



# REDD NETWORK Newsletter

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### *Editors Comment*

Welcome to our newsletter for the SADC REDD information network! In this newsletter, you will find information about current developments on climate change and REDD+ with a special focus on the SADC region.

The African Group of Negotiators met in Cape Town from 20-22 May 2011 to prepare for the next UNFCCC SBSTA and SBI sessions that are currently taking in Bonn. The SADC Secretariat will attend the Bonn sessions and start preparing for the SADC presence at COP17 later this year.

We would also like to invite you to post your opinions and views on some REDD+-related questions that we posted in our online forum. To participate, please join the SADC REDD+ online discussion form here: [SADC REDD Information Network group](#). For feedback, comments or suggestions, please feel free to contact us at [sadcredd@ymail.com](mailto:sadcredd@ymail.com) and visit: <http://www.sadc.int/REDD/>

### **NEWS**

#### **REDD+ emerging as priority for the SADC region**

In a recently conducted survey, more than 90% of respondents identified REDD+ as an emerging priority for SADC countries in the international climate change negotiations. The majority of participants in the survey conducted at a workshop organised by the SADC Secretariat listed REDD+ as very important, quite important or important. Other issues identified as priorities for the SADC region are climate change adaptation as well as the Nairobi Work Programme and the agenda item "Shared Vision" among others. For further information, visit our website.

#### **SADC Ministers meet in Windhoek to discuss Climate Change**

SADC Ministers responsible for environment and natural resources management met on 26 May 2011 in Windhoek, Namibia. The main objective of the meeting was to review progress in the implementation of programmes in the sector and prepare for the 17th Conference of Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP 17). For further information, visit the [SADC REDD+ website](#).

#### **UN-REDD study launched: REDDy – Set – Grow**

The recently launched study identifies opportunities and roles for financial institutions in the forest carbon market and stresses the importance of participation of financial institutions in REDD+ activities in order to ensure win-win situations for all parties involved. Joint projects can result in investment opportunities and effective strategies to reduce emissions and provide income to local communities.

#### **FIELD presents REDD+ briefing paper ahead of Bonn session**

The UK-based organization FIELD has prepared an updated REDD+ briefing paper to prepare negotiators from developing countries for the upcoming UNFCCC session in Bonn. The paper provides an overview of the agenda items related to REDD+ and identifies key issues to pay attention to during the negotiations.

#### **New report: "Getting Ready! A Study of National Governance Structures for REDD+"**

The Norwegian University of Life Sciences has recently published a comparative report on national governance structures and their potential for REDD+ implementation and makes some recommendations based on the information evaluated for the study.

## **New report “Prospects for REDD+ - Local Forest Management and Climate Change Mitigation in Burkina Faso”**

The Swedish research network Focali has published a new report as well as summary on “Making REDD+ work for the poor in Burkina Faso”. The documents can be downloaded from their website.

## **Study on making REDD+ pro-poor in Tanzania**

The Tanzania Forest Conservation Group and partners has released a policy brief on making REDD+ pro-poor in Tanzania. In the paper, the authors call for a recognition of community rights to village lands in order to avoid land grabbing.

## **TZ-REDD Newsletter out**

The newsletter by the Tanzania Natural Resources Forum has been issued. It includes updates from the national REDD+ readiness program as well as from the field and can be downloaded from their website.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **UN Climate Change Conference, 6 – 17 June 2011, Bonn, Germany**

The 34th session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) will take place from 6-16 June. The second part of the fourteenth session of the AWG-LCA and the second part of the sixteenth session of the AWG-KP will take place from 7-17 June. For further information about the programme, visit the UNFCCC website.

### **REDD+ Side-Events at the UNFCCC session in Bonn**

#### ***Tuesday, 7 June 2011***

18:15 – 19:45: Progress on addressing REDD+ safeguards

20:00 – 21: 30: REDD: Consultants, Cost Curves and Safeguards

#### ***Wednesday, 8 June 2011***

15:15 – 16:45: Actions needed to halt deforestation and promote climate-smart agriculture

15:15 – 16:45: REDD+ Roundtable: Issues for 2011

18:15 – 19:45: Developing Indigenous-Sensitive and Gender-Sensitive MRV Tools and Instruments

#### ***Thursday, 9 June 2011***

20:00 – 21:30: Civil society advice for REDD+ related national monitoring and reporting information systems

#### ***Friday, 10 June 2011***

18:15 – 19:45: Implementing the REDD+ safeguards

20:00 – 21: 30: Tracking REDD Finance: The state of play of finance for REDD

#### ***Saturday, 11 June 2011***

18:15 – 19:45: Carbon Markets, Land Grabbing and Food Prices

18:15 – 19:45: The DRC national forest monitoring system for REDD+: the start-up phase

20:00 -21:30: Addressing agricultural drivers of deforestation in REDD+: critical issues to measure and assess

#### ***Tuesday, 14 June 2011***

13:15 – 14:45: Biodiversity safeguards of REDD-plus

18:15 – 19:45: New Market Mechanisms, Land-based offsets and Alternatives

#### ***Wednesday, 15 June 2011***

18:15 – 19:45: Demonstration of Discussion Forum on REDD

20:00 – 21:30: Supporting the development of national and regional REDD+ frameworks in Peru

#### ***Thursday, 16 June 2011***

18:15 – 19:45: Addressing the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation - answers in agriculture

20:00 – 21:30: Linking community based MRV with national REDD+ governance

For a full list of side-events in Bonn visit the UNFCCC website.

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