

1. Organizer

Forestry & Forest Products Research Institute, JAPAN (FFPRI)

Co-organized by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO), Conservation International Japan, and Japan Forest Technology Association (JAFTA)

2. Title

Facilitating Private Sector Participation in REDD+ Activities

3. Theme

REDD-plus has become one of the major topics of discussion in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). This is because REDD-plus has a huge potential for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in developing countries, and is also expected to contribute to sustainable forest management respecting safeguards in developing countries.

While international discussions and negotiations have been continuously taking place, deforestation and forest degradation is increasing worldwide. Thus, early REDD-plus actions such as readiness activities should be placed on the highest priority. Practices and experiences gained from such early actions are sure to contribute to developing a framework for REDD-plus.

Japan proposed a Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) as one of the ways to leverage Japan's contribution to reducing GHG emissions around the world. However, as to how to implement REDD-plus activities under the JCM remains under discussion.

In this side event, we presented lessons learned from REDD+ feasibility studies by the Japanese private sector (incl. NGOs and private companies) and a role of the public sector to facilitate participation of private entities.

FFPRI introduced draft guidelines for REDD+ which was envisaging bilateral mechanisms based on the inputs from the private sector and JICA. Based on this information, participants were expected to discuss how to facilitate the private sector participation in REDD+ activities.

4. Agenda and speakers

Welcome speech

/H.E. Masahiko Horie (Ambassador for Global Environmental Affairs, GOJ)

Presentation 1 : Lessons learned from REDD+ feasibility study for JCM

/Mr. Kei Suzuki (Japan Forest Technology Association)

Presentation 2 : Tackling with driver of deforestation in partnership with private sector: Case study from Alto Mayo, Peru /Ms. Kana Yamashita (CI Japan)

Presentation 3 : Participation of the private sector in REDD+

/ Dr. Carmenza Robledo (ECOEXISTENCE - Robledo Abad Althaus, Switzerland)

Presentation 4 : JICA's Supports for REDD+ Readiness Phase

/ Mr. Kazuhiro Goseki (JICA)

Presentation 5: Development of REDD+ Guidelines for JCM

/Dr. Mitsuo Matsumoto (FFPRI)

Question and answer session

Moderator : Dr. Mitsuo Matsumoto

5. Outline of presentations and discussions

At the opening of the session, H.E. Masahiko Horie (Ambassador for Global Environmental Affairs, GOJ) delivered a speech together with his own experiences. In his speech, he noted that forest-related issues is receiving increasing attention in international meetings on environment and that Japan has offered various contributions including financial and technological supports.

Following the speech by H.E. Horie, Mr. Kei Suzuki (Japan Forest Technology Association) and Ms. Kana Yamashita (CI Japan) made speeches respectively. Their speeches included possibilities and challenges derived from the implementation of REDD+ projects under a Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM), based on the experiences in a feasibility studies for JCM carrying out under the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry. Ms. Yamashita explained their newly started REDD+ project combined with growing coffee in Alto Mayo, Peru and suggested the possibility for creating profit generating system by buying and selling environmentally friendly products.

Dr. Carmenza Robledo also made a speech on behalf of the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO). During his presentation, he raised questions about the need and challenges in financing REDD+ by the private sector.

Following his speech, Mr. Kazuhiro Goseki (JICA) gave a speech. His speech included the introduction of an infrastructure development carried out by JICA that aims to facilitate participation of the private sector. Dr. Mitsuo Matsumoto (FFPRI) gave a presentation as a final presenter in the session on the development of the guidelines for possible introduction of REDD+ in JCM.

In the following question and answer session, Ms. Yamashita was asked for more detailed explanations about the project in Alto Mayo, Peru. Active discussions on how to generate incentive to the private sector also took place during the session.

6. Photograph

