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Governors' Climate and Forests Task Force



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WHO

Governors and delegates from 16 states and provinces from Brazil, Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria, Peru, and the U.S., encompassing more than 20% of the world's tropical forests convene as part of the Governors' Climate and Forests Task Force (GCF) at COP17.

WHAT

GCF member states and provinces converge on COP17 Forest Day to further advance subnational economic development and environmental protection via REDD+.

WHERE

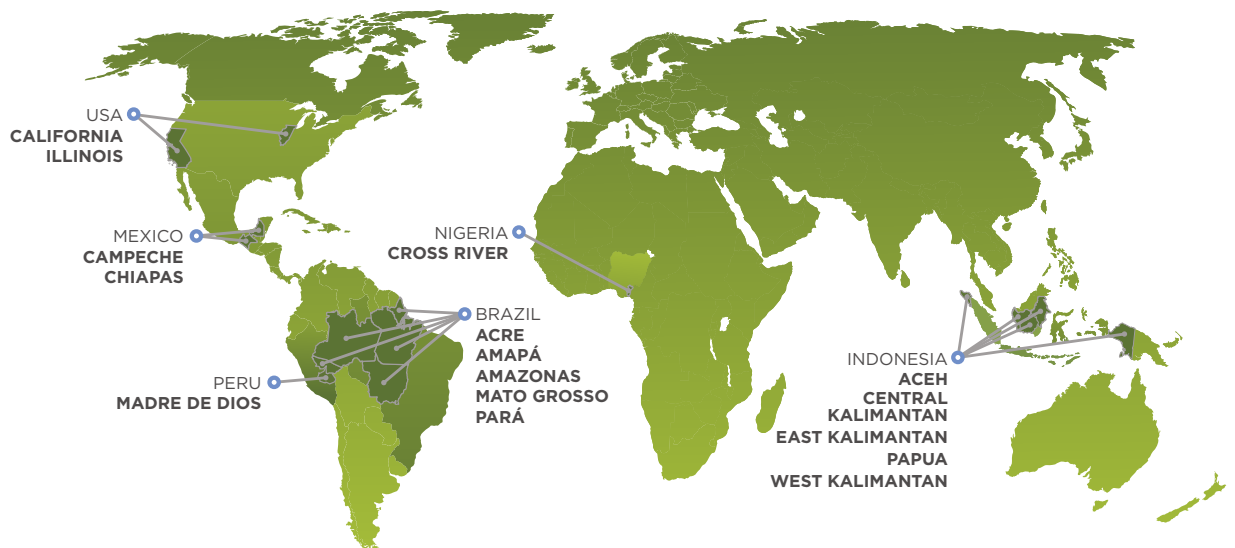
Olive Convention Center, Durban, South Africa

WHEN

COP17 Forest Day 5: Sunday, December 4, 2011

MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

- Global Updates on Forests and Climate Change 14:45 – 15:30: Presentation by GCF Cross River State, Nigeria member, Odigha Odigha, Chairman of the State Forestry Commission
› *Media Briefing with Odigha Odigha to follow presentation*
- Media briefing with GCF Governors and REDD+ leaders from 15:45 to 16:30 (participants listed below in the GCF-Related Schedule).
- Individual interviews with select governors and delegates during COP17 are also available.





FACT SHEET

WHAT IS THE GCF?

The GCF is a unique multi-jurisdictional collaborative effort between 16 states and provinces from Brazil, Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria, Peru (2012), and the U.S. focused on the development of rules and capabilities necessary to generate compliance-grade assets from Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD).

GCF SIGNIFICANCE

- The GCF states and provinces encompass more than 20% of world's tropical forests.
- The GCF includes key U.S. states that are at the vanguard of subnational GHG compliance systems in the U.S., including California.
- The GCF's collective efforts are the first at any level of governance to move into the "proof of concept" stage in the effort to generate compliance-grade REDD+ assets that could plug into various market and non-market opportunities (e.g. pay-for-performance public finance, carbon markets and ongoing efforts to de-carbonize agro-food supply chains).
- The GCF is developing concrete recommendations for policymakers and regulatory authorities in the U.S. and elsewhere for incorporating REDD+ and sequestrations from other forest carbon activities into emerging GHG compliance systems.
- The GCF has emerged as a focal point for efforts around the world to bring subnational REDD+ efforts into ongoing national and international policy discussions and development.

