

## **Ecuador & UN-REDD Programme Side Event Concept Note**

**34th Session of the UNFCCC Convention Subsidiary Bodies, Bonn, Germany, 6-17 June 2011**

**Title:** Progress on addressing REDD+ safeguards

**Description:** This event will showcase how Ecuador and the UN-REDD Programme are progressing in implementation of and providing information on safeguards.

**Date:** Tuesday 7 June, 18.15 – 19.45, in WIND room

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**Anticipated attendance:** 150 people

**Background:**

The rationale for this side event takes into account the context of the 34<sup>th</sup> SBSTA session agenda and UNFCCC Cancun Agreements (Decision 1/CP.16) in relation to policy approaches and positive incentives on issues relating to Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation in developing countries; and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries (REDD+). Paragraph 71 d of Decision 1/CP.16 requests developing country partners to:

*(d) Develop a system for providing information on how the safeguards referred in to annex I to the decision are being addressed and respected throughout the implementation of the activities referred to in paragraph 70, while respecting sovereignty*

As part of the REDD+ readiness phase, Ecuador and other countries are already working to implement social and environmental safeguards for REDD+ activities with the support of the UN-REDD Programme and the REDD+ Social and Environmental Standards Initiative facilitated by the Climate, Community & Biodiversity Alliance (CCBA) and CARE International, who have developed tools to help REDD+ countries to implement safeguards.

**Objective:**

In the lead up to COP 17, this side event is designed to showcase the work on safeguards undertaken thus far at both the national and global level and the advancements made by leading countries such as Ecuador.

**Outcomes:**

- 1) Provide concrete examples of how countries are addressing the promotion of and raising awareness about REDD+ safeguards in the readiness phase
- 2) Provide information on progress made in the development of tools to implement safeguards, explaining how this supports REDD+ readiness efforts at the country level, and the further development of methodologies in line with the UNFCCC process to make REDD+ work

**Programme:**

**Moderator – tbc**

**18:15**

**Opening & Introduction**

**18:17**

**UN-REDD Programme's approach to REDD+ safeguards**

Clea Paz-Rivera, Programme Officer - National Programmes, UN-REDD Programme

**18:27**

**Progress on the REDD+ Social and Environmental Standards Initiative**

Joanna Durbin, Director, The Climate, Community and Biodiversity Alliance

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**Implementing Social and Environmental Standards in Ecuador**

Daniela Carrion, REDD+ Specialist, Ministry of Environment, Government of Ecuador

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**Implementing Free, Prior and Informed Consent in Vietnam**

Pham Manh Cuong, Director, Vietnam REDD+ Office, MARD, Government of Vietnam

**18:57**

**Progress in the development of participatory information systems on REDD+ and safeguards**

Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, Executive Director, Tebtebba (Indigenous Peoples' International Centre for Policy Research and Education)

**19:07 – Discussion**

**19:43 – Closing remarks**