

REDD+ in the Green Heart of Africa: A Participatory, Science-based Approach to Conservation

USAID/Central Africa Regional Program for the Environment (CARPE)

Central Africa Regional Program for the Environment (CARPE) activities are laying the groundwork across the Congo Basin for meaningful REDD+ participation from the local to the national level. This event features presentations by CARPE partners and the premier of a short video, “Voices from the Forest”, in which villagers from the Republic of Congo discuss the challenges they face posed by climate change and forest degradation.

Program

USAID Assistant Administrator Eric Postel will open the event with a brief overview of USAID policies related to climate.

Part 1: People-centered conservation and early experience with developing landscape-level REDD+ actions

- Video excerpt from INCEF’s “Voices of the Forest”
- “Linkage of CARPE’s Land Use Planning with development of landscape-level REDD+ actions.” Flory Botamba Esombo, WWF-DRC
- “Regional issues concerning forest conservation and climate change in the Congo Basin.” Martin Tadoum/ Raymond Mbitikon, COMIFAC (Central African Forest Commission)
- “Strengthening the capacity of national and regional NGOs to advocate for regulatory and policy reforms for sustainable NRM and respect for indigenous people’s rights.” Kenneth Angu Angu, IUCN

Part 2: CARPE’s innovative technologies for land use planning which could be used for REDD+ Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) systems at the national level

- “Extending contemporary technologies for Land Use Planning at the landscape level to REDD+ MRV at the national level.” Landing Mane, OSFAC (Observatoire Satellital des Forêts d’Afrique Centrale)
- Discussion of the applications of CARPE’s science-based and technology-oriented approach to supporting REDD “readiness” capacity building

