

Side Event at UNFCCC COP-22

# Afforestation and REDD+ in India

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Forests play a crucial role in mitigating climate change, particularly in India where 25% of the area has tree cover. The government of India has requested the forestry sector to help the country meet its goal of 2.5-3.0 billion tonnes of additional carbon sequestration per the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). This target will be met using a variety of means, including afforestation, reforestation, and agro-forestry, conducted through community participation and mechanisms like REDD+.

REDD+ stands for Reducing Emissions by Deforestation and Degradation, an initiative finalized under the UN's Paris Agreement in 2015. India has begun implementing REDD+ pilot projects, developing protocols for improving measurement, reporting, and verification (MRV) and safeguard information systems (SIS).

The proposed side event on Afforestation and REDD+ at the India Pavilion at CoP-22 will focus on India's NDC in forestry sector and its plan to meet various initiatives through collaboration with the government of India and national organizations like the Indian Council on Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE). This event will also provide a platform for state governments to showcase their own local forestry initiatives like community mobilization and addressing shifting cultivation.

The proposed event aims to promote the exchange of information and present potential collaborations among South Asian countries that share Himalayan and tropical ecologies. We hope the event will help develop a guiding framework for sustaining ecosystem services, implementing biodiversity conservation, and mitigating climate change.

## Programme Agenda

Time	Topic of Presentation	Name of Participant	Time (Minutes)
10:00–10:10	Introduction to the event and participants	<b>Dr T P Singh</b> Assistant Director General, ICFRE	10
10:10–10:25	Introduction to Session and Role of ICFRE in afforestation and REDD+	<b>Dr Shashi Kumar</b> Director General, ICFRE	15
10:25–10:40	Development of SIS and MRV Protocols for Carbon inventories for REDD+ in Himalayan Region	<b>Mr Kai Windhorst</b> Chief Technical Advisor GIZ, ICIMOD	15
10:40–10:55	Conservation and Cultivation of Medicinal Plants for Climate Change adaptation in India	<b>Dr G S Goraya</b> Deputy Director General, ICFRE	15
10:55–11:10	REDD+ initiatives of IUCN under Landscape Restoration Projects in India	<b>Dr Chetan Kumar</b> IUCN	15
11:10–11:25	India's readiness for REDD+	<b>Dr T P Singh</b> and <b>Mr V R S Rawat</b> ICFRE	15
11:25–11:45	Questions answer session		20

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