



Dear friends and colleagues,

June keeps us busy with meetings and conferences. The climate business community meets at CarbonExpo in Barcelona, climate negotiators meet at SBSTA in Bonn.

What to expect from CarbonExpo? A lot of very busy project developers that find it hard to free-up their time as they are running against the EU deadline of getting the last CDM projects in the major developing countries registered. Expect a lot of runners-up as well: project developers from Africa and South-East Asia from least developed countries that wish to capitalise on their preferential treatment under the EU Emission Trading Scheme. And expect some debate on "nationally appropriate mitigation actions" in developing countries and how they may mobilise private sector capital in low carbon development after 2012. In Bonn climate negotiators will attempt to work through a busy agenda avoiding further stalemates and fulfilling the various mandates included in the Cancun Agreements. Climate Focus will participate in the launch of a report on Reference Levels for REDD+ and a scoping study on Climate Change and Agriculture.

We hope you will enjoy this newsletter and we are looking forward to receiving your feedback.

Best regards,

Adriaan Korthuis and Charlotte Streck

RECENT WORK

The Handbook for Programmes of Activities: practical guidance to successful implementation



Climate Focus presents the Handbook for Programmes of Activities: a comprehensive publication that assists PoA practitioners with practical and organizational aspects of PoA development. PoA practitioners all over the world face similar challenges on setting-up, organizing and implementing a PoA. The Handbook for Programmes of Activities brings together the experience of the pioneers in the carbon market and provides hands-on guidance on how to deal with the crucial aspects and operation of a PoA.

The Handbook applies to programmatic approaches in the CDM, JI, and voluntary carbon standards, and offers valuable background information for any future sectoral approach that focuses on the dissemination of many small-scale emission reduction applications. The Handbook was designed to complement and build on existing publications on PoAs. It has been prepared with the support of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU), CDC Climat, the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), and UNEP Risoe.

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Feasibility study for NAMA development in Peru and Vietnam



Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions or NAMAs entail country-specific activities that may qualify for support from developed countries. They should be designed and implemented in accordance with national circumstances and domestic goals of sustainable development and poverty eradication. On behalf of the Nordic Ad Hoc Group on Climate Change (NOAK) and the Nordic Environmental Finance Corporation (NEFCO) Climate Focus, together with

Greenstream, is preparing a feasibility study for the development of NAMAs in Vietnam and Peru. [Read more..](#)

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News

CLIMATE CHANGE AND AGRICULTURE SCOPING REPORT

On June 11, we will launch the Climate Change and Agriculture Scoping report, the result of a project facilitated by the Meridian Institute which began in August 2010. The report is intended to provide context and analysis for addressing agriculture in international climate negotiations, with the aim of helping to inform climate negotiators and other stakeholders by identifying options and unpacking issues of interest; and not to express opinions or be prescriptive. To achieve this objective, the report was guided by an iterative process comprised of forty individual interviews from August-December 2010, and two

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Nesting Projects and REDD+ Briefing Document Forest Trends and Climate Focus



This paper aims at providing some clarity on the options available for nesting project-level activities with national, and possibly subnational, accounting frameworks in the context of reducing emissions from deforestation and degradation, and for the conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries (REDD+).

There is consensus in climate negotiations that efforts associated with Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD+) will ultimately be measured and rewarded based on national-level accounting systems. But while developing countries build capacity to implement and manage these national systems, initiatives are evolving rapidly at the state, provincial and project levels, and were formally acknowledged in the Cancun decision of the UNFCCC. Integrating these different accounting scales will be crucial to ensure the environmental integrity of the system as a whole and to mobilizing finance.

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Funding for forests: UK Government support for REDD+

PwC, Climate Focus, Winrock and IUCN, have released a study commissioned by the UK government that assesses the options for how the UK can best support developing nations to reduce deforestation. The study evaluates the effectiveness and absorptive capacity of existing REDD+ multilateral funds and programmes; analyzes ways in which the UK Government could undertake REDD+ activities through new bilateral agreements with forested nations; outlines the geographies within which the UK Government may wish to consider partnerships, examining the benefits and risks of doing so; and looks at ways in which the Government could catalyse private sector innovation and investment in REDD+.

