

Ministerial Meeting on Forest Conservation Cooperation and Climate Change (October 2010, Nagoya, Aichi, Japan)

1. Context

May, 2010

As Copenhagen Accord clearly states that reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD+) has the crucial role, the necessity of taking immediate actions to scale up REDD+ actions and financing was broadly recognized by the international community. General agreement was made in Paris Ministerial Meeting in March to establish an interim mechanism for enhanced coordination on REDD+ assistance. Oslo Conference on Forest and Climate in May was a milestone for the international effort on REDD+, as it agrees the establishment of "REDD+ Partnership". The Ministerial Meeting on Forest Conservation Cooperation and Climate Change to be hosted by the Government of Japan in October will provide opportunity to review implementation of this Partnership and to discuss the way to further improve the efficiency and effectiveness of REDD+ actions and financing.

2. Objective

- Following up the Oslo Conference, Partners review the implementation of Partnership and share experiences and knowledge from successful cases among them, particularly with the view to further strengthening the coordination at the field level.
- To further promote the implementation of Partnership, Partners, particularly developing countries, exchange views on how to exercise their ownership in the process of improving readiness on REDD+ and how to activate south-south cooperation in and beyond regions.
- Expecting to provide strong political momentum for the success of the COP16, Partners contribute to the UNFCCC process by announcing current progress on REDD+ actions and implementation of fast-track financing.
- Partners recognize that forest conservation provides co-benefits of biodiversity conservation and climate change mitigation, and provide strong political momentum for the success of the CBD-COP10.

3. Program of the Meeting (subject to change)

- Date : 26th of October / sessions all day
- Venue : Nagoya, Aichi Prefecture
- Participating Members : Ministers from REDD+ Partnership countries which are willing to participate (Ministers who attend COP10 High Level Segment are expected), International Organizations (WB, ADB, ITTO, UN-REDD, UNFCCC, CBD, Congo Basin Forest Fund, etc.) and other Partners
- The meeting will be held during the CBD-COP10 at the same venue and be co-chaired by Japan and one developing country Partner.

4. Expected Outcome

Co-chairs are going to issue a chairs' summary which outline the core elements of discussions during the meeting. A status report on implementation of REDD+ Partnership can be made by co-chairs.