

## Workshop Announcement

# Options for Including LULUCF Activities in a Post-2012 International Climate Agreement

An Expert Meeting to Brainstorm on Objectives of LULUCF, Options for Inclusion of LULUCF in a Climate Agreement, and Implications of these Options

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## Background

The negotiated land-use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF) framework for Articles 3.3, 3.4, 6 and 12 of the Kyoto Protocol was a result of evolving political process and considerable scientific uncertainty. The negotiations started at COP3 (1997), when the Protocol was initially signed. Much uncertainty was left and the IPCC was commissioned to write a special report on LULUCF. Final agreement on the detailed rules for the first commitment period, 2008-2012 was reached at COP7 in Marrakech in 2001, and the Kyoto Protocol enters into force on 16 February, 2005.

Parties to the Protocol are to initiate negotiations for commitments after 2012 in 2005, at least seven years before the end of the first commitment period (Article 3.9). As well, the whole Kyoto Protocol will be reviewed at the second session of the COP after the Protocol has entered into force. In this light, this is an opportune time to revisit LULUCF: what it aims to achieve and how climate policy post-2012 could be designed to reach these goals. This workshop is designed to bring together experts on issues surrounding LULUCF and to allow them to discuss and formulate options for inclusion of LULUCF in an international climate change agreement beyond 2012.

## Objective

The focus of the workshop is on the objectives of LULUCF activities, options how LULUCF could be included in an international climate framework in order to move towards achieving these objectives, and an evaluation of the options. The workshop aims to:

- Assess and discuss the benefits and difficulties of LULUCF within the Kyoto Protocol;
- Discuss the objectives for LULUCF in a post-2012 international climate change agreement;
- Discuss improvements to the current modalities, new activities for inclusion within a post-2012 international climate change agreement; and alternative architectures for consideration of LULUCF;
- Document and evaluate the options identified.

The workshop will feature presentations to “set the scene”, followed by working group discussions aimed at the concrete formulation and evaluation of options for the post-2012 period.

The workshop will build on a working paper currently in circulation and being authored by numerous LULUCF specialists. Each of the working groups will produce a paper summarizing the consensus achieved in the discussions, and where possible narrowing down the options, evaluating the options, and making progress at technical level. These reports will serve as a background for negotiations on LULUCF (among other topics) to commence in the near future.

## Target Audience

The workshop is primarily targeted at:

- Researchers and experts working on climate policy and technical issues related to LULUCF activities including monitoring, reporting and accounting;
- Staff of institutions involved in preparation of GHG inventories under the Kyoto Protocol and possibly under a future agreement; and
- Policy and decision makers on climate policy issues related to LULUCF in all countries.

The workshop is limited to forty (40) participants from a wide range of countries and regions. Therefore, and in order to provide for geographical balance and a balanced attendance from research and governmental organizations, participation may have to be restricted accordingly.

## Proposed Agenda

The workshop will be divided into three sections:

1. Plenary session with brief presentations including an introduction of LULUCF objectives, issues, options and criteria for evaluation (0.75 days);
2. Breakout groups for detailed discussion of issues and options (1.0 days); and
3. A wrap-up session to present preliminary conclusions and an agenda to move forward (0.25 days).

Participants will be allowed to move from one breakout session to another at the start of the second day, on a limited basis to allow for cross-pollination.

### Plenary Presentations

1. LULUCF – a global carbon cycle perspective (TBC) – P. Canadell, Global Carbon Project.
2. LULUCF and the Kyoto negotiations: Lessons learned, key principles – M. Ward, J. Penman or C. Forner (exact title and presenters TBC).
3. Goals and criteria for including the biosphere in future commitment periods (TBC) – R. Benndorf, UBA and Anke Herold, Oeko Institut.
4. Options for including LULUCF activities in a post-2012 international climate agreement, state of working paper –B. Schlamadinger, Joanneum Research.
5. A review of options for the treatment of LULUCF activities in a post 2012 framework – B. Orlando, IUCN.
6. Initial discussions in Japan on post 2012 LULUCF issues – Y. Yamagata, NIES
7. Compensated reduction of tropical deforestation – P. Moutinho, IPAM.
8. Reducing emissions from tropical deforestation: applying compensated reductions in Ghana, Y. Osafo, independent consultant, Ghana.
9. A proposal to promote the conservation of C stocks in the biosphere – A. Freibauer, Max-Planck-Institute and CarboEurope.
10. Average carbon stocks approach – M. Kirschbaum, CSIRO.

### Breakout Groups

The breakout groups (BOGs) will be decided upon depending on interest by the participants. Potential sessions could include:

1. Improving the existing LULUCF approach (Articles 3.3, 3.4, CDM);
2. Developing a new architecture for LULUCF; and
3. Compensated reduction and other ways to address deforestation in developing countries.

**PLEASE NOTE: Potential participants are asked for feedback concerning this BOG structure. Please contact the organizers to suggest topics for a BOG (such as separation into forest and non-forest issues).**

## Organization

The workshop will take place on Thursday and Friday, 5-6 May 2005 in Graz, Austria. There will be a special group dinner at a traditional Styrian country inn on Thursday night and an excursion into the Styrian countryside or within the city of Graz on Saturday.

## Venue

Hotel Schlossberg (A-8010 Graz, Kaiser-Franz-Josef Kai 30, tel. +43 316 80 70, fax: +43 316 80 700, e-mail: [office@schlossberg-hotel.at](mailto:office@schlossberg-hotel.at) , [www.schlossberg-hotel.at](http://www.schlossberg-hotel.at) ).

## Accommodation

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**Hotel Erzherzog Johann** (A-8010 Graz , Sackstrasse 3-5, tel. +43 316 81 16 16, fax +43 316 81 15 15, e-mail: [office@erzherzog-johann.com](mailto:office@erzherzog-johann.com), [www.erzherzog-johann.com](http://www.erzherzog-johann.com)). Price: 108€ for single room. Mention – “CarboInvent”.

### Budget accommodation is available at:

**Pension Teuschler** (A-8043 Graz, Mariatrosterstraße 12 Tel. +43 (316) 32 14 48; Fax +43 (316) 32 14 48 website: [www.teuschler.at](http://www.teuschler.at) email: [hotel@teuschler.at](mailto:hotel@teuschler.at)). About 20 minutes by Tram#1 to the Schlossberg Hotel. Price: 59€for single room including breakfast. Mention – “CarboInvent”.

**Pension Rückert** (A-8010 Graz, Rückertgasse 4 Tel: +43 (316) 323031 Fax: +43 (316) 323031). About 10 minutes by Tram#1 to the Schlossberg Hotel. Price: 49€ for single room including breakfast.

**Hotel Alter Telegraf** (A-8010 Graz, Grabenstrasse 12, Tel/Fax: +43 (316) 68 65 58, e-mail: [alter.telegraf@aon.at](mailto:alter.telegraf@aon.at) ). Price: 42€for single room. Mention – “CarboInvent”.

## Fees

The participation fee is 250 €per participant for the two days and includes lunch and coffee / snacks on both days, the conference dinner and transportation to the dinner and field excursion.

Limited travel support for participants from Developing Countries will be available.

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## Related Workshops

This workshop immediately follows another workshop entitled:

**Land-use Related Choices under the Kyoto Protocol - Obligations, Options and Methodologies for Defining “Forest” and Selecting Activities under Kyoto Protocol Article 3.4.**

This workshop takes place at the same venue on 2-4 May, preceded by an excursion on 1 May. For more information please contact [wojtek.galinski@joanneum.at](mailto:wojtek.galinski@joanneum.at) .