[Read more...](#)

Towards an Energizing Partnership? : Exploring China's role as catalyst of renewable energy development in Africa Björn Conrad, Bamshad Houshyani, Mercedes Fernandez



China is becoming a major investor in the renewable energy sector in Africa. Climate Focus and GPPI have prepared a study that assesses the potential benefits and challenges related to an increasing Chinese involvement in Africa's renewable energy sector. It identifies ways in which African countries can reap the benefits while minimizing risks. The study has been carried out for

WWF Norway and WWF USA and has been supported by Norad. The report contains case studies for South Africa, Mozambique and Uganda. [Read more...](#)

Creation and Evolution of Adaptation Funds Robert O'Sullivan (lead author), Eszter Szocs, Charlotte Streck, Ernestine Meijer and Carina Bracer



The report "Creation and Evolution of Adaptation Funds", commissioned by WWF, explores the history and evolution of the four largest existing adaptation funds, the Adaptation Fund (AF), Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF), Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF) and Pilot Program for Climate Resilience (PPCR). The report also analyses the funds with particular focus on organizational and financing effectiveness, efficiency and equity as well as additionality, appropriateness and predictability of finance and procedural and distributive justice. The report contains four Annexes with detailed data and information on the four funds. [Read more...](#)

OUR TEAM

We are glad to introduce you to our new colleagues:

Donna Lee



Donna Lee is lead forest and land-use consultant for Climate Focus. She was formerly employed by the U.S. Department of State and served as the United States' lead negotiator on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation (REDD+) in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and other multilateral fora, and coordinated the U.S. government's international policy on climate change and forests/land-use. Prior to joining the

in-person group consultations convened 15-17 February 2011 in Johannesburg, South Africa, and 11-13 April 2011, in Bangkok, Thailand. Charlotte Streck has served as coordinating author of the report.

Download [an Invitation to the side event "Climate Change and Agriculture: Scoping Report"](#) which takes place in Bonn, Germany, on Saturday, 11 June 2011.

ANALYSIS OF THE DESIGN OPTIONS FOR NAMAS AND THEIR REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

Climate Focus has published its analysis of the design options for Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs) under the Cancun Agreements. To read more, please follow this [link](#).

CARBON OFFSETTING IN EUROPE POST 2012: KYOTO PROTOCOL, EU ETS, AND EFFORT SHARING

New publication: 'Carbon Offsetting in Europe Post 2012: Kyoto Protocol, EU ETS, and Effort Sharing' was published on our website.

In a study commissioned by KfW on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety under the ongoing CDM/JI Initiative, Climate Focus provides an analysis of the regulatory situation post 2012 for JI and offsetting in and for the European Union. Click [here](#) to view the whole report.

Where to find us

Climate Focus staff will be present at the following events in the coming months. Please look for us!

May

Barbados (29 May – 1 Jun):

[CEOs Conference](#) - Vision Leadership Partnerships – Powering our Progress
Juan Pablo Castro speaking on the panel: "NAMAs: Tool for integrating emission reductions projects, attracting financial resources and technology transfer"

Barcelona, Spain (31 May):

Adriaan Korthuis at the Host Country Committee Annual Meeting of the World Bank Carbon Funds

U.S. climate change negotiations team, she served as U.S. representative on a broad array of environment issues at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

Donna holds a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering and a Masters in Education from UCLA, a Masters in Asian Studies from Cal State University Long Beach, and a Masters in International Policy from Stanford University.

