

Canadian Boreal Initiative and Ivey Foundation Forests and Climate Forum

Goal

Conservation and climate groups agree on priority mechanisms for reducing carbon emissions from forests and achieving biodiversity conservation. This consensus forms the basis for campaign planning.

Objectives

- improve understanding of the science of forest carbon management with a specific focus on quantification of the domestic carbon storage and biodiversity benefits of avoided deforestation, avoided conversion/degradation and interventions in managed forest ecosystems
- discuss and improve understanding of the land tenure and market mechanisms necessary to link developing carbon policy (e.g. trading and offsets, funds, accounting, land management) to preferred conservation actions
- develop a strategic consensus among conservation and climate campaigners concerning the optimum approach to forest conservation in relation to carbon policy
- identify specific avenues for policy development that will be most effective in securing the policy outcomes agreed upon. These could include provincial, federal, international and intra-regional initiatives.
- identify roles for various organizations in achieving these agreed upon policy objectives.

Forum Description

General Format:

- two day conference with first half day focusing on science issues related to the science of storage and sequestration in each of the three forest management approaches, the remainder of the day dealing with trading and offset mechanisms and land tenure options for operating forest/carbon projects. The final day will focus on arriving at policy consensus and working campaign options.
- Monday 15th evening welcome and keynote speaker
- Tuesday 16th introduction and framing by CBI and Ivey that explains structure of Forum and desired outcome (this will also be communicated in advance to invitees)
- Presentation of summary findings from the scientists workshop on October 2 and 3rd, presentations from key policy experts followed by facilitated discussions with participants for information/discussion sessions. Break out sessions and report back for addressing the development of key policy issues.

Location: Delta Kananaskis, Kananaskis Alberta

Attendees: ENGO leading policy and campaign staff. Maximum of 50 participants, including 30 to 35 ENGO policy specialists drawn from both forestry and climate/energy campaign backgrounds.

A background paper on forest and carbon issues is in preparation and will be circulated to invitees in advance.

A Boreal Forest and Carbon Scientists Workshop sponsored by CBI and Ivey Foundation on October 2 and 3rd in Ottawa will produce a factual summary to be used as input for a presentation at the workshop.

Date: Monday October 15th (evening) to late afternoon of Wednesday, October 17th, 2007

Draft Agenda

Day 1 Monday October 15th

6:00 Reception and registration

7:00 Dinner with Keynote Speaker (*Phil Clapp, President, National Environmental Trust, confirmed*). “*Forests and the Next Climate Agreement*”

Day 2 Tuesday October 16th

7:00 to 8:30 Breakfast, registration

8:30 to 8:45 Welcome and introduction to design of Forum and expected outcomes
Bruce Lourie, Ivey Foundation and Larry Innes, CBI (confirmed)

8:45 to 11:45 Science presentations, questions and discussion

8:45 to 9:30 Presentation of summary findings from Oct 2nd and 3rd Scientists workshop
Chris Henschel, CPAWS (confirmed)

9:30 to 10:00 Questions and discussion

10:00 to 10:30 An overview of potential forest management activities and their benefits and risks to climate change mitigation
Martin von Mirbach, VP FSC Canada (confirmed)

10:00 to 10:45 Questions and discussion

10:45 to 11:00 Break

11:00 to 11:30 Framing the Forest and Carbon Policy Discussion

Stewart Elgie, University of Ottawa (confirmed)

11:30 to 11:45 Questions and Discussion

11:45 to 1:00 lunch and free time

Lunchtime presentation: Carbon values and their application to forest and land conservation in First Nation traditional territories

Valerie Courtois, Innu Nation (confirmed)

1:00 to 5:15 Developing a carbon policy environment to reduce emissions and conserve forests

1:00 to 1:30 Thoughts and observations on tenure mechanisms to facilitate carbon and forest projects in the Canadian public forest ownership context

Paul Griss, Bolden Consulting (confirmed)

1:30 to 1:40 Questions and discussion

1:40 to 2:10 Concerns with carbon trading and offset mechanisms and policy mechanisms for avoiding identified pitfalls

Matthew Bramley, Pembina Institute (confirmed)

2:10 to 2:20 Questions and discussion

2:20 to 2:40 Break

2:40 to 3:10 Modelling forest management responses to emerging carbon markets

Glen Armstrong, University of Alberta (confirmed)

3:10 to 3:20 Questions and Discussion

3:20 to 3:50 Terrestrial and Carbon offsets. Policy opportunities and risks

Simon Dyer, Pembina Institute (confirmed)

3:50 to 4:00 Questions and discussion

4:00 to 4:30 Use of carbon offsets to support forest conservation within forest certification systems

Julianne Baroody, Smartwood (confirmed)

4:30 to 4:40 Questions and discussion

4:40 to 5:10 Forest conservation and carbon policy: The California experience

Sam Hitz, former VP Policy and Operations, California Climate Registry (confirmed):

5:10 to 5:45 Questions and discussion a identification of key issues for discussion in day two

7:00 Dinner (no speaker)

Day 3 Wednesday October 16th

9:00 to 12:00 Facilitated discussion aimed at achieving agreement on preferred approach to forest carbon policy and projects in Canada.

9:00 to 9:30 Review of key issues

9:30 to 10:30 Break-out sessions to develop preferred approaches to key issues identified

10:30 to 10:45 Break

10:45 to 12:00 Presentation of break-out group summaries and plenary discussion of summaries presented back from break out groups areas of agreement and areas needing more discussion

12:00 to 1:00 Lunch presentation: Forests and Carbon on the international stage.
Canadian roles in policies and agreements

Peter Graham, Senior Economist, Policy, Economics and Industry Branch Canadian Forest Service, Natural Resources Canada (confirmed)

1:00 to 3:30 Identification of key policy development opportunities to secure a robust carbon reduction and offset system that includes forests.

1:00 to 1:45 Overview of policy development opportunities to advance above at provincial, regional and international level. Topics to be covered may include:

- Review of discussion that has taken place at the international level regarding avoided deforestation and carbon offsets.
- upcoming opportunities between now and 2012 at international level to define role of forests
- Development of new federal regulatory framework on air emissions
- Forest tenure reform opportunities (e.g. Ontario's plan to change FMA to co-operatives and move to market wood pricing)
- Regional carbon trading regime opportunities in east and west (Ontario, B.C.)
- Voluntary offset programs

Chris Henschel, CPAWS (confirmed), Mark Lutes, DSF (confirmed)

1:45 to 2:15 Panel discussion and questions from audience

(Stewart Elgie, Chris Henschel, Matthew Bramley, Mark Lutes)

2:15 to 3:00 Break out groups to discuss engagement strategies for each identified mechanism

3:00 to 3:15 Report back from break out groups

3:15 to 3:30 Facilitator summary and closing remarks from Larry Innes and Bruce Lourie

3:45 Vans depart for airport