## UN-REDD P R O G R A M M E

18th session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC

WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2012 13:15 – 14:45 SIDE EVENT ROOM 1, QNCC DOHA, QATAR

### UN-REDD Programme: Meeting country needs for concrete progress through REDD+ readiness

#### DESCRIPTION

As countries are making progress through REDD+ readiness, the UN-REDD Programme is working with donors and REDD+ countries to find innovative means of support to meet the needs of advancing REDD+ implementation.

The side event will demonstrate how the UN-REDD Programme is evolving and innovating to support countries to complete their readiness phase, designing its activities to better support emerging country needs from progress in implementation. The value of the UN-REDD Programme's collaborative country-driven approach will be illustrated with a presentation of the Programme's work on governance and safeguards, followed by country presentations on innovative approaches and achievements on safeguards and legal preparedness, two areas where demands by many countries are increasing.

Norway and Viet Nam will close the event by reaffirming their continued cooperation in the form of a financing agreement for USD\$ 30 million support to a second phase of the UN-REDD Programme in Viet Nam. A broader Joint Declaration on REDD+ cooperation will also be signed, recognizing Viet Nam's plan to reduce emissions from forests and agriculture by 20% by 2020, and for support to policies and measures to enable participatory forest monitoring, address the drivers of deforestation and regional displacement of emissions.

#### PROGRAMME

13:15 Welcome and introductions - Mette Loyche Wilkie, Acting Head, UN-REDD Programme Secretariat
13:20 Country Needs Assessment - Thais Linhares-Juvenal Senior Officer, UN-REDD Programme Secretariat
13:30 Country presentations:

**Mexico on Legal Preparedness** - Jose Carlos Fernández, Head, Unit of International Affairs, National Forest Commission (CONAFOR), Government of Mexico

Nigeria on Safeguards - Salisu M. Dahiru, National Coordinator REDD+, Government of Nigeria

13:50 Remarks by Costa Rica - H.E. René Castro Salazar, Minister of Environment, Energy and

Telecommunications, Government of Costa Rica

13:55 Discussion/Q&A

**14:15 Viet Nam and Norway Signing Ceremony of Joint Declaration and Financing Agreement** H.E. Cao Duc Phat, MARD, Government of Viet Nam and Per Øystein Vatne, Chargé d'Affaires, Government of

Norway

H.E. Åse Elin Bjerke, Norwegian Ambassador to Qatar, and Bisrat Aklilu, Executive Coordinator, UNDP Multi-Party Trust Fund Office

14:40 Closing remarks

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

As of November 2012

# 46

partner countries across Africa, Asia-Pacific and Latin America and the Caribbean

## **16** partner countries with approved funding for UN-REDD National Programmes

## US\$118.9 million

in donor contributions from Denmark, Japan, Norway and Spain

### 99% of donor contributions already allocated to support partner countries through UN-REDD National and Global Programmes



## 3,300+

REDD+ practitioners trained since 2010 in UN-REDD Programme regional and global capacity building events on MRV, governance, gender, transparency and accountability, stakeholder engagement, multiple benefits and green economy scenario analysis

34% of the world's forests

56% of the world's tropical forests

located in UN-REDD Programme partner countries

### 1 million+ monthly website hits on un-redd.org

## 950+

members of unredd.net, the UN-REDD Programme's online community of practice