Anna Lehmann



Anna Lehmann is Natural Resource Economist and Climate Finance Expert and is Climate Focus's chief representative in Bangkok. Anna has six years professional experience as investment advisor for climate change mitigation projects, and four years working experience with two carbon market funds (ISCCP US\$ 280m, CCI SA EURO 80m). She has 10 years experience in climate change and environmental policy, 6 years of which is in high level climate change policy advisory. From 2008 to the beginning of 2010, Anna was lead author and key contact for private sector proposals on the financial architecture for Post-2012 Mechanisms and REDD+ for the London based Carbon Market and Investor Association (CMIA). With a background in agricultural economics, Anna has project level working experience in the area of sustainable land use, farming system analysis, payments for environmental services, micro-finance schemes as well as in designing financial structures and institutional set-up for forest protection, management and afforestation projects (REDD+, LULUCF).

She has on the ground mitigation and adaptation project experience from Argentina, Brazil, (Darragh Conway



Darragh Conway is a lawyer specializing in international environmental and climate change law. He has experience in analyzing domestic, European and international legal systems relating to climate change and advising on the implementation of projects in the context of regulatory uncertainty. His recent focus has been on legal steps required for the implementation of REDD policies and projects in Africa and Asia. Prior to joining Climate Focus, Darragh worked on academic and UN-mandated research projects at the University of Edinburgh, focusing on international environmental and climate change regulation.

Darragh holds a Bachelor of Laws from University College Dublin and a Master of Laws in International Law from the University of Edinburgh. He is a member of the New York Bar.

Eszter Szócs



Eszter Szócs is a consultant based in the Washington, DC office of Climate Focus. She provides policy analysis and research support and specializes in visual communications, operating at the interface between science, environmental education, and public policy. Eszter is completing a B.S. in Environmental Biology at University College London.

Previously, she pursued a career as a graphic designer in Budapest, Hungary, where she completed major projects in book design, website design, and corporate branding after receiving her associate degree from the Buda School of Arts.

Leticia Guimarães



Leticia Guimaraes is a consultant at Climate Focus where she works with REDD+ and agriculture policy and finance. She has worked as a project developer and policy analyst in the land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF) and energy sectors for over five years in both non-profit and for-profit sectors. Prior to joining Climate Focus Leticia worked at the BioCarbon Fund at the Carbon Finance Unit (ENV) of the World Bank where her focus was on evaluating the potential effects of forest carbon finance investments in project areas and to formulating early lessons from forest carbon projects to inform the international debate on the post-2012 climate change framework. Leticia holds a LLB from Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, a BA degree in International Relations from Pontificia Universidade Catolica de Minas Gerais, an MSc in Environmental Technology from Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais and a MPP in Environmental Policy and Ecological Economics from the University of Maryland. Leticia is a member of the Brazilian Bar Association.

June

Barcelona, Spain (1-3 Jun):

[Carbon Expo](#) (Adriaan Korthuis, Charlotte Streck, Donna Lee, Moritz von Unger, Sandra Greiner, Mercedes Fernandez, Jelmer Hoogzaad)

Charlotte Streck:
(3 June; 2-3 PM) Speaking in the session "Still waiting? Private sector engagement with REDD+ today and tomorrow" under the Climate Financing & Investment Stream.

Jelmer Hoogzaad:
(2 Jun; 5-6 PM) Speaking in the session: "Post-Kyoto JI uncertainties: How will EU ETS adapt its domestic offset policy?"
(3 Jun; 9-10 AM) Presenting at the side event – "JI as a stepping stone"
[UNFCCC SBSTA session](#)

Charlotte Streck:

(11 Jun; 5 – 6:30 PM) Speaking in the side event for release of "Climate Change and Agriculture Scoping report" See full details of this event and link to invitation in the news section above.

China, Beijing (25-26 June)

[Second Earth Temple Forum 2011](#)

Karla Lieberg has presentation on the "Carbon trading on emission trading schemes for the building sector"

July

Rome, Italy (7-8 Jul)

Charlotte Streck is speaking in the workshop hosted by CCAFS (Climate Change Agriculture and Food Security) and FAO – Smallholder Mitigation: Mitigation Options and Incentive Mechanisms

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