Welcome to The Forests Dialogue’s
International Dialogue on REDD+ Readiness

Hosted by IUCN
17 March 2011
Gland, Switzerland
This Mornings Program

Thursday 17 March
Morning Chair - Stewart Maginnis

9:00 Welcome and introduction
  – Julia Marton-Lefèvre (IUCN)

9:20 TFD & the REDD Readiness Initiative
  – Gary Dunning (TFD)

9:35 REDD Readiness in the International Context – Connie Espinosa (IUCN)

9:55 Roundtable updates on REDD Readiness from the Countries

10:30 Break

10:45 Key Findings from the TFD REDD Readiness Initiative: Challenges and Ways Forward
  – James Mayers (IIED)

11:15 Reactions in Plenary

12:00 Lunch
This Afternoons Program

Thursday 17 March
Afternoon Chair - Jeannette Gurung

13:00 Breakout Session Introduction: REDD Readiness Challenges and Ways Forward

15:30 Break

16:00 Breakout Session Reports and Discussion

17:30 Adjourn for the Day

19:30 Group Dinner in Nyon
Introductions

- Name
- Organization
- Past involvement with this Initiative?
The Forests Dialogue

TFD & the REDD Readiness Initiative

Gary Dunning
The Forests Dialogue

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Welcome

Co-Chairs

• Jeannette Gurung (WOCAN)
• Joe Lawson (MWV)
• Stewart Maginnis (IUCN)
• James Mayers (IIED)
Initiative Sponsors

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The Forests Dialogue

Purpose and Mission
• Established in 2000 by NGO and Business Leaders
• Reduce conflict among stakeholders in the forest sector
• International platform and process to discuss key SFM and conservation issues
• Build mutual trust, enhanced understanding and commitment to change

Structure
• Steering Committee
• Secretariat
• Network of Partners
TFD Initiatives

Priority SFM Issues

- Forests and Climate
- Free, Prior, and Informed Consent
- Investing in Locally Controlled Forestry
- Forests & Poverty Reduction and Rural Livelihoods
- Intensively Managed Planted Forests
- Illegal Logging and Forest Governance
- Forests and Biodiversity Conservation
- Forest Certification
How TFD’s Initiatives Work

Dialogue Phase
- Scoping Dialogue
- Experiential Field Dialogue
- Wrap-Up Workshop

Outputs
- Co-Chairs Summaries
- TFD Reviews
- Commissioned Papers
- Consensus-based recommendations /guides/suggestions.

Outcomes
- Trust among leaders
- Next Phase of Engagement
- Meetings with decision makers
- Coalitions
- Impact on policy
TFD’s M.O.

TFD Operates under the Chatham House Rule

“Participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed”. 
TFD’s M.O.

Spirit of Participation

• Active Listening
• Constructive, solution oriented Interventions
• Participate as individual
• Help define and own the outcomes
By the numbers

• 2000-2010…so far
• First dialogue in 2002
• 8 different Initiatives
• 40 International Dialogues
• 2000+ Stakeholders
• 60 SC Leaders
• 4 Staff
• 27 Interns since 2000
• 8 Publications
• 35+ Donors
The Forests and Climate Change Dialogues (2007-2008)

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- Launched October 2008
- Contents
  - Executive Summary
  - Guiding Principles
  - Indicative Actions
  - Briefing Notes
The Investing in REDD+ Dialogues (2009)

“The successful design and implementation of REDD-plus will depend on a reliable, robust and predictable finance mechanism that is transparent and equitable and enjoys the support of key stakeholder groups”
Investing in REDD-plus

Launched October 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2009 during UNFCCC Climate Change talks in Bangkok:

Twenty-six recommendations and an executive summary & matrix

- 100 Stakeholders
- Agreed recommendations
- Fed into IWG-IFR and UNFCCC processes
Key Messages

• Broad elements of REDD-plus should include: reducing emission from deforestation and degradation; conservation; SFM; enhancement of carbon stock
• Base REDD-plus firmly on sustainability principles: ecological integrity; social integrity; atmospheric integrity; economic integrity
• REDD-plus finance mechanism must be: effective; efficient; equitable
• Financial stability for REDD-plus can only be achieved through a portfolio approach with a combination of public and private funding and with country’s commitments
• The implementation of REDD-plus requires forest-governance reforms through inclusive processes that build on existing forest-governance systems.
The REDD Readiness Dialogues (2009-Present)

“There will only be limited opportunities to get REDD-plus right. As interest in it grows, so too do the pitfalls of getting REDD-plus wrong… Local peoples are being urged to become involved in REDD-plus at all levels, but are they ready to do so? Are we—the international community ready?”
REDD Readiness Field Dialogues

250 Stakeholders

- 5 Dialogues:
  - Brazil-10.09
  - Ghana-11.09
  - Guatemala-1.10
  - Ecuador- 6.10
  - Cambodia-11.10

- Country Reports and Review Paper
Initiative

Objectives

• Raise awareness, and promote engagement and exploration, of REDD readiness challenges among a wide spectrum of local and national stakeholders;

• Build a “community of practice” among a group of locally-rooted well-connected REDD protagonists that can continue to engage and make progress on the practicalities of in-country implementation of REDD initiatives;
Initiative Objectives

• Provide well-targeted recommendations to overcome challenges experienced in the REDD readiness phase at the local, national and international levels, the way these levels are linked (for example linking UNFCCC processes, UN-REDD, FCPF, FIP, IWG-IFR and other multilateral and bilateral funds with national and local independent projects).
Thank You!

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