

Avoided deforestation in the climate change negotiations and the voluntary carbon market

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The presentation will provide an up to date overview on the relevance of Reduced Emissions from Avoided Deforestation and Degradation (REDD) in the international climate change negotiations and summarize the non-regulatory developments for forestry based project activities on the voluntary carbon market.

After a brief summary on the mitigation potentials in the land use sector it is going to be looked at where the international negotiations stand and what can be expected from the upcoming climate change conference in Copenhagen. The positions of key parties on REDD are going to be discussed jointly with the initiatives of key stakeholders such as World Bank and the UN in this field. Parallel to the long-lasting Kyoto negotiations and in absence of regulatory requirements, the voluntary market for REDD projects has developed dynamically in recent years. Main certification standards for such projects are compared and key challenges in regard to the methodological setup and the carbon accounting are introduced. The presentation will furthermore provide some experiences from first REDD projects in Brazil.