



First announcement:

Measurement reporting and verification joint Workshop
Zapopan, Jalisco, México, from June 22nd to June 24th 2010.

The National Forestry Commission of Mexico (CONAFOR), the UN-REDD programme and the Group on Earth Observations (GEO) have the pleasure to invite you to participate in the “*Measurement reporting and verification joint Workshop*” that will be held at the Comisión Nacional Forestal. Periférico Poniente 5360 CP 45019. Zapopan, Jalisco, México, from June 22nd to June 24th 2010.

The Workshop will address the key technical issues associated with the definition and the implementation of monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV) systems for REDD+ at the country level. Its main objectives are, therefore, the following:

- Analyze the current framework for MRV and review IPCC/UNFCCC technical requirements for forest monitoring and MRV at country level
- Present country experiences in establishing MRV for REDD+, including the current challenges, bottlenecks and data issues
- Present the support offered by UN-REDD and by the GEO Forest and Carbon Tracking (FCT) initiative to countries in the context of MRV for REDD+, including the progress on GEO-FCT activities against agreed outcomes and the recommendations from the previous GEO Forest Monitoring symposia (Brazil 2008, Thailand 2009)
- Identify best practices and relevant experiences for the implementation of MRV for REDD+
- Produce a report addressing needs and requirements for MRV implementation including those for open, free and systematic availability of remote sensing data and products.

There is no registration fee to the Workshop and the working language will be English.

If you are interested in participating, please return the enclosed registration form duly filled by April 30, 2010 to:

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We draw your attention to the fact that there will be limited funding available to support travel and subsistence of Workshop participants from developing countries. Please indicate if you need this support in the relevant section of the registration form and we will be back to you by May, 4 2010. Requests for participation received after April 30, 2010 will be accepted, but they will not be considered for travel support.

Additional information on the Workshop, a provisional agenda and other logistical information will be provided to registered participants and attached to the second announcement of the Workshop. Please feel free to contact us for any other practical matter.

We hope you will be able to take part in this workshop, and look forward to hearing from you.