need to go?

Definition of reference levels: Benchmark for assessing a country’s performance on reducing emissions

Principles for reference levels (Drown from the different proposals and papers that compare models):

* Should contribute to climate change mitigation
* Historical emissions should be the foundation
* Encourage maximum participation
* Ensure consistency
* Fully transparent and independently reviewed

1. Nora Greenglass Forest carbon measuring and MRV for REDD+:

* Existing guidance: COP decisions and IPCCC GPG
* Elements unique to RED+: how to incorporate traditional knowledge and participation onf indigenous peoples and local communities, guidance on sub-national
* Not likely to be a one size fits all approach, but guidelines should ensure comparability
* Recommendations:
  + MRV should ultimately be accomplished using wall to wall mapping at the national scale,
  + MRV system resolution should be consistent with the scale of REDD+ relevant anthropogenic disturbance
* Policy guidance needed: Role of M and MRV systems in complementing policy mechanisms to promote additionality and permanence

Conclusion

* Forest C monitoring and MRV interrelated to many aspects of implementation
* High level guidance from SBSTA is needed in the near term to help define the requirements for M & MRV systems
* Further policy guidance is needed

CCBA: Presentation on the Social and Environmental Standards (same presentation than in UN- REDD & Ecuador side events)