

REDD+ in Central Africa: lessons learned, issues and challenges

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Abstract

The countries of Central Africa involved in the REDD+ programme (Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation) are implementing the programme in accordance with international guidelines. To date, most of the countries involved are in the preparation phase, which comprises the development of a Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP) and of national REDD+ strategies. Four countries, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo and the Democratic Republic of Congo, have already had their R-PPs validated and are working on development of their national strategies. This event is an opportunity to present the various lessons learned by the countries from the process and to present to the international community the issues and challenges of the REDD+ mechanism. The workshop is intended to share the experience of REDD+ gained by the countries of Central Africa and also the challenges and opportunities that are arising today for better deployment of REDD+ in the region. In addition to informing the international community and raising its awareness about the issues and challenges of the REDD+ process in Central Africa, it also deals with communicating the positions of the countries in the Central African Forests Commission (COMIFAC) with regard to REDD+ and collecting contributions to enrich the draft "Guide for the development and implementation of R-PPs in Central Africa". Representatives of national REDD+ coordination bodies of the countries involved, civil society platforms working on REDD+ and climate change, and COMIFAC delegates will give presentations at this workshop.