

Side Event at UNFCCC COP-22

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Transboundary REDD+ Programme in Himalayas: South-South Cooperation for Climate Change Mitigation

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9:00 – 10:30

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REDD+ (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation) provides financial incentives to local communities to reduce greenhouse gases and increase carbon stocks through conservation and sustainable development of forests. REDD+ measures are essential in the Himalayan region with its many biological hotspots and its long history with rapid deforestation due to anthropogenic and climatic factors.

The Himalayan countries of India, Nepal, Bhutan and Myanmar share a common socio-economic legacy, and dedication to developing REDD+ plans, safeguard information systems, and systems of national forest monitoring. They maintain these initiatives in accordance with CoP policy, which distributes funding through the Green Climate Fund. Recognizing that a significant population depends on sustainable forestry for maintaining their livelihoods, these countries have begun pilot projects across the region.

Each of the aforementioned countries are currently at different levels in terms of REDD+ programme implementation. India is in a relatively strong position due to its well-established national forest monitoring systems and joint forest management initiative.

The Indian Forestry Council of Research and Education (IFCRE) is hosting a side event at CoP 22, Marrakesh, to allow representatives from these Himalayan nations to share their experiences with REDD+ programs. We hope this meeting will foster a productive exchange of ideas that not only provides potential remedies and ideas for national forestry programmes, but also encourages cooperation across nations for mitigating climate change effects through better resource management.

In addition, this IFCRE side event will provide information on successful REDD+ programmes already in operation in Uttarakhan, Meghalaya, and other locations throughout India.

Programme Agenda

| Time | Topic of Presentation | Name of Participant | Time (Minutes) |
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| 09:00–09:05 | Introduction to the event and participants | Dr G S Goraya Deputy Director General, ICFRE | 05 |
| 09:05–09:15 | Indian perspective on REDD+ | Dr Shashi Kumar Director General, ICFRE | 10 |
| 09:15–09:25 | Trans-boundary REDD+ for South-South Cooperation – ICIMOD Initiative | Mr Kai Windhorst <i>Session Chair</i> Chief Technical Advisor GIZ, ICIMOD | 10 |
| 09:25–09:35 | IUCN (TBC) | TBC | 10 |
| 09:35 –09:45 | Piloting REDD+ in Indian Himalaya region | Dr T P Singh ICFRE | 10 |
| 09:45 –09:55 | REDD+ and Communities participation: Nepal experience | Dr Sindhu Dhungana, Joint Secretary, MoFSC, Nepal | 10 |
| 09:55 –10:05 | REDD+ preparedness: Bhutan experience | Representative from Bhutan | 10 |
| 10:05–10:15 | CDM Experience from Indian Himalayas | Dr Ajay Lal HP Forest Department, India | 10 |
| 10:15–10:30 | Questions answer session | | 15 |

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