PROGRAM FOR CONFERENCE AT UMB MAY 2013 ON

OPTIONS FOR NATIONAL REDD+ ARCHITECTURES

May 29-31, 2013
At Sørhellinga – room SU105
Norwegian University of Life Sciences (UMB)

The conference is organized by the Department of International Environment and Development Studies (Noragric, UMB) in cooperation with Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), and the Norwegian REDD network. Important funding has also come from Norad

1. The aim and structure of the conference

The overall objective of the conference is **to bring together high level competences within policymaking, research and civil society to engage in knowledge exchange, experience sharing and critical reflection concerning alternative national governance structures – architectures – for REDD+.**

The conference will facilitate dissemination, discussion and evaluation of existing research-based knowledge and practical experiences from establishing REDD+ national architectures. Issues that will be discussed concern the overall legitimacy of various governance structures, their effectiveness and efficiency, how architectures may affect participation, access to local resources, and distribution of funds. This kind of knowledge is important to inform future stages of the national design and implementation processes. Outcomes would, however, also be important inputs to the post-Kyoto negotiations on how to structure REDD+, as we now seem to be at a stage where climate negotiations will have to raise these kinds of issues.

The conference around the following three main topics:

- The potential of various national REDD+ architectures to reduce carbon emissions.
  The focus here will be on the overall capacity and legitimacy of a set of 'generic' national REDD+ architectures to reduce carbon emissions. . These include: a) a market/project based architecture; b) a system with national REDD+ funds outside existing national administrations; c) a national REDD+ fund organized under the present administration; and d) conditional budget support. Regarding reduced emissions, differences in the capacity to raise funding, ensure cross-sectorial coordination and avoid leakage will be highlighted. Regarding legitimacy emphasis will be on power relations and the ability of the various systems to ensure participation, accountability and transparency. Motivational aspects and the costs of administering the systems/ transaction costs will also be highlighted.

- Making REDD+ participatory and protective of local rights.
  This topic concerns the role and position of local and indigenous communities in design and implementation of REDD+. The relationship between decision making at national and local levels is a core element and includes the issue of what rights local forest communities should have to opt out of REDD. The processes of decision making and the role of FPIC principles are major issues. Issues of land tenure, carbon rights, and benefit sharing more generally are linked to how local rights are protected in the REDD+. The risk of elite capture at various levels is important, including the challenges regarding potential recentralization of forest management. Related to that is also the issue of how to empower vulnerable groups.

- What to pay for and how?
  This has several dimensions: should payments be for establishment of policies/policy measures (outputs), actions taken (outcomes) or impacts (i.e. how far down the result chain)? In the case of impacts, should the focus be on forest stocks or emissions? What payment formats are considered most advantageous? Who should decide about such formats? How should carbon impacts be handled relative to other so-called co-benefits like local livelihoods and biodiversity? Are these multiple goals compatible or do we face trade-offs? Finally, REDD+ results must be measured/monitored and verified. How to link monitoring at national and local scales? What should be the role of participatory monitoring?

The conference will combine presentation and discussion sessions of various formats. There will be presentations based on research on the respective issues and first-hand experiences gained by the countries involved in the processes of developing REDD+ architectures. Discussion sessions will be organized both in groups and in plenary. There will also be summary sessions focused at encapsulating experiences. A core output from the conference will be a report summarizing the insights from the debates and the advices it offers to the international REDD+ community.

2. Participants

Three representatives from the following countries: Brazil, DRC, Ghana, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, Tanzania, Uganda and Vietnam have been invited. It has been important to select countries that are at different stages of the process of establishing national REDD+ architectures. From these countries policy-makers (REDD+ Focal Point), researchers and NGO representatives will participate. So will represwentatives of the Norwegian Ministry of the Environment (the secretariat for the Norwegian Forest Initiative), the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and NORAD. Several internationally renowned researchers that have undertaken comparative research on topics relevant to the conference are participating. Researchers from the organizers will also be involved. Finally, with a group of PhD students – following the course 'Multidisciplinary Perspectives on REDD+', arranged by the University of Oslo - the total number of participants is close to 90.

