



**Save the Date**  
**September 7- 9, 2011**  
**University of California, San Diego, USA**  
**The Role of Commodity Roundtables & Avoided Forest Conversion in Subnational REDD+**  
***Agriculture, Food Security & Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Accounting***

Stopping deforestation driven by agriculture is a cornerstone of reducing GHG emissions from tropical forest countries. Negotiations continue to define how REDD+<sup>1</sup> programs may work and commodity roundtables are developing systems to prevent forest conversion while allowing for increased production.

This technical workshop will explore four inter-locking topics:

1. Evaluate the status of standards for land conversion prevention within the major commodity roundtables (e.g. RSB, RSPO, RTRS, etc.)
2. Understand how these standards can complement emerging REDD+ GHG accounting in states and provinces
3. Explore conditions under which agricultural intensification may lead to a decrease in deforestation
4. Examine strategies for improving food security sustainably while mitigating GHG emissions

*This workshop is limited to 50-75 participants from major commodity roundtables and businesses, financial institutions, REDD GHG accounting experts, state/province REDD+ leaders, NGOs, governments, and food security experts.*

**Presenters include:**

**Barbara Bramble, National Wildlife Federation**

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Invitations and draft agenda to follow: *limited travel support is available upon request*

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<sup>1</sup> Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation, conservation of existing carbon stocks and enhancement of carbon stocks