



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.

This month, we are pleased to announce the SADC Photo Competition “Crossing Borders – Diversity of nature and wildlife in forests of the SADC region” that is being held on the occasion of the International Year of Forest 2011 and the Biodiversity Decade. We invite you to participate in this event and send us your photos.

In view of the ongoing discussion on REDD+, SADC Secretariat is planning to make a submission to the UNFCCC regarding “views on methodological guidance for activities relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries”. It is also planned to circulate the draft submission to the REDD+ Information Network for additional comments. To participate, please sign up for the SADC REDD+ online discussion forum here: [SADC REDD Information Network group](#).

For feedback, comments or suggestions, please feel free to contact us at sadcredd@ymail.com and visit: <http://www.sadc.int/REDD/>

NEWS

SADC Photo Competition: “Crossing Borders – Diversity of nature and wildlife in the SADC region”

The SADC Secretariat is organizing a Photo Competition on the theme of “Crossing Borders - Diversity of nature and wildlife in the SADC region”. The competition is open to all SADC nationals and residents. For further information and terms and conditions, please visit the SADC REDD+ Website: www.sadc.in/REDD . We kindly ask you to advertise the photo competition as widely as possible.

CCDA-1 Conference in Addis

The first Climate Change and Development Conference will take place in Addis Ababa from 17-19 October 2011. The conference is organised by the African Climate Policy Centre together with AU, UNECA and AfDB under the theme “Development First: Addressing Climate Change in Africa”. More information (including a call for papers) is available here: <http://www.uneca.org/acpc/ccda/ccda1/index.htm>

Second Report on REDD+ Financing

The UNEP FI briefing presents options for private sector involvement in the REDD+ market and gives an overview of how to mobilize resources and trigger investment. The report also suggests a reform of the CDM scheme to improve participation from the private sector. For further information,

click here. http://www.un-redd.org/Newsletter21/UNEPFI_Report_REDD_Financing/tabid/54809/Default.aspx

Download: <http://www.unepfi.org/fileadmin/documents/reddysetgrow.pdf>

FCPF Carbon Fund operational

The Carbon Fund of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF), managed by the World Bank, has become operational and will finance verified emission reductions from REDD+ programmes. After going through the REDD+ Readiness process, five countries do now qualify for payments from the new fund. A total of USD 215 million will be available from the Carbon Fund of the FCPF. Further information: http://climate-l.iisd.org/news/world-banks-fcpf-carbon-fund-becomes-operational/?referrer=climate-change-daily-feed&utm_source=lists.iisd.ca&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Climate+Change+Daily+Feed+-+9+August+2011+-+Climate+Change+Policy+%26+Practice

CIFOR study investigates links of mitigation and adaptation in forests

A new study by the Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) in Latin America suggests that adaptation activities can contribute to the success of mitigation activities as well. So far, the two concepts have been treated separately in the international debate. An integrated approach of adaptation and mitigation would have serious implications for REDD+ projects, potentially increasing sustainability and funding options. For further information, visit CIFO's blog: <http://blog.cifor.org/3961/adaptation-and-mitigation-work-hand-in-hand-in-latin-american-forests/> or download the study here: <http://www.mdpi.com/1999-4907/2/1/431/pdf>

Africa CDM Online Platform launched

The UNDP Regional Environment Project has launched an Africa CDM Online Platform to share experiences and increase capacity among Designated National Authorities (DNAs) in the African region. For further information, click here:

http://climate-l.iisd.org/news/undp-launches-africa-cdm-online-platform/?referrer=climate-change-daily-feed&utm_source=lists.iisd.ca&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Climate+Change+Daily+Feed+-+16+August+2011+-+Climate+Change+Policy+%26+Practice

To join the Africa CDM Online Platform, please contact Ms Elisabeth Mwaniki at elizabeth.mwaniki@undp.org

Report of the AGN Meeting in Durban

Following the Africa Group of Negotiator's meeting that took place in Durban from 6-10 August 2011, South Africa has released a statement on the outcomes of the meeting. The AGN meeting was attended by about 200 government officials and emphasised the need for a balanced and ambitious outcome at the UNFCCC COP17. Read the full report here:

<http://www.info.gov.za/speech/DynamicAction?pageid=461&sid=20635&tid=39166>

<http://www.sustainabilitysa.org/SAGovernmentsResponse/AfricagroupnegotiatorsmettodiscusstheAfrica.aspx>

UNFCCC Deadlines for Submissions on SBSTA Agenda Items

Following the SBSTA meeting in Bonn, the UNFCCC Secretariat invites Parties and observers to submit their views on issues for consideration at SBSTA 35. For a list of topics and submissions, see this link:

http://unfccc.int/documentation/submissions_from_parties_in_2011/items/5901.php

UPCOMING EVENTS

Africa Consultation on Environmental Governance, 8-9 September 2011, Johannesburg (South Africa)

http://africasd.iisd.org/news/iisd-convenes-consultations-in-africa-on-environmental-governance/?referrer=african-regional-update&utm_source=lists.iisd.ca&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=African+Regional+Update+-+30+August+2011+-+African+Regional+Coverage

4th special session of AMCEN, 12-16 September 2011, Bamako (Mali)

Meeting on International Environmental Governance, 12-13 September 2011

Expert's level segment, 13-14 September 2011

Ministerial Segment, 15-16 September 2011

More information: http://www.unep.org/roa/amcen/Amcen_Events/4th_ss/default.asp

Africa Regional Consultation and Capacity-Building Workshop on REDD+ in Developing Countries, 20 – 23 September 2011, Cape Town (South Africa)

More information: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=4877>

<http://biodiversity-l.iisd.org/events/cbd-africa-regional-consultation-and-capacity-building-workshop-on-redd-including-on-relevant-biodiversity-safeguards/>

CCDA I Conference, 17-19 October 2011, Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)

Conference Website: <http://www.uneca.org/acpc/ccda/ccda1/index.htm>

Rio+20 Regional Preparatory Meeting for Africa Region, 20-25 October 2011, Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)

<http://www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/index.php?page=view&type=13&nr=108&menu=46>

More information:

<http://www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/index.php?page=view&type=13&nr=108&menu=46>

UNFCCC AWG Session part 3, 1-7 October 2011, Panama City, Panama

More information: <http://mire.gob.pa/unfccc/index.html>

Pre-COP Ministerial Session, 23- 26 November 2011, South Africa (tbc)

Transitional Committee for the Green Climate Fund 3rd preparatory meeting, second half of October 2011, Cape Town, South Africa

REDD [Calendar of Events](#)

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