



FSC® General Assembly

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– Invitation –

Join the Side Meetings at the FSC General Assembly 2011

In the context of the FSC General Assembly 2011, which will take place from 25 June to 1 July 2011 in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, the FSC Policy and Standards Unit is organizing the side meeting:

FSC Climate Change Engagement: Strategic Recommendations from the FSC Forest Carbon Working Group (FCWG)

Monday, 27 June 2011
14:00 – 16:00, Function Room 7

All GA participants are therefore cordially invited to attend this event.

Over the course of five meetings and 18 months, the FCWG has discussed the opportunities, necessities and risks for FSC to develop a clearer 'climate profile'. Input has been sought from consultants, carbon scheme representatives, experts serving on an advisory group and the FSC membership.

As a result, the FCWG has identified four main areas for an FSC climate change engagement, differing in their significance and recommended intervention that ranges from system integration to 'handle with due care':

1. Safeguarding: ensuring that management, monitoring and monetization of forest carbon resources does not come at the expense of peoples' rights or the environment
2. Carbon stewardship: responsibly managing forest carbon resources
3. Carbon accountability: monitoring the impacts of management practices on forest carbon resources
4. Carbon claims/rewards: translating these impacts into climate benefits and transforming them into rewardable carbon units (e.g. carbon credits)

A key recommendation from the FCWG is that in order to create a sound basis for FSC to engage in climate change mitigation frameworks the FSC Principles & Criteria need to become 'carbon sensitive' by critical amendments in all of these four areas.

The side meeting presents the overall strategic framework that the FCWG has elaborated, discusses the input provided to the ongoing revision of the Principles & Criteria and outlines near term activities following from their work.