



**AD HOC OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
CONVENTION
Second Meeting, 9-13 July 2007, Paris, France**

**DEVELOPING INTERNATIONAL PAYMENTS FOR ECOSYSTEM
SERVICES (IPES): AVOIDED DEFORESTATION**

- Date:** 11 July 2007
- Location:** Salle VII (SS Foyer), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Paris, France
- Time:** 13:15 - 14:45
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UNEP and IUCN, in close collaboration with the CBD Secretariat, are pleased to announce their side event at the upcoming second meeting of the ad hoc working group on the implementation of the CBD Convention. The topic of this brief discussion will be on developing International Payments for Ecosystem Services (IPES) and the importance of avoided deforestation (AD) within the IPES debate.

Deforestation accounts for 20-25% of greenhouse gas emissions and is a primary cause of biodiversity loss world wide. Establishing AD as a form of IPES – specifically a payment for reduced GHG emissions through continued carbon sequestration if AD is included in carbon markets – generates opportunities and challenges for protecting other forest-related ecosystem services. This is particularly true of service provision founded on biodiversity protection. This UNEP-IUCN side event will discuss avoided AD's potential to include ecosystem services (with a special focus on biodiversity protection) into the voluntary and regulated markets for carbon sequestration. In this way, the IPES approach offers the opportunity to bundle payments for these different ecosystem services into one overall payment for AD, achieving multiple conservation goals at an overall lower cost.

The side event content is designed to appeal to newcomers to the topic, as well as those with experience in the fields of IPES and avoided deforestation. It will include an introduction to the key issues concerning avoided deforestation and IPES. A second presentation includes a UNEP-IUCN working paper on options for linking carbon sequestration and biodiversity related ecosystem services through AD. An informal discussion will follow on these general topics:

- Examining AD's potential to address carbon reduction and biodiversity protection simultaneously
- Options for internalizing ecosystem benefits into avoided deforestation schemes generally
 - Payments for bundled ecosystem services, New funds, Certification, Trading schemes
- Options for internalizing ecosystem benefits into avoided deforestation schemes in existing carbon markets



Draft Agenda

- 15 min** **UNEP-IUCN Welcome and Introduction**
Fulai Sheng, UNEP Economics and Trade Branch
Joshua Bishop, IUCN
General information on IPES and UNEP-IUCN IPES work programme.
- 20 min** **Avoided Deforestation and IPES**
Alain Karsenty, CIRAD, France
An introduction to the core ideas and issues concerning avoided deforestation and its importance for IPES discussions.
- 20 min** **Presentation of BioEcon Paper on Avoided Deforestation**
Annah Peterson, UNEP Economics and Trade Branch
Current thoughts on how to link carbon sequestration and biodiversity related ecosystem services through avoided deforestation, as will be presented at BIOECON in September 2007.
- 30 min** **Open Discussion**
- 5 min** **Close of meeting**