



POZNAN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE COP14

Common Market for East and Southern Africa Side Event

Launching the REDD-AFOLU COALITION

Date: Wednesday 10th December, 2008

Time: 11:00 - 12:30 hrs

Theme: Africa Bio-Carbon Initiative

Venue: 12 Pavilion

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Side Event Summary:

26 African Countries in East, Central and Southern Africa will be launching the Africa Bio-Carbon Initiative which promotes the REDD-AFOLU Coalition as Africa's contribution to climate mitigation, adaptation and improved rural livelihoods. Keynote address by Mr. Sindiso Ngwenya, Secretary General of COMESA; and presentations by representatives from the: African Union; Civil Society Organizations; Development Partners and Banks; Scientific Community.

Facilitator: Dr. Lindiwe Majele Sibanda - Chief Executive Officer, FANRPAN

Agenda:

- ✓ Introduction by the Moderator: Dr Lindiwe Majele Sibanda FANRPAN
- ✓ Welcoming Remarks by African Union
- ✓ Opening remarks by Mr. Sindiso Ngwenya, Secretary General of COMESA
- ✓ Presentation by COMESA on The African Bio-Carbon Initiative
- ✓ Presentation by Central African Forestry Commission (COMIFAC): The Congo Basin Initiative
- ✓ Mapping and Monitoring (presented by CGIAR CIFOR, WWF, and GEF)
- ✓ Presentation on Best Practices by International NGOs (ActionAid, Oxfam International, CARE, World Vision International)
- ✓ Financial Platforms (ADB, PTA, and Global Investors)
- ✓ Policy and Institutions presented by Mr. Francis Hale on Africa-wide Civil Society Climate Change Initiative for Policy Dialogues (ACCID)
- ✓ Discussions
- ✓ Closing Remarks and Way forward

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