

Climate Change Seminar

COP Bureau Meeting 4./5.
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UNFCCC REDD decisions and Bali Action Plan

- Dec 2/CP.13
 - REDD
- Dec 1/CP.13
 - The Bali Action Plan



UNFCCC Mitigation and Biodiversity

- Decision 11/CP.7:
 - Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry
- IPCC Good Practice Guidance for LULUCF

Require an assessment of the impacts of projects on biodiversity and natural

systems

CBD COP-9 Decisions

Decision IX/5 - Forest biodiversity

- Invites Parties to ensure that actions for REDD :
 - do not run counter to the objectives of the CBD and implementation of the programme of work on forest biodiversity;
 - provide benefits for forest biodiversity and to indigenous and local communities.
- Requests the Executive Secretary to:
 - Collaborate with the other members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests in support to Parties.

Decision IX/6 - Incentive measures

- Invites Parties to ensure that actions for REDD:
 - do not run counter to the objectives of the CBD;
 - provide benefits for forest biodiversity and to indigenous and local communities.

CBD COP-9 Decisions

Decision IX/16 - Biodiversity and climate change

- Multiple benefits of REDD for biodiversity and reducing greenhouse gasemissions, and:
 - Welcomes the consideration of REDD in the framework of the UNFCCC,
 - Invites the UNFCCC to:
 - take full account of opportunities for its work to provide benefits for biodiversity, and
 - adequately address traditional knowledge, innovations and practices related to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.
- Synergies among the Rio Conventions
 - Involve focal points from the United Nations Forum on Forests and relevant forest related and other conventions in discussions on relevant issues such as REDD.
- Terms of Reference for an Ad hoc Technical Expert Group on Biodiversity and Climate Change
 - Identifying opportunities for, and possible negative impacts on, biodiversity and its conservation and sustainable use, as well as livelihoods of indigenous and local communities, that may arise from REDD;
 - Identifying options to ensure that possible actions for REDD do not run counter to the objectives of the CBD but rather support the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

Decision IX/18 - Protected areas

- Invites Parties to:
 - Explore funding opportunities for protected area design, establishment and effective management in the context of efforts to address climate change recalling that effective actions to reduce deforestation could constitute a unique opportunity for biodiversity protection.

Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biodiversity and Climate Change

- First meeting of the AHTEG (Vulnerability and Mitigation)
 - 17 to 21 November 2008, London, United
 Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- Second meeting of the AHTEG (Adaptation)
 - 30 March 3 April 2009, Helsinki, Finland



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Vulnerability and Mitigation (17-21 November)

- Identify the vulnerability of biodiversity to the impacts of climate change and associated response measures
- Rationale for biodiversity aspects in mitigation measures (e.g. REDD), including economic arguments
- Identify positive feedbacks (positive and negative) and other links between mitigation and biodiversity conservation (e.g. afforestation and reforestation; ecological connectivity)
- Traditional ecological knowledge



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Adaptation (30 March – 3 April 2009)

- Identifying means to incentivize the implementation of adaptation actions that promote the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity
- Identify positive feedbacks (positive and negative) and other links between adaptation and biodiversity conservation (e.g. reef and mangrove conservation/restoration and coastal protection)
- Identification of synergies:
 technical and scientific advice
- Traditional ecological knowledge



Other activities e.g.

REDD Consultation with Indigenous and Local Communities (12-14 November 2008, Philippines)

- In partnership with UNU-TK and Tebtebba
- Aiming to identify capacity building needs of ILCs in the REDD debate
- Identify TEK contributions to the REDD debate

'Climate Change' workplan SCBD

- Online dialogue on integrating biodiversity into climate change activities (October 2008)
- Protected Areas regional workshops (2009)
- Capacity building workshops for SIDS (November 2008 and early 2009)
- Publications on climate change, biodiversity and traditional knowledge in the Arctic
- REDD and biodiversity newsletter

Upcoming meetings

- UNFCCC COP 14, 1-12 December;
 SBSTA 29, 1-10 December 2008
 - Expected decision on further steps for REDD
 - CBD intervention including interim report on AHTEG
 - Various CBD activities



CBD Secretariat at UNFCCC COP 14

- ES statement during High Level Segment
- Side event and cross-cutting theme at "Forest Day 2" (6 December)
- Side event on AHTEG Vulnerability and Mitigation
- Side event on biodiversity, climate change and indigenous and local knowledge in the Arctic
- Booth
- Various contributions to side events of partners

Climate change: Effects on forests - e.g. Canada

Authors: A. Carroll, S. Taylor, J. Régnière, T. Hopkin, R. Fleming, and D. Grav. CFS.

Pine beetle damage in BC:

- 30-50 billion CAD damage until now
- 50 per cent of the mature pine will be dead by 2008 and 80 per cent by 2013

2001: Mountain pine beetle damage