GCF-MEMBER & ORGANIZATIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- GCF governments have imposed logging bans, wall-to-wall land-use zoning, and rural law enforcement programs. Some early mover GCF members are in the process of adopting comprehensive state-level REDD+ programs and enacting novel legislation that creates incentives for forest protection while penalizing forest destruction as they build economies that are gradually increasing the value of standing forests through forest-dependent industries.

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The GCF Fund

The GCF established the Governors' Climate & Forests Fund (GCF Fund) in 2011 to support REDD+ activities in GCF tropical forest states and provinces. The new GCF Fund will support critical collective needs identified by GCF members as they build jurisdictional REDD+ programs as well as innovative proof-of-concept activities in individual jurisdictions. Created as an independent funding mechanism to support subnational REDD+ activities across GCF states and provinces in a transparent manner, the GCF Fund also provides an opportunity to develop new, innovative approaches to climate finance.

In August 2011, the GCF Fund secured its first contribution of \$1.5 million from the U.S. Department of State to support improved forest carbon accounting and enhanced stakeholder processes in the GCF's tropical forest jurisdictions. The Fund is seeking an additional \$4.5 million to support its first set of initiatives in 2012/2013, which will include model benefit-sharing programs and REDD+ program design, as well as additional resources for future activities.

The GCF REDD+ Knowledge Database

Developed in 2011, the GCF REDD+ Knowledge Database is the most comprehensive publicly available, transparent, and current source of information about REDD+ activities in the GCF's tropical forest jurisdictions. It serves as the primary vehicle through which the GCF is tracking and evaluating its members' REDD+ activities (policies, programs, and projects) and capacities (legal, technical, and institutional) and, importantly, how the GCF is identifying the immediate and collective needs common to all GCF members. This critical information will directly inform the funding priorities of the GCF Fund. The GCF Knowledge Database will go public in early 2012.

2012 GCF GOALS

Under the leadership of the 2012 GCF Chair, Chiapas, the GCF will be focused on several continuing activities:

- Refining and enhancing the GCF Knowledge Database of REDD+ information on current status and trends regarding land use and deforestation; forest carbon accounting efforts and methodologies; REDD implementation activities; and REDD related financial flows in the GCF member jurisdictions;
- Securing additional funds for the GCF Fund to provide technical assistance and financial support for REDD+ capacity building and proof-of-concept activities in GCF tropical forest jurisdictions;
- Updating and implementing a common subnational REDD+ framework in GCF jurisdictions;
- Developing options for linkage arrangements necessary to bring sector-based REDD+ offsets from tropical forest GCF jurisdictions into emerging GHG compliance systems such as California;
- Pursuing other market and non-market opportunities for GCF member REDD+ activities;
- Facilitating cooperative efforts between GCF members and their respective federal governments; and
- Advancing stakeholder involvement and transparency in all aspects of the GCF's work.

