



INVITATION

COP18 to the UNFCCC Side-Event on the topic: SAFEGUARDING THE **SOCIO-ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF** SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT AND OTHER CLIMATE FINANCE

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CISDL-EQPF Side-Event at the COP18 to the UNFCCC Thursday, December 6, 2012 11:30-13:00 — Side Event Room 6

The Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL) and the Environmental Quality Protection Foundation (EQPF) invite all those interested to a special United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Side Event. Leading experts on sustainable forest management, governance and finance will present on how law and policy measures can safeguard against adverse socio-economic consequences of mitigation as well as enhance positive benefits for sustainable development.

Forests have a great potential to advance efforts in climate change mitigation and adaptation. Forests cover approximately 30% of the Earth's land surface and provide important and various ecosystem goods and services, including food, water, shelter, nutrient cycling, and cultural and recreational value. Forests also store carbon, provide habitat for many species, and help alleviate land degradation and desertification. The 2007 Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change indicates that appropriate and innovative sustainable forest management strategies provide significant opportunities for climate change mitigation. This panel will focus on how law and policy measures can be applied to reinforce or supplement structural measures in sustainable forest management and other climate finance, and address specific impacts. Leading experts will seek to identify measures to prevent adverse impacts from occurring while enhancing positive benefits for sustainable development.

Co-chairs:

Dr. Heike Schroeder, Senior Lecturer, School of International Development, University of East Anglia Prof. Christina Voigt, Associate Professor, University of Oslo, & Legal Research Fellow, CISDL

Panelists:

Dr. Ying-Shih Hsieh, Chairman, EQPF Mr. Chiung-Lien Liu, Deputy Director, Taitung Forest District Office, Forestry Bureau, Council of Agriculture, **Executive Yuan**

Mr. Marco Jonathan Laínez Ordoñez, Sub-Secretary of the Secretariat of Natural Resources and Environment, Honduras Dr. Ivonne A. Baki, Secretary of State for the Yasuni-ITT Initiative, Ecuador

Mr. Michael Bucki, Policy Officer in charge of REDD+ for the Directorate General for Climate Action of the **European** Commission

Mr. Zakir Hossain Khan, Programme Coordinator, Climate Governance Integrity Programme, Transparency International Bangladesh Ms. Katherine Lofts, Associate Fellow, CISDL Ms. Li-Wei Huang, Research Fellow, EQPF

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