



Climate Focus at COP16

Charlotte Streck, Moritz von Unger, Robert O’Sullivan and Michael Coren will attend COP16 from November 29 till December 11, 2010. They will present on law and policy, on agriculture and forests, on JI and offsetting mechanisms. They are also available for meetings and consultations.

You will find our staff at the following events:

REDD+ AND FORESTRY

Tuesday, 30 November, 20:15 – 21:45
Moon Palace, Mamey Room

Robert O’Sullivan speaks at the Side Event “Policy lessons from REDD projects and new methodologies”

The Side Event will discuss different approaches and initiatives for REDD + currently submitted to the VCS and how independent certification under a credible standard like the VCS could support policy discussions at the local and sub-national level. Linked to this, we will discuss how design options can ensure the viability of REDD projects initiated by private parties or non-governmental organizations as we scale up to jurisdictional and national level accounting and crediting. The VCS Association will also present its proposed changes to the VCS 2011 standard to improve the methodology approval, the status of approved methodologies and current pipeline, and how the VCS Association can help projects to ensure a pathway forward as countries scale up to jurisdictional and national accounting and crediting.

Saturday, 4 December, 11:30 – 13:00
Monarca Room

Robert O’Sullivan speaks at the Side Event “International Law & Policy for a Low Carbon Economy: Developing Sustainable & Equitable Legal Frameworks for the Global Low-Carbon Economy”

The side event will focus on the following questions: What can human rights contribute to the rules governing REDD? How do legal frameworks to protect biodiversity and prevent climate

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Event Calendar

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change intersect? How can trade and investment instruments promote a sustainable and equitable low-carbon economy? This legal experts panel provides negotiators and other climate change actors with a series of short, clear and up-to-date legal briefings on hot legal issues related to climate change. The briefings focus on key trends identified in new legal research and practice on climate change, and provide an opportunity for dialogue with several of the world's leading sustainable development jurists.

Saturday, 4 December, 15:00 – 16:00
Ritz-Carlton Hotel, World Climate Summit (registration required)

Charlotte Streck speaks at plenary session "Forest - Global Threat and Global Opportunity: Getting it Done" facilitated by Avoided Deforestation Partners.

http://www.wclimate.com/World_Climate_Summit/HOME.html

Charlotte will present on the opportunities to reduce tropical deforestation. The event targets the private sector and proposes solutions for private entities to effectively contribute to climate change mitigation.

Saturday, 4 December, 20:15 – 21:45
Moon Palace, Mamey Room, Room 3

Charlotte Streck & Robert O'Sullivan discuss Carbon rights in REDD+: Towards a common understanding

The panel will discuss what constitute carbon rights in REDD+, and their implications for different actors, particularly at the local level. Insights from different countries and perspectives will be presented, along with recent work by the REDD-net civil society support programme. Climate Focus will present the findings of a study conducted for the Overseas Development Institute (ODI) on REDD+ and carbon rights.

AGRICULTURE

Saturday, 4 December, 12:00-12:30
Gran Melia Hotel - Murillo Room

Charlotte Streck speaks at Agriculture and Rural Development Day

Charlotte is lead speaker in the Roundtable 4 session 'How can carbon finance harness synergies between climate change and sustainable land management to enhance agricultural development?

Charlotte will examine how AFOLU (agriculture, forestry and other land use) projects can harness synergies between carbon sequestration, sustainable land and forest management to enhance agricultural development and identify the lessons for carbon financing in the UNFCCC negotiations. There are significant synergies between an increase in productivity and addressing climate change in agriculture. Well designed policies and measures at the national

News

POLICY BRIEF ON CLIMATE FINANCE AND AGRICULTURE

Climate finance can facilitate a transition to climate-smart agriculture by overcoming institutional and financial barriers that currently impede the adoption of new and improved agricultural practices.

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and international level can catalyze strategic investments in sustainable agricultural research, planning and practices that will be necessary to increase agricultural productivity, mitigate poverty, reduce pressure on forests, and conserve water tables, biodiversity and soil functions.

<http://www.thebrokeronline.eu/en/Online-discussions/Blogs/A-new-agriculture-for-food-security/How-climate-change-can-catalyze-climate-smart-agriculture>

<http://www.agricultureday.org/>

Tuesday, 7 December, 17:30 – 18:30
Moon Palace Hotel, Bellona room

Charlotte Streck chairs a side event of the Rainforest Alliance and the National Wildlife Federation highlighting the potential role of agriculture in REDD+

What can be achieved before/without an international climate agreement? Private sector and sub-national mitigation efforts. Of the 100 largest economic entities on earth, 37 are corporations and given the global reach of multinational companies, the private sector is playing a leading role in GHG mitigation efforts. A key example of the impact of international 'teleconnections' comes from the cattle industry in Brazil, where the private sector and NGOs are working together, in tandem with state government efforts, and the results are significant reductions in Brazil's leading source of emissions. These efforts are echoed in the commitments of increasing numbers of multinationals and financial institutions to measure and reduce their GHG emissions and to take steps to reduce their impacts on forests. We will provide the latest news and data on these private sector mitigation efforts.

