

# **Finance Mechanisms for Biodiversity:**

## ***Examining Opportunities and Challenges***

***International Workshop convened by the OECD, World Bank, GEF, and the European Commission,<sup>1</sup>  
together with India and Sweden***

**12 May 2012**

**Venue: International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)**

**Conference room 5, third floor**

**Montreal, Canada**

### **WORKSHOP AGENDA**

#### **Aim and objective of the workshop**

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Despite the significant economic, social and cultural values provided by biodiversity and ecosystem services, biodiversity worldwide is being lost and in some areas at an accelerating rate. It is widely acknowledged that to reverse the trends in loss and degradation, there is an urgent need for greater application of policies and incentives to promote biodiversity conservation and sustainable use, including those that mobilise finance.

The objective of this workshop is to bring together governments, experts and practitioners from a wide range of countries so as to exchange insights and lessons learned from finance mechanisms for biodiversity, and to explore what are the most promising avenues for effectively scaling up finance for biodiversity. The workshop aims to foster an informal dialogue on key opportunities and challenges associated with finance mechanisms and to examine the technical and analytical issues related to their effective design and implementation. The objective is to support *inter alia* ongoing discussions under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), building on the Dialogue Seminar on Scaling Up Finance for Biodiversity in Ecuador, and on related discussions in WGRI-4.

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## 8:20 Registration

### 09:00 – 09:15 Opening Session

Welcoming remarks, and aim and objective of the workshop. Francois Wakenhut, EC

- Insights from the Quito dialogue seminar on Scaling Up Biodiversity Finance. Maria Schultz, Sweden
- Policy context on finance mechanisms and the Convention on Biological Diversity. Ravi Sharma, CBD Secretariat

### 09:15 Session I: Finance Mechanisms for Biodiversity: Overview and case studies

#### 9:15 – 10:15 Environmental Fiscal Reform (*Chair: Valerie Hickey, World Bank*)

- Environmental Fiscal Reform – an overview. Carlos Munoz Piña, Lecturer at ITAM, visiting professor at Universidad Iberoamericana and Principal Economic Advisor, Forest Trends
  - Experience from the ICMS-E in Brazil. Thiago Medeiros da Cunha Cavalcanti, Brazil
- Discussion (40 min)

#### 10:15 – 11:15 Payments for Ecosystem Services (*Chair: Mark Zimsky, GEF*)

- Payments for Ecosystem Services - an overview. Katia Karousakis, OECD
  - Insights from the Mexican Payments for Ecosystem Services Programme. Paola Bauche, CONAFOR, Mexico
- Discussion (40 min)

#### 11:15 – 12:15 Biodiversity offsets (*Chair: Katia Karousakis, OECD*)

- Biodiversity offsets and biobanking – an overview. Kerry ten Kate, BBOP
  - Lessons from the NT2 offsets programme in Laos. Soukata Vichit, Laos
- Discussion (40 min)

### 12:15 – 13:45 Lunch

#### 13:45 – 14:45 Markets for Green Products/certification (*Chair: Valerie Hickey, World Bank*)

- Green Markets – an overview. Shigefumi Okumura, Mitsubishi Research Institute, Japan
  - Insights from the Rainforest Alliance. Ana Paula Tavares, Executive VP, Rainforest Alliance
- Discussion (40 min)

#### 14:45 – 15:45 Biodiversity in Development Finance (*Chair: Mark Zimsky, GEF*)

- Biodiversity in Development Finance – an overview. Valerie Hickey, World Bank
  - Experience and insights from Jordan. Chris Johnson, Royal Society for Conservation of Nature
- Discussion (40 min)

**15:45 – 16:00 Coffee Break**

**16:00**            **Session II Looking across the Finance Mechanisms: the potential to mobilize and scale-up finance and the enabling conditions and safeguards needed to support this**

**16:00 – 16:25 Panelists** (*Chair: Katia Karousakis, OECD*)

- Gilles Kleitz, Agence Francaise de Developpement, France
- Ignatius Makumba, Ministry of Tourism, Environment and Natural Resources, Zambia
- Nik Sekran, Ecosystems and Biodiversity, UNDP
- Guenther Mittlacher, WWF
- M.F. Farooqui, Ministry of Environment and Forests, India

**16:25 – 16:55 Discussion**

**16:55 – 17:00 Closing session: wrap-up and closing remarks** *Laure Ledoux, EC*

**17:00 End of workshop**