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An information service about REDD+ activities in LAC



FCPF's Eighth Participants Committee Meeting

The Eighth meeting of the Participants Committee (PC8) of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) took place March 23-25, 2010 in Dalat, Vietnam.

Among other accomplishments, the PC reviewed and cleared the Peru's Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP). To read the summary of PC8 resolutions [click here](#). To view the Interim results of the FCPF Program Evaluation [click here](#). For more information send an email to [Isabel Hagbrink](#).

New Publication

"Estimating the Opportunity Costs of REDD+"

The World Bank Institute and Forest Carbon Partnership Facility have released a free manual for assessing one of the most important parts of the costs of REDD+ actions aimed at saving and restoring forests. "Estimating the Opportunity Costs of REDD+" is a guide for those formulating national avoided deforestation policies and programs under the emerging global REDD+ framework. [Click here to download the manual.](#)

The Forest Investment Program: A new piece in the toolbox for REDD+

The Forest Investment Program (FIP) is a new initiative available to LAC countries to support their REDD+ efforts. One of the targeted programs under the Strategic Climate Fund, the FIP promotes transformational change by strengthening multi-stakeholder ownership at national and local levels and provides scaled-up financing to catalyze shifts from business-as-usual policies and development paths.

The country-led programs under the FIP support: a) Investments which build institutional capacity, forest governance and information; b) Investments in forest mitigation efforts, including forest ecosystem services; and c) Investments outside the forest sector necessary to reduce the pressure on forests.

The FIP is implemented by the Multi-lateral Development Banks in close collaboration with other development partners including the UN and bilateral agencies.

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Q+A with Laura Tuck

Director of Sustainable Development at the World Bank for Latin America and the Caribbean

How do you see REDD+ in the region's agenda?

REDD+ is essential in the Latin American and the Caribbean Region where close to 46% of carbon emissions originate from activities such as deforestation and the expansion of the agricultural frontier. It is encouraging to see countries in the region emerging as key players in REDD+.

Most countries are involved in innovative REDD+ readiness initiatives, and the region was instrumental in the success of the Cancun conference.

What are the main issues to consider in the REDD+ readiness phase?

The REDD+ agenda is fascinatingly complex. It brings together the social, environment, land tenure, communication, legal, agricultural, and economic dimensions of development. In many cases it requires coordination with the infrastructure, mining, and energy sectors. It is a truly multi-sector undertaking.

Also the participatory nature of the REDD+ process must respond to the social complexity in LAC and the preparation for REDD+ should include consultation and participation plans that follow international good practices and are culturally appropriate, especially with regards to indigenous peoples and other forest dwellers.

REDD+ also provides an opportunity for countries to protect their native biodiversity and the hydrological flows essential for the livelihoods of millions of rural and urban people.

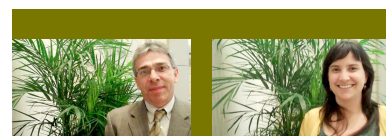
Interestingly, REDD+ is not just about mitigation; it also has the potential to enhance communities' resilience to natural and economic disasters caused by climate change. In that regard, it also contributes to the adaptation agenda.

How is the World Bank supporting the REDD+ efforts?

At the World Bank, we are actively supporting client countries via mainstreaming REDD+ in our regular lending and advisory work as well as through innovative instruments dedicated to jumpstarting REDD+ such as: The Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF), The Forest Investment Program (FIP), and by facilitating bilateral agreements.

We encourage forest nations to tap into the support offered by these various initiatives in ways that will benefit them the most.

Video: REDD+ Voices



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Currently eight pilot country-led programs are being supported. In Latin America, Mexico, Peru and Brazil were selected as pilots for the FIP where the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank and the International Finance Corporation are joining forces to support country-led initiatives. Preliminary missions of the Multilateral Development Banks were carried out in Peru and Mexico in January and March 2011 respectively.

Click [here](#) to visit FIP's website and for more information send an email [Gerhard Dieterle](#) and [Laurent Debroux](#) at the World Bank.

Costa Rica works with stakeholders for REDD+

A World Bank mission visited Costa Rica in January 2011 as part of the FCPF due diligence. The mission included representatives from the Costa Rican National Forestry Financing Fund (Fonafifo), World Bank staff and a representative from the Bank Information Center (BIC) – which is the civil society observer organization of the FCPF.

The mission traveled to Indigenous Peoples territories in the Puntarenas and Limon provinces where members met with Indigenous representatives, learned from the local experiences in Payments for Environmental Services, shared information about the FCPF and received feedback on Costa Rica's Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP). The field trip reports [can be found here](#).

As a follow up to the mission, Fonafifo is now preparing the first country-level Social and Environmental Strategic

Assessment (SESA) workshop to discuss the SESA methodology with stakeholders. The SESA workshop is scheduled for May 4 and 5, 2011.

For more information send an email to: [Laurent Debroux](#) at the Worldbank and [Jorge Mario Rodríguez](#) from Fonafifo.

For SESA-related questions send an email to [Mi Bae](#) at the WorldBank.

[Click here](#) for BIC's Report on World Bank FCPF Mission to Costa Rica

Dedicated Grant Mechanism for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities

A dedicated grant mechanism has been established under the Forest Investment Program to provide grants to indigenous peoples and local communities in country pilots to support their participation in the development of the FIP investment plans, programs and projects. The grant mechanism is being designed by indigenous peoples and local communities through a series of regional meetings and a global gathering.

A global meeting to finalize the Design of the Development of the Dedicated Grant Mechanism was held in Bangkok, Thailand during April 8-10, 2011.

The meeting underscored the need for a simple model that makes the fund easily accessible to the indigenous peoples and local communities.

It was also agreed that some funding would be available for knowledge sharing and networking especially involving countries where there are no FIP pilots.

A self-selected working group of indigenous peoples and local communities will meet in May 2011 in Washington D.C. to finalize the design document. For more information send an email to [Gerhard Dieterle](#) and [Mi Bae](#) at the World Bank.

Mainstreaming REDD+ into regular World Bank operations: an example from Argentina

The World Bank is mainstreaming the REDD+ agenda in its regular lending and advisory service. One good example of this mainstreaming effort is a new initiative in Argentina, which is for the establishment and management of six protected areas and the environmentally-sustainable management of adjacent areas.

The projects is being prepared to provide for protection of forest-carbon sinks and conservation of ecosystems with globally-important biodiversity.

An economic analysis demonstrated the potential viability of the sale of carbon credits in future REDD+ markets considering that forests in Argentina's Arid Chaco have an emissions potential of about 181 tons of CO₂e per ha. The project is financed with a grant from the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund.

For more information contact [Robert Davis](#) at the World Bank and [Raúl Espiño](#), at the Administración de Parques Nacionales, Argentina.

Calendar

May 16-20: Workshop Estimating Opportunity Costs and Implementation Costs of REDD+ for the National Planning Process, Cali, Colombia.

June 20-22: FCPF PC9, Oslo, Norway.

June 28-29: FIP Sub Committee in Cape Town, South Africa.

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Publications and Resources

[Investing in Forest Carbon](#) (Forest Trends)

[Landscape Transformation in Tropical Latin America: Assessing Trends and Policy Implications for REDD+](#) (FORESTS Open Journal from MPDI.org)

[Estimating the Opportunity Costs of REDD+](#) (World Bank Institute and FCPF)