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| The “REDD+ Hour” series at CBD COP 10 |
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**Overview**

The REDD-plus Hour will present the synergistic linkages among REDD-plus, the biodiversity agendas, and the catalytic role and impacts that forest carbon finance and related sector transformational policies could play for conservation, sustainable use and fair and equitable sharing of benefits. The topic of the series are designed to support the discussions within the CBD COP 10, specifically the topics of safeguards, involvement of indigenous peoples and local communities, and how to create synergies in national programmes as proposed at the CBD SBSTTA 14.

The objectives of the “REDD-plus Hour” events series are to:

1. Raise awareness and seek dialogue on the opportunity REDD+ presents for biodiversity conservation and management and vice versa
2. Promote the involvement of the biodiversity constituency in national REDD+ processes
3. Contribute to the discussion about biodiversity and climate change as well as forest biodiversity being held at the CBD COP 10

The UN-REDD Programme and other partners will organize the series of side events presenting the linkages and opportunities of REDD-plus for the biodiversity agenda, including conservation, sustainable use and fair and equitable sharing of benefits. Each event will involve a moderator, panel of experts including but not limited to country representatives, NGO representatives, on-the-ground practitioners, indigenous and local peoples, and multilateral representatives. Besides presentations from the panelists, each session will provide ample time for discussion and screening of videos when appropriate. The series will also provide opportunities for the biodiversity constituency to convey messages and provide inputs to the UNFCCC process including COP16 and other multi-lateral initiatives such as the UN-REDD Programme.

*Location:* Nagoya, Japan

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

*Timing:* Five daily sessions taking place daily during the first week of CBD COP10. The sessions are scheduled between 6:00-7:15pm, Tuesday to Friday with a session at 12pm on Saturday.

**Sessions**

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

*Time:* *Tuesday, 19 October 2010, 6:00 – 7:15 pm:*

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

Pavilion Thematic day: Protected areas

***Session 2*: Traditional knowledge, biodiversity and carbon**

*Time:* *Wednesday, 20 October 2010, 6:00 – 7:15 pm:*

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

Pavilion Thematic day: Indigenous peoples – benefits and livelihoods

**Session 3: Environmental safeguards and REDD+**

*Time: Thursday, 21 October 2010, 6:00 – 7:15 pm:*

*Objective:* Exploring what measures should be included in national REDD+ strategies and implementation to both safeguard and capture biodiversity benefits within policies and to catalyze transformative investments in the forest sector.

Pavilion Thematic day: Forests

**Session 4: Measuring and monitoring of biodiversity and ecosystem services within REDD+**

*Time:* *Friday, 22 October 2010, 6:00 – 7:15 pm:*

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

Pavilion Thematic day: Water

***Session 5:*** **Engagement of the biodiversity constituency in REDD+**

*Time:* *Saturday, 23 October 2010, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm:*

*Objective:* Sharing experiences on how to ensure the appropriate representation of biodiversity and consideration of ecosystem services in national REDD-plus strategy development and implementation.

Pavilion Thematic day: Land