

Reducing Emissions from Deforestation in Developing Countries: Methodological and Policy Issues

SB24 Side Event

Friday, May 19th 2006, 18:00-20:00

Room Wind

Ministry of Environment (BMU) building, a two-minute walk from the Hotel Maritim

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Summary

This side event summarizes an international workshop held in Bad Blumau, Austria, on 10-12 May 2006 (www.joanneum.at/REDD). The workshop provided a timely forum for an exchange of ideas, and an assessment of methodological and policy approaches for reducing emissions from deforestation. Participants discussed the 31 March submissions by Parties, IGOs and NGOs, and brainstormed on possible future pathways regarding positive incentives at international and national levels, as well as how methodological issues could be resolved.

Presentations:

- Overview of the workshop, with focus on presentations given during the plenary session: (Bernhard Schlamadinger, Joanneum Research, Austria)
- Trends, Causes and Countermeasures at National Level (Ewald Rametsteiner, IIASA; Austria and Margaret Skutsch, University of Twente, The Netherlands)
- Methodological and technical issues (Daniel Murdiyarto, CIFOR, Indonesia and Ken Andrasko, US Environmental Protection Agency)
- Instruments and mechanisms at the international level (Tracy Johns, Union of Concerned Scientists, USA and Claudio Forner, CIFOR, Indonesia)

Each presentation will be 15 minutes followed by questions for clarification. 45 minutes are reserved for a general discussion.