3. Program

<u>May 29</u>

08.30-09.00:   Registration and coffee

<u>Session 1: Introduction to the conference</u>
Moderator: Poul Wisborg (Noragric)
09.00-09.20:   Opening: Vice chancellor UMB, Hans Fredrik Hoen
                Political advisor, Ministry of Environment, Audun Garberg.
09.20-0925:   Practical information (by the organizers)
09.25-09.45:   Arild Angelsen (UMB): Where is REDD+ heading?
09.45-11.00:   Status in participating countries – presentation by REDD Focal Points from
                each participating country – 8 minutes per county[1]
                - Brazil: Paulo José Chiarelli V. de Azevedo
                - Democratic Republic of Congo: Patrick Bisimwa Kulimushi
                - Ghana: Yaw Kwakye (tbc)
                - Indonesia: Chandra Kirana
                - Nepal: Resham Dangi
                - Pakistan: Syed Mahmood Nasir
                - Tanzania: Julius Ningu
                - Uganda: Xavier Mugumya

11.00-11.30:   Coffee break

<u>Session 2: The potential of different national REDD+ architectures to reduce carbon
                emissions</u>
Moderator: Pål Vedeld (Noragric)
11.30-11.50:   Arild Vatn (UMB): National REDD+ architectures – the main issues.
11.50-12.30:   Maria Brockhaus (CIFOR): National REDD+ policy processes: Old or new
                power constellations?

12.30-13.30:   Lunch

13.30-14.00:   Question and discussion session
14.00-14.30:   Natalie Unterstell (Brazilian REDD+ Focal point): The Brazilian REDD+
                architecture
14.30-14.45:   Virgilio Viana (FAS): REDD+ projects on the ground: the Bolsa Floresta
                Program experience
14.45-15.00:   Questions and discussion
15.00-15.05:   Introduction to group work on the overall capacities of national REDD+
                architectures
15.05-17.00:   Group work 1 – incl. coffee break
17.00-17.45:   Plenary presentations and summing up

1800: Dinner

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[1] The representatives from the REDD+ authorities in each country have prepared a report that is distributed
before the conference starts describing the status of the process of establishing national REDD+ architectures.
We presume that these reports are read in beforehand, Each national representative will then get 8 minutes to
summarize the main messages in this session.

08.30-09.00: Coffee

Session 3: Making REDD+ participatory and protective of local rights
Moderator: Mariteuw Chimere Diaw (African Model Forest Network)
09.00-09.30: Anne Larson (CIFOR): Does REDD+ favor securing rights at the local level?
                An overwiew
09.30-10.00: William Sunderlin (CIFOR): Does REDD+ favor securing rights at the local
                level? Observations from 19 projects in five countries
10.00-10.30: Question and discussion session

10.30-11.00: Coffee break

11.00-11.40: Edwin Vasquez (COICA): How could REDD+ serve indigenous interests?
                (with translation)
11.40-12.05: George Kajembe (Sokoine University of Agriculture, Tanzania): The REDD+
                process in Tanzania: The village as an arena for defining and defending local
                and national interests
12.05-12.20: Gene Birikorang, (Hamilton Resources, Ghana): State ownership vs.
                customary rights to forests: The challenges of legal pluralism for REDD+ in
                Ghana

12.20-13.20: Lunch

Moderator: Darley Kjosavik (Noragric)
13.20-13.50: Question and discussion session
13.50-13.55: Introduction to group work on REDD+ on participation and protection of local
                rights
14.00-16.00: Group work 2 – incl. coffee break
16.00-17.00: Plenary presentations and summing up

1800: Dinner

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08.30-09.00: Coffee

Session 4: What to pay for and how?
Moderator: Maryanne Grieg Gran (IIED)
09.00-09.25: Desmond McNeill (University of Oslo): REDD+: What should be measured?
09.25-09.50: Esteve Corbera (Universitat Autonoma de Barcelona): Distributional
                implications of payments for ecosystem services
09.50-10.20: Adrian Enright (SNV, Vietnam): What payment systems for REDD+ do local
                people favor? Experiences from Vietnam
                Gorettie N. Nabanoga and Justine Namaalwa (Makerere University, Uganda):
                What payment systems for REDD+ do local people favor? Experiences from
                Uganda
10.20-10.50: Question and discussion session

10.50-11.20:	Coffee break
11.20-11.50	Chandra Kirana (Indonesia REDD Task Force): How to monitor and pay? The Indonesian experience
11.50-12.05:	Questions and discussion
12.05-12.10:	Introduction to group work on payments and measuring outcomes
12.10-13.10:	Lunch
13.10-14.40:	Group work 3
14.40-15.25:	Plenary presentations and summing up
15.25-15.55:	Coffee break

Session 5: Final discussion – round table
Moderator: Desmond McNeill (University of Oslo)
16.00-17.00:   Closing round table

1800: Dinner

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