

# **BREAKOUT GROUP FOR AFRICA**

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## **POLICY NEEDS**

- i. **Focus on policy makers – need to understand opportunity cost of CC**
- ii. **Capture climate change issues in forest policy framework**
- iii. **Integrate CC issues into forestry policy and national development agenda**
- iv. **Dissemination of IPCC reports to policy makers via the country focal point (FP)—need to make sure the FP of a country shares the info to the needed governmental departments**
- v. **Need to make sure the policy makers understand climate change issues—impacts, mitigation and adaptation and how each of these affects countries future development**
- vi. **Need for flexibility in policy frameworks to capture changing needs**
- vii. **Policy makers need to be aware of and make use of existing regional initiatives and subregional organizations**
- viii. **Need stabilization of political memory and political will to be engaged in CC issues (implications for structure of government)**
- ix. **Formulate adaptation strategy, and review and update National Action Plan for Adaptation (NAPA) as needed**
- x. **Is Africa part of the problem or part of the solution and potentially suffer the consequences (identified as most vulnerable to climate change)**
- xi. **Need to consult local communities and indigenous people**

## **LEGAL, INSTITUTIONAL AND GOVERNANCE**

- i. **Presence of good laws and legal requirements but inadequate implementation and regulation**
- ii. **Review, and revise as needed, existing legislation to support new policies**

- iii. Importance of including in forest management plans issues related to climate change, such as impacts and need for adaptation
- iv. Need for harmonization and coordination of actions related to climate change—e.g. in most countries the DNA acts alone and a multi-sectoral approach is needed
- v. Develop a high-level government committee comprised of a member from each stakeholder ministry/department (including research community) –can serve in advisory capacity, validate national reports related to CC, etc.
- vi. Need for Land use planning and clarification of land tenure issues
- vii. Increased risk on Cc planning actions from national and local conflicts and refugees from cross border conflicts

#### **FINANCING MECHANISM**

- i. Needed for : Adaptation, capacity building, incentives for good practice, for promoting investment in CDM, for technology, compensate for opportunity costs, financing pilot activities, for research support
- ii. Types of mechanisms: PES, public and private funds

<b>Need (cross cutting across A, M, REDD, and SFM)</b>	<b>source</b>
<b>Adaptation</b>	<b>Adaptation fund—needs to provide information on how countries can access it and simplify application process</b>
<b>capacity building</b>	<b>Public and CPFs members</b>
<b>incentives for good practice (e.g. conservation of forests for biodiversity, protection forests)</b>	<b>Payment for environmental service—private/public</b>
<b>promoting investment in CDM and REDD</b>	<b>PES (carbon market)-Promotion via additional ODA and multilateral funding agencies and investment by private sector</b>
<b>Technology</b>	<b>Private and ODA/UNFCCC for transfer developed country support developing countries transfer of environmental sound technology</b>
<b>compensate for opportunity costs</b>	<b>PES (carbon market)</b>
<b>financing pilot activities</b>	<b>PES and multi and bi-lateral</b>
<b>research support</b>	<b>CPF, PES, polluter-pay principle,</b>
<b>Poverty reduction/sustainable livelihoods of people around forests</b>	<b>Micro credit and trust fund, C market, community development</b>

	<b>funds</b>

## **PILOT EXPERIENCES**

- i. **Adaptation/Impacts/Vulnerability**
  - a. **Baseline of distribution and area of C stocks in forests so that future monitoring can detect trends**
  - b. **Permanent sample plots to monitor trends in mortality, disease etc.**
- i. **Mitigation**
  - c. **CDM—different baseline and monitoring methodologies to bring to discussions on simplification**
  - d. **REDD—need data to develop reference emission level for both deforestation and degradation—e.g. C stocks, area change, etc**

## **CAPACITY BUILDING**

- i. **Needs: human, institutional, technology, and communication**
- ii. **Free and readily available access to past and current remote sensing data (in multiple formats, either fast download or on electronic formats) –from latest technology, and several scales of resolution**
- iii. **Human training in the use and analysis of RS data, including the hardware and software**
- iv. **Communication networks to share capacity and experience**

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

<b>TO ITTO</b>	<b>TO NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS</b>	<b>TO OTHERS</b>
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		Financing from PES and micro crediting