

# UN-REDD

P R O G R A M M E

The United Nations Collaborative Programme  
on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and  
Forest Degradation in Developing Countries



27 May 2010

## Global Experts Tackle Monitoring Governance Safeguards for REDD+

**A two-day expert workshop paves the way for setting up a common understanding and framework on monitoring governance safeguards for REDD+.**

(London, UK) Chatham House, an independent international affairs think-tank, the United Nations Collaborative Initiative on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation (UN-REDD Programme) and other leading forest governance experts met in London on 24-25 May to develop the basis for a coherent framework and guidance on monitoring governance for REDD+.

This framework is not only intended to help negotiators at the upcoming UN Climate Change talks in Bonn, Germany, but also to support forested developing countries in designing their national governance systems for REDD+.

REDD+ strategies need to monitor more than just carbon. Good governance, for example through the creation of coherent and enabling policy and institutional environments, accountability to local stakeholders and the enforcement of the rule of law need to be factored into the design and implementation of any credible REDD+ mechanism.

The Chatham House/UN-REDD Programme governance workshop comes at a time when REDD+ readiness in countries is moving fast. The pledge made in Copenhagen of US\$3.5 billion in 'fast-start' REDD+ financing, the growing number of countries interested in participating in a REDD+ mechanism and the soon-to-be established interim REDD+ partnership all call for consistent standards and systems to monitor governance.

Many activities for monitoring and verification of governance for REDD+ are already being developed by several organizations including World Resources Institute - in partnership with Imazon and ICV - Global Witness and Chatham House. The topic is also addressed by multilateral REDD+ mechanisms such as the UN-REDD Programme, the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility and the Forest Investment Program. Establishing a common understanding and coordinating activities at this stage is key for moving forward.

"The UN-REDD Programme brings to the table its experience in both monitoring, reporting and verification of carbon emissions from forests as well as its experience in country-led governance assessment as a basis for policy reforms," said Peter Holmgren from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the UN-REDD Programme.

For more information on the outcomes of the Chatham House/UN-REDD Programme governance workshop, please visit our website:

[www.un-redd.org](http://www.un-redd.org)

**About REDD+:**

REDD+ is a mechanism that establishes incentives for developing countries to protect and better manage their forest resources, by creating a financial value for the carbon stored in trees, thus making forests more valuable standing than cut down. REDD“+” goes beyond deforestation and forest degradation, and includes the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks.

**Contacts:**

Cheryl Rosebush

Communications Officer

UN-REDD Programme Secretariat (Geneva)

Office: +41 22 917 8410

Cell: +41 79 555 9843

[cheryl.rosebush@un-redd.org](mailto:cheryl.rosebush@un-redd.org)

[www.un-redd.org](http://www.un-redd.org)