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Emerging Economic Mechanisms: Implications for Forest-Related Policies and Sector Governance

International Conference-Forum (in the framework of COFO-World Forestry Week) FAO Headquarters, Rome, 6-8 October 2010

FIRST CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

January 2010

deadline for 1st set of abstracts submission: end February 2010

Background

Emerging economic mechanisms such as Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD), the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM), certification schemes, payments of environmental services (PES) and Voluntary Partnership Agreements (VPAs) in the context of Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT) promise to promote sustainable forest management and improve governance in the forest sector. In addition, they offer new investment opportunities. Directly or indirectly, they focus on valuing the environmental services of forests, which in the past have been often considered as being non-marketable. They also tend to address forestry in the context of broader land use issues at the landscape level and may foster better integration of forestry with other sectors.

These emerging economic mechanisms will almost certainly influence policies, not only in the forest sector but also in related sectors. They will require stronger cross-sectoral cooperation and may have profound impacts on the way the forest sector is governed, including changes in the roles and functions of forestry institutions, particularly in the public sector. Special attention is to be paid to the redistribution of costs and benefits.

The Conference will bring together policy specialists, economists, managers and decision makers to discuss how forest policies, governance and institutions are being and will be affected by the new economic mechanisms and what changes will be required to adapt to the new rules of the game. Global policy and economic analysis as well as national and field based case studies will be presented and discussed with the objective to contribute to a common vision of the directions the evolution of forest policies, institutions and the regulatory framework should take in response to the growing importance of those innovative economic mechanisms. Special consideration will be given to the present debate and prospects for REDD or REDD+. COFO-World Forestry Week, when country delegations from all over the world will be in Rome to share experience and provide feedback and guidance to FAO's work, will give the framework for this opportunity of exchange.



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Tentative Programme

- Tuesday 5 October 2010

18.00-20.00: ice breaking reception

- Wednesday 6 October 2010

09.00-10.00: introductory session.

10.00-10.30: *coffee break*

10.30-12.30: scientific session 1 (1 keynote address, 4 papers)

12.30-14.00: *lunch*, poster session

14.00-16.00: discussion forum A (roundtable with 6 speakers)

16.00-16.30: *coffee break*

16.30-18.30: discussion forum B (roundtable with 6 speakers)

- Thursday 7 October 2010

08.30-10.30: scientific session 2 (5 papers)

10.30-11.00: *coffee break*

11.00-13.00: scientific session 3 (5 papers)

13.00-14.00: *lunch*, poster session

14.00-16.00: discussion forum C (roundtable with 6 speakers)

16.00-16.30: *coffee break*

16.30-18.30: discussion forum D (roundtable with 6 speakers)

20.00: *official dinner*

- Friday 8 October 2010

08.00-15.00: field trip in a public forest close to Rome

16.00-18.00: concluding session (conclusions and recommendations from the Conference for further action and research)

18.00: closure of the Conference

Focus and structure of the Conference

The Conference will include scientific sessions with papers presented, a poster exhibition and discussion fora where decision makers and scientists will share and discuss their views.

The participants are invited to address the following key questions, using one or several of the economic mechanisms mentioned in the framework:

How do the emerging economic mechanisms affect:

- *Forest governance: How will these economic mechanisms affect the role of the government vis a vis the market? Do they require changes in the way the forest sector is governed? Do they value all services provided by the forest? How will they affect the distribution of benefits from the forest uses? Will there be winners and losers?*

- *National policies of forests and land use: Do existing policies ensure that the new economic mechanisms will develop and function effectively? Are new policies needed? Will the economic mechanisms change the role of policies?*

- *Institutional reform: How will the emerging economic mechanisms affect public and private institutions and the links between them? Will they require changes in the role, function and structure of public administrations in charge of forest management and conservation? How may the institutional arrangements be adapted to the new situation?*

These issues will be dealt with in 3 scientific sessions (one on Wednesday 6 morning; two on Thursday 7 morning), during 4 fora (two on Wednesday 6 afternoon, two on Thursday 7 afternoon) and on posters exhibited in the conference room (Wednesday 6 lunch time, Thursday 7 lunch time).

During the fora, these core issues will be discussed in roundtables by a panel of decision makers and researchers, actively involving the audience. All the conference will be in English.

Selection of scientific papers and posters

The authors of papers and posters are invited to submit abstracts of papers (20 lines-300 words) under the different key topics. The abstracts will be selected by the scientific committee and classified into 3 categories:

- 15 papers to be presented in scientific plenary sessions;

- 12 oral presentations to be presented in discussion fora;

- up to 50 posters exhibited in the conference room and presented during the lunch time. The scientific committee may request selected authors of posters to send in their full presentations, with the perspective of possible publication in journals after the Conference.

(Parallel to the selection of the scientific presentations, FAO will identify the managers and decision makers taking part in the fora)

**Abstracts are to be sent by e-mail attached document to gerard.buttoud@unitus.it
with copy to fcarbhone@unitus.it and to barbati.sisfor@unitus.it**

Presentation of papers

Pre-Conference Proceedings, published by the University of Tuscia, will be distributed to all registered participants.

They will include the full papers (15) presented in the scientific sessions, some additional full papers, the abstracts of the presentations by scientists in discussion fora, and the abstracts of the posters to be exhibited. The presentations in the scientific sessions and some selected additional papers presented as posters during the Conference or discussed in the fora, will be sent as full texts to the organisers (Times Roman 12, 12 pages maximum including abstract, tables, figures and bibliography).

One or two special issues of international peer reviewed journals will be published including selected papers presented in the conference.

Logistical arrangements

The participants will make their own arrangements for accommodation, lunch and dinner. A list of hotels in the vicinity of FAO will be provided to registered participants by the organizers.

Registration

The registration fee (normal rate 250 €) includes the following: participation in ice breaking reception, participation in an official dinner on day 2, participation in field trip excursion with lunch on day 3, and a personal copy of the pre-conference proceedings. The registration fees cannot be reduced if participants are planning to only attend parts of the event. A half-price rate of 125 € is offered to PhD students, and scientists from developing and transitioning countries (up to 40 participants on a first-served basis). The members of the organising and scientific committees, and representatives from organising institutions, sponsors and official delegates, are exempted from registration fees.

The organisers are applying for a EU scientific grant to fully or partly sponsor selected participants. More information will be available at the time the registration for the Conference opens in early May 2010.

Time schedule

mid January: 1st call for abstracts

end February: deadline for 1st set of abstracts submission

mid March: selection of 1st set of abstracts, e-mail notification to authors

end March: 2nd call for abstracts

beginning May: registration open

mid May: deadline for 2nd set of abstracts submission

end May: selection of 2nd set of abstracts, e-mail notification to authors

end August: deadline for papers submission

beginning September: final programme of conference

end September: deadline for registration

A dedicated website will be created in spring 2010. Before then, information will be shared through e-mail. Any clarification may be asked to the University of Tuscia, Viterbo, Italy :

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