GCF SUPPORTERS





GCF-RELATED SCHEDULE

GCF-RELATED ACTIVITIES AT COP 17: WEEK 1

DATE	TIME	TITLE	THEME/SPEAKER
Wednesday 30 Nov 2011	11:00 – 13:00	Title: Provincial Low Carbon Growth Strategy: A Study of Central Kalimantan, Indonesia Location: International Convention Centre, Indonesian Pavilion	Description: The presentation will show how it is possible for Central Kalimantan province to reduce its greenhouse gas emission and grow its economy to create better livelihoods for its diverse population. Presenter: Teras Narang, Governor of Central Kalimantan (GCF-member Province), Indonesia
	15:00 – 16:30	Title: Pioneer experiences on indigenous REDD+ Initiatives: The Surui Forest Carbon Project Location: International Convention Centre, Indwe River	Description: The event will present the background and development process of the Surui Project, a REDD+ initiative fully led and designed by the Paiter Surui People (Brazil), exploring baseline development, implementation strategy, establishment of Surui Fund and nesting into subnational and national systems. GCF Partner Organization: Institute for Conservation and Sustainable Development of Amazonas (IDESAM)
	20:15 – 21:45	Title: REDD+ in Brazil: the participation of Sub-National Government in the implementation of REDD policies Location: International Convention Centre, Amanzimtoti River	Description: The Brazilian Federal and subnational governments have shown global leadership in REDD+ design and implementation. The Amazon Environmental Research Institute (IPAM) and state representatives discuss how Brazilian Amazonian states are considering a “nested approach” to the REDD+ within national policies and participatory processes. Organization: IPAM GCF Presenters: TBD
Friday 02 Dec 2011	14:30 – 16:30	Title: Addressing REDD+ social and environmental safeguards: experiences using REDD+ SES and other mechanism. Location: International Convention Centre, Blyde River	Description: This event presents how Ecuador, Nepal, Acre (Brazil) and partners including national CSOs, CCBA and CARE are addressing and providing information on REDD+ social and environmental safeguards as well as enhancing multiple benefits, using REDD+ SES with other safeguard mechanisms e.g. UN-REDD, FCPF. GCF-Member State: Acre, Brazil
Sunday 04 Dec 2011	All Day	Title: Forest Day Location: Olive Convention Centre, 81 Somtseu Road	GCF Booth # 27

DATE	TIME	TITLE	THEME/SPEAKER
Sunday 04 Dec 2011	13:30 – 14:30	Forest Day: Issues Marketplace Location: Olive Convention Centre, 81 Somtseu Road	Session Title: How is REDD+ unfolding on the ground? An exploration of the social, political and biophysical issues GCF Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mariana Pavan, GCF Coordinator for Brazil Coordinator of the Climate Change and Environmental Services Program, IDESAM - Institute for Conservation and Sustainable Development of Amazonas • Avi Mahaningtyas, GCF Coordinator for Indonesia Chief of Economic and Environmental Cluster, Kemitraan Partnership for Governance Reform
	14:45 – 15:30	Forest Day: Global Updates on Forests & Climate Change Location: Olive Convention Centre, 81 Somtseu Road	GCF Presenter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Odigha Odigha, Head of Forestry Commission, Cross River State, Nigeria
	15:45 – 16:30	Forest Day: GCF Governors Media Briefing Location: Olive Convention Centre, 81 Somtseu Road	GCF Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor of Central Kalimantan, Agustin Teras Narang • Governor of Acre: Sebastião Afonso Viana Macedo Neves • Minister Kuntoro Mangkusubroto, Head of the President's Delivery Unit for Development Monitoring and Oversight • Chair of the California Air Resources Board, Mary Nichols • Other governors (TBD) • Various secretaries for the Environment and Forestry Commission (TBD)
	16:00 – 17:30	Forest Day: Financing Opportunities and Issues for Mitigation and Adaptation (Focus on Private Sector) Location: Olive Convention Centre, 81 Somtseu Road	Keynote Presenter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor Tião Viana, Acre State (GCF-member), Brazil

GCF-RELATED ACTIVITIES AT COP 17: WEEK 2

DATE	TIME	TITLE	THEME/SPEAKERS
Tuesday 06 Dec 2011	11:00 – 13:00	Title: Learning Notes from Provinces: Sub-national Low Carbon Development and REDD+ Development in Indonesia Location: International Convention Centre, Indonesian Pavilion	Description: A sharing and discussion forum that will cover issues regarding low carbon development strategy and its relevance to REDD+ in sub-national level in provinces such as: logging moratorium policy, forest governance, concession and landscape evaluation, land uses and governance approach in managing forestry and other land-base natural resources. The forum will present a brief report and discuss the development of low carbon development paradigm shift and practices in REDD+ achieved by provinces like Aceh, Central Kalimantan, East Kalimantan and Papua. GCF Partner Organization: Kemitraan Partnership & Governors' Climate and Forests Task Force (GCF) GCF-Member Provinces and Presenters: REDD Taskforce: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aceh Province • Papua Province • East Kalimantan Province • Central Kalimantan Province