

REDD+: What do we know and what comes next? Relevant insights from CIFOR Global Comparative Study (GCS) REDD+ research for the tropical forests of the Asia-Pacific region

Organizers: CIFOR

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With the Paris COP21 climate decisions concluded, many decision makers ask: *“what does it mean for us now? How do we move forward?”* This event will try to answer these questions by highlighting key research and findings from CIFOR's Global Comparative study (GCS) on REDD+ and also hearing insights from Fiji REDD+ unit. The focus will be on lessons learnt for improving the effectiveness, efficiency and equity of REDD+ benefit sharing outcomes in the Asia-Pacific region.

The objectives of the session are:

- Inform participants with up to date and relevant findings from CIFOR's Global Comparative Study on REDD+ particularly on benefit sharing and participation within REDD+ policies and initiatives, outlining methods for evaluation. Focus will be on findings from the Asia-Pacific region,
- External experts will provide practical insights from REDD+ implementation.
- Facilitate feedback and discussions on future research directions on REDD+ following the Paris global climate agreement- How will countries move forward to implementing their intended nationally determined contributions (INDCs)? Where do forests fit within these plans, and what are the opportunities and challenges for national REDD+ implementation?

Proposed program

Presentations and moderated panel discussion with audience Q&A:

- Fiji's future challenge: from planning and demonstration to national level program - Elik Senivasa, Acting Conservator of Forests, Forestry Department, Ministry of Fisheries and Forests, Fiji
- Who will bear the cost of REDD+? Evidence from the incidence of implementation and opportunity costs in subnational REDD+ initiatives - Cecilia Luttrell, Senior Associate, CIFOR
- Local participation in REDD+: Lessons from Cameroon, Tanzania, Vietnam, Indonesia, Brazil, and Peru - Mella Komalasari, Research Officer, CIFOR
- Policy network study: exploring the dynamics of REDD+ actor strings in Indonesia - Efrian Muharrom, senior Research Officer, CIFOR

Moderator: Daniel Murdiyarso (CIFOR principal Scientist)

Discussant: Edna Maguigad (Non-Timber Forest Products Exchange Programme (NTFP-EP))