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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 first SADC Photo Competition 2011 “Crossing Borders – Diversity of nature and wildlife in the SADC region” that is being held on the occasion of the International Year of Forest 2011 and the Biodiversity Decade is still open until 15 October 2011 and we invite you to send us your photos. Winners can receive a digital camera!

For further updates and discussions, 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

AMCEN Special Session concludes with Bamako Declaration

At the Fourth Special Session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) participants endorsed the African Common Position as the basis for negotiations at the upcoming UNFCCC COP17. The Special Session convened from 12-16 September 2011, in Bamako, Mali, to provide a platform for African countries to consolidate and enhance Africa’s common negotiating position in the climate process. The Bamako Declaration stresses the need for the climate negotiations to produce two outcomes, namely the full, sustained implementation of the Convention, and a second commitment period for Annex 1 Parties under the Kyoto Protocol. For more information, visit the AMCEN Website:

http://www.unep.org/roa/amcen/Amcen_Events/4th_ss/default.asp Also see the press release here: <http://www.unisdr.org/archive/22176> . At the same meeting, Ministers also agreed on a Position paper on “Green Economy and its Implications for Africa”. To download, please click here: http://www.sadc.int/REDD/index.php/download_file/64/

Johannesburg Declaration adopted by African Energy Ministers Conference

The African Energy Ministers Conference took place from 15-16 September 2011, in Johannesburg, South Africa and provided an opportunity to develop and agree on priorities for sustainably developing Africa's energy sector. To download the declaration, click here:

http://www.unido.org/fileadmin/user_media/News/2011/JOHANNESBURG_Declaration.pdf

For more information, visit this website:

<http://www.info.gov.za/speech/DynamicAction?pageid=461&sid=21695&tid=43360>

Submissions to SBSTA 34 published by UNFCCC Secretariat

The submissions of Parties and Observers to the UNFCCC Secretariat on the issue of “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” have been published on the UNFCCC website. For a full list, click here:

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

To find SADC’s submission, click here:

http://unfccc.int/parties_observers/igo/submissions/items/3714.php

UNEP-FI publication: REDDy-Set-Grow Report Part II

A new report “REDDy-Set-Grow Part II: Recommendations for international climate change negotiators” has been published by the UNEP FI and calls for clarification of the role of the private engagement and investment in REDD. The report gives recommendations on how to address the funding gap and ensure extensive private sector participation. To download the report, visit the UNEP-FI website here: http://www.unepfi.org/publications/climate_change/index.html

New Publication: Forest Carbon in Ghana

Forest Trends has published a report on Forest Carbon in Ghana: The Legal Framework and the Role of Community Resource Management Areas (CRMAs), which gives an overview of the legal nature of carbon rights and potential implications for REDD+. To download the publication, click here: http://www.forest-trends.org/publication_details.php?publicationID=2957

Ecosystems Marketplace releases step-by-step guide to building forest carbon projects

To facilitate the development of forest projects, Ecosystems Marketplaces compiled a strategic step-by-step guidance to emerging best practices and published a series of documents aimed to help project developers understand key technical, social, environmental, and financial issues, and outlines the key steps in the project development cycle. To access the documents, click here: http://www.forest-trends.org/~foresttr/publication_details.php?publicationID=2555

REDD-Net East Africa Workshop Report published

The REDD-Net East Africa Workshop and Writeshop took place in Tanzania from 30-31 August 2011 and discussed the relationship between REDD+ and other sectors (such as agriculture, water and energy) from a pro-poor perspective. The summary report is available here <http://redd-net.org/resource-library/report-from-the-redd-net-east-africa-workshop-and-writeshop->

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

Expert Meeting on “guidance on systems for providing information on how safeguards for REDD+ activities are addressed and respected”, 8-9 October 2011, Panama City, Panama

More information and relevant documents: http://unfccc.int/methods_science/redd/items/6149.php

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>

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

Climate Finance & Carbon Markets Africa, 24-25 January 2011, Johannesburg, South Africa

More information:

<http://www.greenpowerconferences.com/EF/?sSubSystem=Prospectus&sEventCode=CM1201ZA&sSessionID=b31a72a27d969e459efa4cb6e7f69490-5020968>

REDD Calendar of Events

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