

Topic: Technical and methodological issues and approaches for reducing emissions in the context of sustainable forest management

1 Overview of technical issues (half-page or less)

- **Role of SFM for production of forest goods**

Types of activities – timber extraction rates; sustainable vs unsustainable activities; capacity building, governance

- Monitoring (where/what scale, biomass change/extraction volume, area impacted, reference levels)
- Availability of data on carbon/biomass stocks for estimating GHG emissions levels in the forest sector
- Carbon accounting/estimation (project to national level)
- Confirmation of emissions reductions (carbon audits)
- How to finance REDD (and environmental services)
 - How to distribute funds/benefits to stakeholders
 - Whether and how to establish contracts or agreements
- Need for capacity building
- Definitions (eg degradation) and scope (forest? industry?)
- Impact of extreme/unusual events on reference emissions levels, monitoring and funding commitments (eg El Nino, Asian financial crisis, conflict, etc.)

2 Three to five key issues to be considered in the framework of ITTO and other forums

- Governance, equity, civil society/community involvement, human rights, poverty reduction
- Sustainable financing mechanism
- REDD implications on emissions mitigation
- REDD impacts on environmental services
- Credible/transparent monitoring system
- Data availability to establish credible reference emissions levels (carbon dynamics in tropical ecosystems, carbon stocks of logged/unlogged, etc)
- Cooperation/coordination with international/ regional fora

3 Recommendations

- **Include REDD in upcoming Accra meeting agenda (ITTO)**
- Support further regional meetings on role of forest communities in climate change mitigation (ITTO)
- Encourage to support national consultation process on REDD (ITTO)
- Support policy and institutional frameworks to reward local communities for their contributions to REDD (ITTO)
- Global review of best practice in rights based approaches to REDD (ITTO)
- Introduce carbon component in ITTO projects (to collect and disseminate information)
- Update C&I to reflect current state of knowledge on REDD and SFM (ITTO)
- Report on progress contributing to REDD at UNFCCC COP 15 (ITTO)
- Commitment to increase capacity of personnel working on climate change issues at national level and to retain them (governments)