



The Role of Commodity Roundtables & Avoided Forest Conversion in Subnational REDD+¹
Agriculture, Food Security & Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Accounting
Institute of the Americas, University of San Diego, California, USA

AGENDA

DAY 1 – September 7, 2011

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| Morning: | Optional informal meet and greet |
| 12:00 - 1:00PM | Welcome reception |
| 1:00 - 1:30PM | Official welcome by Dr. Charlie Kennel, former Director of Scripps Institute of Oceanography, former Director of NASA’s Mission to Earth, former Director of UCSD’s Sustainability Solutions Institute, member of U.S. National Academy of Sciences.

Welcome, Introductions and Goals: Barbara Bramble (NWF); John-O Niles (TFG); Roberto Smeraldi (Amigos da Terra- Amazônia Brasileira) |
| 1:30 - 2:30PM | <i>Framing the Challenges and Opportunities: What do we know?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim Searchinger (Princeton University) – overview of the issues to frame the workshop based on background paper • Responders: Jeffrey McNeely (IUCN); Gabrielle Kissinger (Lexme Consulting) • Discussion |
| 2:30 - 2:45PM | Break |
| 2:45 - 5:30PM | BLOCK 1: <i>Land Sparing: Can Intensification of Agriculture Save Forests?</i>
Four presentations – 15 minutes each (60 min), 2 responders (20 min) and then Q & A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romain Pirard (Institut du Développement Durable et des Relations Internationales) • Bernardo Strassburg (Instituto GAEA) • Tim Killeen (Conservation International) • Jose Luis Gomez (Acción Ambiental) • Responders: Avery Cohn (UC Berkeley); Michael Obersteiner (International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis) • Discussion |

¹ Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation, conservation of existing carbon stocks and enhancement of carbon stocks.

5:30 - 6:30PM Cocktail Reception
6:30PM Shuttle to hotel
7:00PM Group dinner (optional)

DAY 2 – September 8, 2011

8:00AM Breakfast

8:30 - 10:45AM **BLOCK 2: *Roundtable and Commodity-Led Approaches to Reducing GHG Emissions from Land-Use Change***

Moderator: Roberto Smeraldi (Amigos da Terra- Amazônia Brasileira)
Holly Gibbs (University of Wisconsin-Madison): Overview on key questions for Roundtables and GHG accounting

- Biofuels: Unpacking the Roundtable on Sustainable Biofuels (RSB) Methodology to account for GHGs
Barbara Bramble, RSB Chair (NWF)
- Palm Oil: Status of Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) efforts to include GHG considerations
Tim Killeen, RSPO GHG Working Group (Conservation International)
- Soy: Roundtable on Responsible Soy (RTRS)
Cassio Franco, RTRS Vice President (WWF)
- Sugar: Better Sugar Cane Initiative (Bon Sucro) (*tbc*)
Discussion

10:45 - 11:00AM Break

11:00AM - 12:30PM Cattle

- Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef
Bryan Weech (WWF)
- Brazilian Sustainable Beef Working Group (GTPS)
Ocimar Villela, GTPS President (Instituto ARES)
- SAN Cattle Standards and Climate Module
Mark Morage (Rainforest Alliance)
Discussion

12:30 - 1:30PM Lunch

1:30 - 3:30PM **BLOCK 3: *Breakout Groups with Lead Facilitators***
(each preceded by short “framing” presentation)

Group 1 – **“Operationalizing Land Sparing”** – What does it take to make it real? How can it be incorporated into REDD+ and what safeguards would be needed?
Framers: Craig Hanson (World Resources Institute) and Gary Paoli (Daemeter) (*tbc*)
Facilitator: Eric Palola (NWF)

- Group 2 –** “Getting to SBSTA²” – Where is SBSTA heading and what role is there for agriculture and commodity roundtables?
 Framers: Charlotte Streck (Climate Focus) and Doug Boucher (Union of Concerned Scientists)
 Facilitator: Barbara Bramble (NWF)
- Group 3 –** “Sub-national REDD” – What are the current examples and how should they treat agriculture?
 Framers: John-O Niles (TFG) and Laurent Micol (Instituto Centro de Vida)
 Facilitator: Nathalie Walker (NWF)
- 3:30 - 3:45PM Break
- 3:45 - 5:15PM **Groups Report Out** (90 min)
 Some ideas of the questions to address:
 What role is there for Roundtables in REDD+?
 Can REDD+ help incentivize restoration and avoided degradation approaches within the context of Roundtable-led standards?
 What are the inter-actions between agricultural expansion, GHG and HCV forests?
- 5:30PM Shuttle to hotel
 6:30PM Evening Reception and Dinner on the Beach/Scripps!

DAY 3 – September 9, 2011

- 8:00 - 10:45AM **BLOCK 4: Synergies Between Food Security and Reduced GHG Emissions**
 Moderator: Judson Valentim (Embrapa)
- Tim Searchinger (Princeton University) – Global overview of opportunities to reduce GHG emissions while increasing production
 - Tapan Adhya (Central Rice Research Institute, India)
 - Biruk Asfaw, (Save the Children US, Ethiopia)
 - Denise Deckers do Amaral (Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply)
 - Responders: Keith Kline (Oak Ridge National Laboratory); Guy Pinjov (Carbon War Room)
- 10:45 - 11:00AM Break
- 11:00AM - 12:00PM **Reflections from UNFCCC³ and SBSTA Delegates**
 Key insights and take-aways from the workshop
 Key leverage points for UNFCCC/SBSTA process going forward
 Recommendations for future research and clarification
 Recommendations to workshop sponsors on appropriate follow-on activities
- SBSTA Representatives: Alfred Gichu (National REDD+ Focal Point, Kenya); Franciso Sambo (Ministerio de Coordenação e Acção Ambiental, Mozambique); DRC (*tbc*); Indonesia (*tbc*)
- 12:00 - 12:30PM **Wrap Up – Thank-Yous & Next Steps**

² Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

³ United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change