



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.

With the UNFCCC COP17 in Durban only a few weeks away, SADC Secretariat is pleased to announce a number of activities that will take place throughout COP17. For a list of events, see below and watch the SADC REDD+ website: www.sadc.int/REDD

The SADC Photo Competition 2011 is now closed. Thank you to everyone who participated and send us pictures. You can take a look at the finalists of the SADC Photo Competition 2011 here. <http://www.facebook.com/pages/SADC-Photo-Competition-2011/248185198554069>

For further updates and discussions, please sign up for the SADC REDD+ online discussion forum here: [SADC REDD Information Network group](http://www.sadc.int/REDD/).

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

NEWS

SADC Secretariat hosts presentation on climate change and trade

On 25th October 2011, a presentation on the linkages between climate change and trade in the SADC region took place at SADC Secretariat, followed by a discussion with technical staff from various directorates. For a report of the event and more background materials, please click here. <http://www.sadc.int/REDD/index.php?cID=157>

SADC Water Ministers approve Climate Change Adaptation Strategy for the Water Sector

At their recent meeting in Maseru, Lesotho, SADC Ministers Responsible for Water approved the Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) Strategy for the water sector, which aims to improve climate resilience through the strengthening and adaptation of water resources development and management in Southern Africa, and promotes the adoption of a multi-dimensional approach to climate change adaptation. For further information about the CCA, see here. <http://www.icp-confluence-sadc.org/documents/climate-change-adaptation-sadc-strategy-water-sector>

AfDB supports African countries to prepare NAMAs

To assist African countries to prepare and understand NAMAs, the African Development Bank held a training workshop in July that focused on capacity building to design and implement NAMAs. A total of 24 countries participated in the training, 11 of which have since submitted their NAMAs, and 13 receiving further support from the AfDB for developing national frameworks and strategies. For more information, see here. <http://www.afdb.org/en/news-and-events/article/bank-assists-african-countries-better-understand-and-prepare-namas-8406/>

NAMA Database launched

A new database for NAMAs has been launched by Ecofys supported by the International Climate Initiative. The website aims to increase knowledge sharing and cooperation among stakeholders on experiences from NAMA activities and project proposals. It further lists resources and reports on NAMAs. To access the database, click here. <http://www.nama-database.org/>

Report on “Review of lessons learned for REDD+ donors”

Focali has released a report drawing on experiences from Norway in investing in REDD+. The report gives an overview of lessons learned in issues such as phased approach, MRV, policy coherence and others. It can be downloaded here.

http://www.focali.se/filer/Focali%20Report%20No3%202011_Norway%20REDD.pdf

First “Climate Change and Development in Africa” (CCDA-1) Conference in Addis Ababa

From 17-19 October UNECA hosted the first CCDA Conference on the theme “Development First: Addressing Climate Change in Africa”. The conference highlighted the need for adaptation as a climate change priority to deal with the impacts of climate change and aimed to address the need for improved data and information on climate change in Africa. For further information, visit this website.

http://www.uneca.org/eca_resources/Press_Releases/2011_pressreleases/pressrelease12611.html

For more background information and documents, click here.

<http://www.uneca.org/acpc/ccda/ccda1/documents.html>

UN-REDD Programme invites comments on Draft Social and Environmental Principles and Criteria

The UN-REDD Programme is working with partners and REDD+ countries to develop tools and guidance to enhance the multiple benefits of REDD+ and reduce risks from inadequate planning and implementation. As part of this work, a set of Social and Environmental Principles and Criteria are being developed. The consultation is open until 31 December 2011. For further information, please click here http://www.un-redd.org/Multiple_Benefits_SEPC/tabid/54130/Default.aspx or send an email to ccb@unep-wcmc.org

TZ-REDD quarterly newsletter published

The Tanzania Natural Resources Forum (TNRf) published its TZ-REDD newsletter, which provides an overview about national REDD+ preparations in Tanzania. The newsletter is available here. <http://www.tnrf.org/reddnewsletter5>

Proceedings from Asian REL Workshop available

A workshop funded by USAID was held in Bangkok in August 2011 and focused on the technical issues surrounding reference emissions levels (RELs), as well as the financial aspects of REDD+ and the best methods to develop regional collaboration. To access the proceedings from the workshop click here. http://www.forestcarbonasia.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/Road_to_REDDiness_Workshop_Report_FINAL1.pdf For further information, visit <http://www.forestcarbonasia.org/in-the-media/leaf-publishes-asian-rel-workshop-proceedings/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

SADC 2nd Brainstorming meeting on the Regional Climate Change Programme, 21-22 November 2011, Harare, Zimbabwe

The SADC Secretariat is convening a 2nd brainstorming meeting towards development of a Regional Climate Change Programme. The meeting will take place at the Bronte Hotel in Harare, Zimbabwe from 21st to 22nd November 2011. By invitation only.

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

SADC side-event on Climate Change Adaptation Strategy for the Water Sector, 30 November 2011, Durban, South Africa

Forest Day 5, 4 December 2011, Durban, South Africa

For further information, visit <http://www.forestsclimatechange.org/events/forest-day/forest-day-5.html>

SADC official side-event on REDD+, 7 December 2011, Durban, South Africa

This side-event will make the case for a regional REDD+ approach in SADC with a focus on methodologies and institutional framework.

For a full list of side-events during COP17, click here
http://regserver.unfccc.int/seors/reports/events_list.html?session_id=COP17/CMP7

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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