

*****UNFCCC SBSTA SIDE EVENT*****
Wednesday, 8 June, 15:15 – 16:45
Ministry of Transportation, Room TRAM

Seeing REDD Down On the Farm

Closing the gap between climate 'promises' and farm policies

Although it is widely established that agriculture and the demand for land to produce food, feed, biofuels, and cash crops are the main driver of deforestation in developing countries, the majority of REDD+ strategies being implemented on the ground do not take agriculture into account. In fact, ongoing farm production plans and policies in these countries highlight a total disconnect between climate 'promises' and policy action.

According to experts, failure to recognize this fundamental link could have major implications for REDD+ plans and its objective to reducing emissions from deforestation globally.

In Bonn, leading forest, agriculture and policy experts will host a side event during the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change's 34th session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (UNFCCC SBCSTA). Experts will discuss new research findings on the link between farm production and deforestation, and the disconnect between REDD+ plans and farm policies, as well as examples of climate-smart agriculture that can achieve food security, adaptation and mitigation goals while strengthening the impacts of REDD+.

- WHAT:** Side Event: Actions needed to halt deforestation and promote climate-smart agriculture
- WHERE:** UNFCCC SBSTA, Maritim Hotel, Bonn
Wednesday, 8 June 2011, 15:15—16:45
Ministry of Transport, Room TRAM
- WHO:** **Bruce Campbell**, CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CAAFS)
Peter Holmgren, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Frances Seymour, Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)
Lindiwe Majele Sibanda, Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN)
Joachim von Braun, Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn
George Wamukoya, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)
Eva Wollenberg, CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CAAFS)
- DETAILS:** **For more information, please contact:**
Vanessa Meadu at +44 7772195317 or ccafs.comms@gmail.com; or
Jeff Haskins at +254 729 871 422 or jhaskins@burnesscommunications.com

Side event convened by the CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CAAFS)

###

The CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CAAFS) is a strategic partnership of the CGIAR and the Earth System Science Partnership (ESSP). CCAFS brings together the world's best researchers in agricultural science, development research, climate science and Earth System science, to identify and address the most important interactions, synergies and tradeoffs between climate change, agriculture and food security. For more information, visit www.ccafs.cgiar.org.