

International Workshop on Nested Approaches to REDD+

Grove Isle, Miami, 16-17 March 2011

Overview

There is growing support for the idea of 'nested' approaches to REDD+ that integrate project-level or state-level actions with broader national strategies and accounting frameworks. However, for developing country policymakers, putting nesting into practice represents a series of complex decisions at a time when policy and market conditions are still very much in flux. This small, high-level workshop is bringing together key policy makers from developing countries with leading international experts to focus on practical near-term actions that countries (or states) may adopt to encourage projects and private investment in a way that is consistent with broader REDD+ readiness and strategies.

Objectives

- Provide a forum for policy makers, donors, investors and analysts to explore the array of options that countries, and the international system, may adopt to move forward with nested and sub-national approaches to REDD+
- Generate insight and practical guidance to developing country policy makers and regulators in the process of establishing nested REDD+ frameworks
- Identify elements that contribute to the international negotiations on REDD+ architecture and sub-national approaches

Approach and Ground Rules

The workshop will be structured with a series of panel presentations focusing on practical experiences and policy proposals from around the world, with ample time for structured discussion. Sections will focus on key regulatory, institutional, technical and financial issues. By the close of the meeting we aim to identify and map out a series of near-term, practical options that countries, states or provinces may choose to implement to begin to put nested REDD into practice.

The meeting will follow the "Chatham House Rule," which allows people to speak as individuals (not on behalf of their organizations), and to express views that may not be those of their organizations. This approach encourages free discussion. Speakers are then free to voice their own opinions, without concern for their personal reputation or their official duties and affiliations. No individual or organizational attributions will be made with regard to comments made at the meeting, either in written or oral summaries of the meeting.

Agenda

The workshop will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Grove Isle Hotel. Continental breakfast will be available each morning on the outdoor ship's deck near the meeting room.

DAY 1. WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH 2011

8:00-9:00	Continental breakfast on the outdoor ship's deck
9:00-9:15	Welcome Michael Jenkins, Forest Trends
9:15-9:30	Introductions of participants
9:30-10:30	Nesting Overview Jacob Olander, Forest Trends – workshop structure and key trends Robert O'Sullivan, Climate Focus – briefing on the current state of play
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-11:45	Discussion – Overview and identification of additional issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Can and should countries begin to implement nesting ahead of international agreement and robust finance?</i> - <i>What key challenges do policy makers face? Are these challenges adequately reflected in the workshop agenda?</i>
11:45-12:45	Panel – Government regulation of nested projects Thiago Chagas, Climate Focus – Overview Comments: Government recognition and registration of projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yaw Kwakye, Forestry Commission of Ghana - Lucio Santos Acuña, Ministry of Environment, Colombia - John O. Niles, Tropical Forest Group
12:45-2:00	Lunch on the outdoor ship's deck
2:00-3:00	Discussion – Government approval and registration of projects <i>Review of risks and responsibilities for government regulators, opportunities for building regulatory frameworks and institutions, and key capacity-building opportunities.</i>

3:00-4:00	<p>Panel – Allocating incentives and credits: technical and policy issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lucio Pedroni, CarbonDecisions – A regional approach to baselines - Daniel Nepstad, IPAM, Brazil – Allocating REDD credits between and within jurisdictions: an example from the states of the Brazilian Amazon - Marco Chiu, Ministry of Environment, Ecuador – Incentive systems for carbon rights and projects in Ecuador
4:00-4:30	Break
4:30-5:30	<p>Discussion – Allocating incentives and credits</p> <p><i>Discussion of technical and policy issues for prioritizing and incentivizing REDD+ through projects and/or broader policies and measures, including: choosing amongst options for incentives (carbon credits and finance), equitable and efficient allocation of incentives, and technical challenges for nested MRV</i></p>
7:00	Group Dinner at Havana Harry's (bus transportation leaves from Grove Isle at 7pm, meet in lobby area)

DAY 2. THURSDAY, 17 MARCH 2011

8:00-9:00	Continental breakfast on the outdoor ship's deck
9:00-10:00	<p>Panel – Nesting state-level programs into national programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mariano Cenamo, Institute for the Conservation and Sustainable Development of Amazonas (IDESAM), Brazil – Amazonas and state-level REDD programs - Augusto Castro, Ministry of Environment of Peru – Peru's approach to regional nesting - Girma Amente, Oromia Forest and Wildlife Enterprise, Ethiopia – Ethiopia's approach to state activities - William Boyd, University of Colorado – Sub-national REDD readiness and the experience of the Governors' Task Force on Climate and Forests
10:00 – 11:00	<p>Discussion – Nesting at the state and province levels</p> <p><i>Identifying key elements of readiness for states and provinces, coordination between sub-national and national governments, and potential elements for the UNFCCC process coming out of Cancun.</i></p>
11:00-11:30	Break

11:30-12:15	Panel – Innovative finance for REDD+ in nested frameworks <ul style="list-style-type: none">- David Tepper, Forest Trends – Overview- Ken Newcombe, C-Quest Capital – Investor perspectives- Richard Saines, Baker & McKenzie – Dealing with risk
12:15-1:00	Discussion – Innovative finance <p><i>Exploring opportunities for public finance to catalyze private investment and for governments to move beyond ODA to pre-compliance market finance or other climate finance options such as NAMAs and adaptation.</i></p>
1:00-2:00	Lunch on the outdoor ship's deck
2:00- 4:30	Breakout Discussions – Phased options to move forward on nesting <p><i>Drawing on the group's discussions to map out a set of phased options for dealing with regulatory, institutional, technical, and financial issues for nested REDD, with the aim of identifying a range of near-term options for policymakers that fit into national REDD+ readiness.</i></p>
4:30-5:30	Discussion – Opportunities and challenges in the international negotiations leading up to Durban <p>Tracy Johns, IPAM/ Forum on Readiness for REDD – UNFCCC process to Durban</p> <p><i>Wrap-up and identification of opportunities to create the enabling conditions for nesting in the international negotiations shaping REDD+ architecture.</i></p>
7:30	Group dinner on the outdoor ship's deck

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