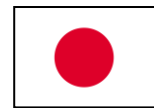




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Statement by Japanese Senior-Vice Environment Minister Shoichi Kondo Aichi-Nagoya Ministerial Meeting of the REDD+ Partnership

Thank you, co-Chairs.

On behalf of the Government of Japan, I, Shoichi Kondo, Senior Vice-Minister of the Environment, would like to present Japan's views and recommendations concerning REDD+ and the REDD+ partnership.

Before moving into REDD+ issues, let me first express my sincere gratitude to be able to welcome you, your Excellency and distinguished delegates, to my hometown Aichi-Nagoya. Though located in a modern metropolitan area, Aichi-Nagoya is actively engaged in biodiversity conservation and sustainable use of ecosystem services.

For example, Nagoya city has strongly committed to conservation of the Fujimae Tidal Flat, which is registered as a "wetland of international importance" under the Ramsar Convention. Fujimae Tidal Flat is the precious natural environment in the heart of metropolitan area, and is one of the largest stopovers for migratory birds in Japan.

As for Aichi prefecture, about 900 organizations including all primary schools and junior high schools joined in the "Green Wave Campaign" to cultivate a better understanding through tree-planting activities.

Now, I would like to move into our theme on REDD+. Japan has long-standing experiences in domestic forestation and forest management. Based on these experiences, Japan, as major donor country in the forestry sector, has contributed for capacity-building and technical supports to developing countries, and has further accumulated experiences and knowledge there.

I believe, if these experiences and knowledge synthesis with technologies, we would tackle our challenges to deforestation and forest degradation more effectively and efficiently

In this point of view, I would like to emphasize that Japan's advanced technologies such as remote sensing could contribute measuring, reporting, and verification of reduced GHG emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, and contribute monitoring forest resources.

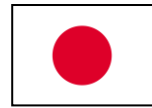
In addition, I would like to introduce that Japan has research institutions such as the REDD Research and Development Center as a hub of REDD+ related research and technology. To take full advantages of these, Japan will positively contribute establishment of a future REDD+ mechanism.

Now, I would like to address three key issues for effectively implementing REDD+ activities hereafter.

Firstly, establishment of a framework to stimulate private finance and investments is important. We should find the way to respond to the large scale of financial demands.



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Secondly, it is necessary to develop monitoring methodologies for forest carbon. To fully implement REDD+ activities, a system for MRV which monitor amount of GHG emission reduction by REDD+ activities is essential. We should work for the establishment of feasible MRV methodologies.

Lastly, I would like to point out that in implementing REDD+ activities, co-benefits with biodiversity conservation and enhancement of livelihood of local people should be taken into account.

I would like to turn into the issue on the REDD+ Partnership.

We have two proposals to further enhance activities of the REDD+ Partnership.

Firstly, it is important to take full advantage of shared knowledge, experiences and best practices.

We should not consume the essential information in a temporary manner.

So, it is important to improve, preserve, accumulate and analyze the information in an organized manner.

Secondly, it is important to make the best use of outcomes of the Partnership activities for an actual action on the ground.

The main focus of the 2010 work program is on improving the transparency of activities and its finance and on analysis of the current situation.

But year 2011 and 2012, we should consider how to take actions based on the achievement in 2010.

Engagement of and collaboration with various stakeholders including business is also important while implementing activities.

Being a co-chair, Japan has been actively engaged in the process of REDD+ Partnership since its establishment.

And here I reaffirm our willingness to continuously contribute to the activities of REDD + partnership. REDD+, as well as mitigation, finance, adaptation and technology, is one of the essential elements in a balanced and packaged outcome in UNFCCC COP16 and CMP6 in Cancun next month.

I expect that success of this meeting will contribute to achieving a successful outcome at COP16 and CMP6.

At the same time, I wish you every success of the COP10 High level segment which will start tomorrow and a wonderful stay here in Aichi-Nagoya.

Thank you for your attention.

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