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Concept Note for a Joint Side Event at UNFCCC COP 19

“REDD+: Study Safeguards from Field Experiences NOW!”

(Tentative)

15 November 2013

Warsaw

(from 9:00 A.M., at Japanese Event Space)

1. Background

The International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) have long been working to support developing countries in conserving and sustainably managing tropical forests. In 2010, the two organizations signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the aim of facilitating the implementation of joint activities to further enhance cooperation and collaboration with developing countries on forest-related issues.

Reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries, known as REDD+, is one of the priority areas for both ITTO and JICA. The organizations have been assisting the efforts of countries in undertaking REDD+ related actions while sustaining non-carbon benefits derived from forests. ITTO has initiated the Thematic Programme on Reducing Deforestation and Forest Degradation and Enhancing Environmental Services in Tropical Forests (REDDES), and JICA has assisted various REDD+ related projects with diverse approaches under the frameworks provided by bilateral agreements.

The 19th Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 19) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), which is to be convened in Warsaw, Poland from 11-22 November 2013, will provide a unique opportunity for ITTO and JICA to jointly demonstrate their efforts and further contribute to the elaboration of mechanisms to implement REDD+.

2. Objective

Since the issue of emissions from deforestation and forest degradation was fully addressed at the COP 13 held in 2007, various field activities to develop and demonstrate methods and approaches to operationalize REDD+ have been carried out by developing country Parties in collaboration with their development partners, including ITTO and JICA. It has been increasingly recognized through the field activities that the needs of local and indigenous communities as well as

a range of environmental benefits derived from forests need to be respected as a part of the social and environmental safeguards in order to ensure successful implementation of REDD+.

At the COP 16 held in Cancun, Mexico in 2010, Parties agreed on promoting and supporting the safeguards in implementing REDD+ activities, and what constitutes the safeguards was roughly elaborated. The COP 17 further adopted a guidance on systems for providing information on how safeguards are addressed and respected, and the 38th session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) encouraged developing country Parties to continue building experiences and best practices for providing information on how all the safeguards were being addressed and respected and to share these experiences and lessons with other Parties.

Taking into account the experiences and lessons learned from the development of systems for providing information on how all the safeguards are being addressed and respected and how the challenges are faced, the needs for further on the implementation of safeguards will be considered at the 41st Session of the SUBSTA to be held in 2014.

The objective of this side event, therefore, is to:

- Share experiences and lessons learned from the field activities which ITTO and JICA have implemented in support of developing country Parties;
- Identify key issues which need to be considered to secure the safeguards in a practical manner according to the specific national circumstances and capabilities of the respective developing country Parties; and thereby
- Contribute to the process to develop a transparent, consistent and effective mechanisms for REDD+ implementation in which all the safeguards are fully addressed and respected.

3. Date

Friday, 15 November 2013; 9:00-11:15

4. Venue

Japan Pavilion, Warsaw, Poland

5. Organization

To achieve the above objectives, this side event is to be comprised of the following three parts:

- Keynote presentation representing the co-organizers to summarize the results of negotiations under the UNFCCC in particular on the social and environmental safeguards in relation to the objectives of this side event;
- Presentations by experts on the experiences and lessons learned from the implementation of their respective field activities carried out by developing country Parties in collaboration with the co-organizers; and
- Panel discussion attended by all presenters and facilitated by an expert in climate change negotiations to discuss key issues to be considered to secure the safeguards in a practical manner in developing REDD+ implementation mechanisms.

Tentative programme of the side event is as follows:

Opening	Master of Ceremony (MC): Mr. Takeshi Goto Assistant Director ITTO	5 min.
Keynote presentation	Mr. Kazuhiro Goseki Executive Technical Advisor to the Director General JICA	15 min.
Clarification	MC	5 min.
Presentation on the efforts of ITTO and the Government of Ghana: Lessons learnt from capacity building efforts for local communities for CDM forestry in Ghana	Dr. Emmanuel Opuni-Frimpong Research Scientist Forest Research Institute of Ghana (FORIG)	10 min.
Presentation on the efforts of JICA and PNG Forest Authority (PNGFA): Tremendous efforts to well convey opinions of local communities in PNG	Mr. Rabbie Lalo Capacity Development on Forest Resource Monitoring for Addressing Climate Change in Papua New Guinea	10 min.
Presentation on the efforts of JICA: Realistic and applicable FPIC enough to avoid any negative impacts on the communities	Mr. Khamsene Ounekham Deputy Director of REDD+ Office, Department of Forestry, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Lao PDR	10 min.
Presentation on the efforts of ITTO, the Government of Indonesia and SEVEN&i HLDGS.: Experiences from tropical forest conservation for REDD+ in Meru Betiri National Park in Indonesia	Dr. Ari Wibowo Senior Researcher Forest Research and Development Agency (FORDA), Indonesia	10 min.
Presentation on the efforts of JICA: Biodiversity survey in realistic forestry inventory in some African countries	Dr. Kei Suzuki Project for Strengthening National Forest Resources Monitoring System for Promoting Sustainable Forest Management and REDD+, DRC	10 min.
Clarification	MC	5 min.
Panel discussion on the key issues to be considered secure the safeguards in a practical manner in developing REDD+ implementation mechanisms	Facilitator: Dr. Camenza Robledo ECOEXISTENCE - Robledo Abad Althaus, Switzerland Attended by all presenters	40 min.
Concluding remarks	Mr. Kazuhiro Goseki	10 min.
Closing	MC	5 min.

6. Costs

The venue and a set of standard equipment, including a projector, microphones and a screen, will be provided by the manager of the Japan Pavilion. With regard to the costs associated with the participation of presenters and other speakers, the respective co-organizers make necessary arrangements in consultation with the project executing/counterpart agencies as appropriate. All

speakers are requested to use English only during the side event; therefore, no simultaneous interpretation will be required.

7. Outreach

Flier of this side event will be uploaded on the website and distributed by the co-organizers through their respective channels.

As soon as the side event is completed, the result will be uploaded on the website of the respective co-organizers.

8. Contacts

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