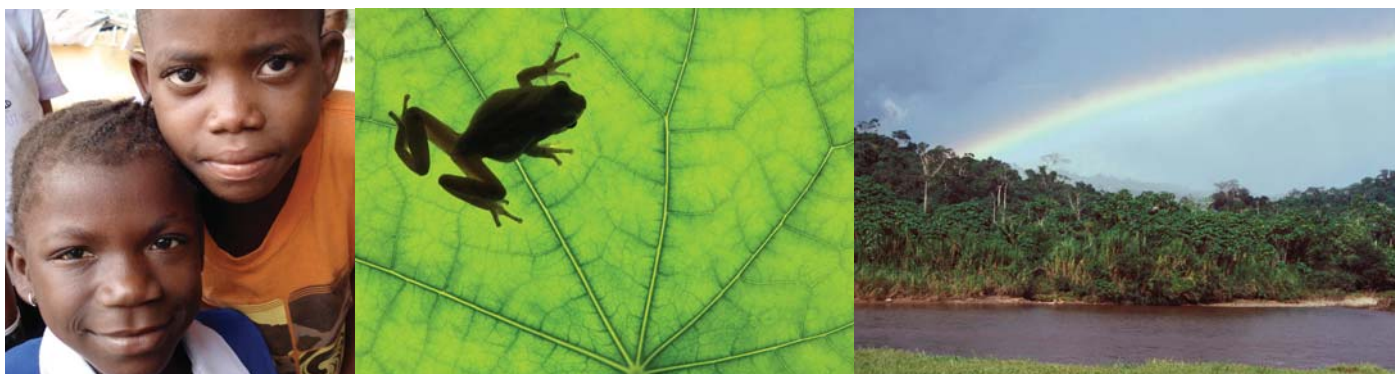


A 360° View of Forests: People, Biodiversity, Carbon, and More



A side event during CBD COP 10, Nagoya, Japan



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2010 International Year of Biodiversity



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Tuesday, 26 October, 18:15 – 19:45, Event Hall, Building I, 1st floor

Discussions on REDD+ and other payments for ecosystem services (PES) are showing the need for a holistic approach to forest management. For example, it is now widely accepted that REDD+ efforts can only be successful if they are built on a strong foundation of good forest governance in resilient and well-managed forests. Existing forest related agreements, notably the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests (also known as the forest instrument), and the International Tropical Timber Agreement (ITTA), provide the policy basis for the necessary transition to sustainable forest management.

This event will present developments under the strategic partnership arrangements¹ between the secretariats of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF), and the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO).

It will highlight recent and proposed joint activities, including: outreach activities in the International Year of Forests 2011; capacity building efforts on forest biodiversity and climate change; and an ITTO support programme for the implementation of the CBD programme of work on forest biodiversity.

18:15 – 19:15 Speakers:

- *Jan McAlpine*, Director, UNFF Secretariat
- *Emmanuel Ze Meka*, Executive Director, ITTO
- *Tim Christophersen*, Convention on Biological Diversity Secretariat
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan (tbc)
- Presentation of the joint ceremony for the closing of the International Year of Biodiversity and the seamless transition to the International Year of Forests 2011 (18 and 19 December 2010, Kanazawa, Ishikawa Prefecture) (tbc)

Moderator: *Eduardo Mansur*, ITTO

19:15 – 19:30:

- Memorandum of Understanding Signing Ceremony between ITTO and the UNFF Secretariat, in the framework of the International Year on Forests 2011.

19:30 onwards:

- Cocktail reception

¹Based on CBD Decision IX/5, in which the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to explore possibilities for developing a work plan with targeted joint activities with the UNFF, and to enhance collaboration with the members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF). Memoranda of Understanding have been signed with ITTO and with UNFF, available at www.cbd.int/agreements