International Workshop on Enhancing Coordinated Delivery of REDD+: Emerging Lessons, Best Practices and Challenges

9:00 AM – 6:00 PM (Registration starts at 8:30 AM) Friday 26 November 2010 Westin Hotel, Boulevard Kalulcan Km 2 Cancun, Mexico

The multitude of multilateral and bilateral institutions and initiatives supporting REDD+ suggests that there exist both opportunities and challenges arising from coordinating international efforts aimed at reducing deforestation and forest degradation and restoring forests in developing countries(and enhancement of forest carbon stocks, conservation and sustainable management of forest). In particular, if these institutions do not collaborate and build on their comparative advantages, efforts to address REDD+ will create unnecessary redundancies and paralysis. Recognizing this, the REDD+ Partnership has called for a more coordinated approach for REDD+ financing and technical assistance among Partners and other key REDD+ institutions and players.

Given the significant wealth of experience among REDD+ Partners and institutions, and the fact that sharing best practices and lessons learned can play a significant role in enabling the effectiveness of scaling up REDD+ finance and action, the REDD+ Partnership has organized this Workshop as an initial step toward collective action. In this way, the Workshop is intended to provide a forum to initiate sharing of lessons and experiences in key areas identified in the REDD+ Partnership document.

The Workshop will bring together some two hundred participants comprising policy makers, practitioners, scientists, researchers and academics, civil society including indigenous and local communities, the private sector and representatives of international organizations engaged in the development and implementation of REDD+.

Objectives

The key objectives of this initial Workshop include:

- Share best practices and lessons learned related to (1) significant REDD+ actions and financing, (2) practical experiences regarding safeguards, (3) multi-stakeholder consultations and (4) benefit-sharing mechanisms.
- Explore mechanisms to facilitate cooperation through exchange, for example:
 - o Platform for communication among the Partnership countries
 - o Targeted actions to promote regional REDD+ networks