JI AND PROJECT MECHANISMS

Monday, 29 November, 15:30 – 17:30
Excellence Resorts Riviera Cancun

Moritz von Unger speaks at Side Event of the Joint Implementation Action Group JI as bridge between commitment periods

Moritz von Unger, in his role as legal counsel to the Joint Implementation Action Group (JIAG), will facilitate a side event on the future of Joint Implementation (JI) post 2012. In its Cancun Report, the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (JISC) recommended that CMP allow the generation of JI credits, Emission Reduction Units or ERUs, and the issuance of credits, during the so called true-up period, i.e. until sometime in 2015. The ERUs would be converted from first commitment period Assigned Amount Units (AAUs). For the time being, it is not clear whether State Parties will follow the recommendation of the JISC or not. In case CMP does not adopt a decision on the continuation of JI, the survival of the mechanism is at stake.

Speakers include Benoit Leguet (JISC Chair), a representative of the UNFCCC Secretariat, Lennard de Klerk (JIAG Chair) and Morten Prehn (Core Carbon Group).

Participation by invitation only.

ADAPTATION

Thursday, 2 December, 12:45 – 13:30

Fiesta Americana Grand Coral Beach Hotel Room: Grand Coral 3 (4th Floor)

Mexico's National Water Agency and The World Bank present a media event:

Charlotte Streck in dialogue with the World Bank's special envoy on climate change, Andrew Steer:

Adaptation: A Little Less Conversation and a Little More Action. Managing water in a changing climate.

The World Bank is organizing a full-day side event on Thursday, December 2 2010 with the goal of raising awareness among high-level policy makers and media outside the water sector about the costs of failing to place water adequately in the climate change debate.

The need for adaptation to climate change is clearly influenced by population growth, as well as water and food security, particularly in areas vulnerable to extreme events. The event will bring together Ministers from client countries, World Bank senior management, as well as senior representatives of partner agencies, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector. It will also include non-water experts discussing adaptation to climate change from the perspective of their disciplines and illustrate how planning adaptation measures without properly considering hydrology can waste money, leaving countries unnecessarily vulnerable. By showing the importance of getting the water story right and the costs of postponing some difficult water-related decisions, the World Bank and CONAGUA aim at influencing decision-makers to convey concerted messages and take dynamic action to tackle the issue.

LAW AND CONTRACTS

Wednesday, 8 December, 15:30 – 16:30

Moon Palace Mamey Room

Charlotte Streck chairs an IDLO/UNEP Experts Panel on Legal Preparedness for Climate Change

What are the main legal and institutional barriers to effective action on climate change in developing countries? How can global cooperation, and new instruments, work to identify and address these barriers?

Discussion on leading efforts to make a difference through climate law and governance with partners and invited speakers from the International Development Law Organisation (IDLO), the UNEP, the UNDP, the Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL) & AOSIS.

Thursday, 9 December, 11:00-13:00
Azul Sensatory Hotel, Cancun

Charlotte Streck chairs a panel at ICTSD Symposium on the Role of Trade & Markets in Addressing Climate Change:

Innovative Sustainability Instruments for the Green Economy: A Law & Policy Experts Panel on Strengthening Carbon Markets by Integrating the Environmental and Social Impacts of Trade & Investment

What role can new instruments, such as impact assessments or carbon pricing tools, play in helping to address climate change and secure more sustainable development? What key climate change challenges have been raised in recent impact assessments of trade and investment treaties, and how are new market based instruments being deployed to address them? How can these instruments support the transition to a low carbon economy and harness trade & investment for sustainable development? What can be learned from recent EU, Canada and US experiences, and from policy experiments in developing countries?

Thursday, 9 December, 16:00 – 18:00
Hotel Fiesta Americana Grand Coral Beach

Charlotte Streck, lead counsel on climate change with the Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL), presents: A Law & Policy Research Dialogue

Building Bridges, Filling Gaps: The Law & Policy Research Agenda on Climate Change Governance and Sustainable Development towards Rio+20. In this Law & Policy Research Seminar, developed and developing country negotiators and leading experts identify key priorities for the emerging law and policy research agendas on climate change governance and sustainable development in the lead-up to the 2012 Earth Summit.

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