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International Blue Carbon Policy Working Group

1st Meeting
12-14th July, 2011

Conservation International
2011 Crystal Drive, Suite 500
Arlington, VA 22202

AGENDA

With thanks to our sponsor:



Tuesday 12th July, 2011

8:40 Light breakfast available

9:00 **Meeting welcome**

Host welcome

Fred Boltz, Senior Vice President for Global Initiatives, Climate Change Lead, Conservation International

9:15 **Overview of Working Group & expected meeting outcomes**

Emily Pidgeon (CI)

Dorothee Herr (IUCN)

- Overall Working Group objectives and timeline
- Objectives of the workshop
- Relationship to International Scientific Blue Carbon Working Group
- Workshop products

Participant Introductions

Brief (2 sentence) personal introduction from each participant

9:45 **Blue Carbon Science Overview**

Facilitator: Emily Pidegon

Presentation by Steve Crooks

10:45 Coffee Break

11:00 **Overview of Policy Opportunities for Blue Carbon**

Facilitator: Kathy Tedesco

Presentations

- Overview: International Policy Opportunities for Blue Carbon
Dorothee Herr (IUCN)

- UNFCCC in focus

Robert O'Sullivan (Climate Focus)

- REDD+ landscape and financing

Consuelo Espinosa (IUCN)

Clarifying questions

- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:00 **Continued Presentations**
Facilitator: Steve Crooks
- Economics of Blue Carbon
(Duke University)
 - Voluntary Carbon Market
Igino Emmer (Sylvestrum)
 - Other incentive and financing schemes
Aaron Bruner (CI)
- Clarifying questions and discussion
- 14:15 **Blue Carbon Policy Objectives – Break-out Groups**
Introduction to the break-out group sessions
Emily Pidgeon
- Breakout group I: UNFCCC, IPCC and REDD+ related efforts**
Co-facilitators: Dorothee Herr & Consuelo Espinosa
- Breakout group II: Other international agreements and financing schemes**
Co-facilitators: Emily Pidgeon & Kathy Tedesco
- What are the specific objectives we need to achieve for “blue carbon”?
What are the desired end points for policy?
- Coffee will be served during breakout groups
- 16:00 **Blue Carbon Policy Objectives - Plenary Session**
Presentation of breakout group discussions
Draft Detailed Policy Objectives for Blue Carbon
- 17:30 Close

Wednesday 13th, July 2011

8:40 Light breakfast available

9:00 **Review Blue Carbon Policy Objectives**

Dorothee Herr

9:30 **Framework for Blue Carbon Policy – Break-out groups**

Introduction to the break-out group sessions

Emily Pidgeon

Breakout group I: UNFCCC, IPCC and REDD+ related efforts

Consuelo Espinosa & Jerker Tamelander

Breakout group II: Other international agreements (CBD, Ramsar, Rio+20, ...)

Kathy Tedesco & Monica Zavagli

Breakout group III: Other financing and incentive schemes (including voluntary carbon market, private sector engagement, ...)

Emily Pidgeon & Linwood Pendleton

Define activities which are needed to achieve the Blue Carbon objectives:
What existing policies & mechanisms can be used to achieve objectives?
What new structures and/or mechanisms are required?

Detail activities for the three different ecosystems – mangroves, seagrasses, tidal marshes.

Consider:

- The desired outcome of the activity
- The most appropriate organizations for undertaking activities
- The risks and limits associated with each activity
- Effort and resources required
- Likely issues and roadblocks
- The likelihood of success
- The timelines associated with the activity
- Products, research, other needed to support the activity

Assign each activity a priority based on perceived need, likelihood of success and required resources.

Coffee will be served during breakout groups

- 12:30 Lunch
- 13:30 **Framework for Blue Carbon Policy – Plenary**
Emily Pidgeon and Dorothee Herr
- Combine activities detailed by break-out groups into a full Policy Framework and timeline. Ensure maximum coordination between the various components (climate policy, other international agreements and mechanisms, markets etc.)
- Clearly identify:
- Priority activities
 - Stakeholders best suited to implementing activities
 - Objective to which the activity is contributing
 - New structures and mechanisms required
- 15:30 Coffee
- 16:00 **Framework for Blue Carbon Policy – Plenary (continued)**
Emily Pidgeon and Dorothee Herr
- 17:30 Close

Thursday 14th July, 2011

- 8:40 Light breakfast available
- 9:00 **Review of the Blue Carbon Objectives and Policy Framework**
Dorothee Herr
- 10:00 Coffee
- 10:30 **Next steps**
Emily Pidgeon, Kathy Tedesco & Dorothee Herr
- Identify immediate priority activities and products needed to support those activities, specifically including
- activities leading to the UNFCCC COP 17 in Durban, December 2011
 - communication and outreach needs
- 12:00 **Wrap-up**
- 12:30 **End of workshop**