


ASEAN Dialogue on REDD

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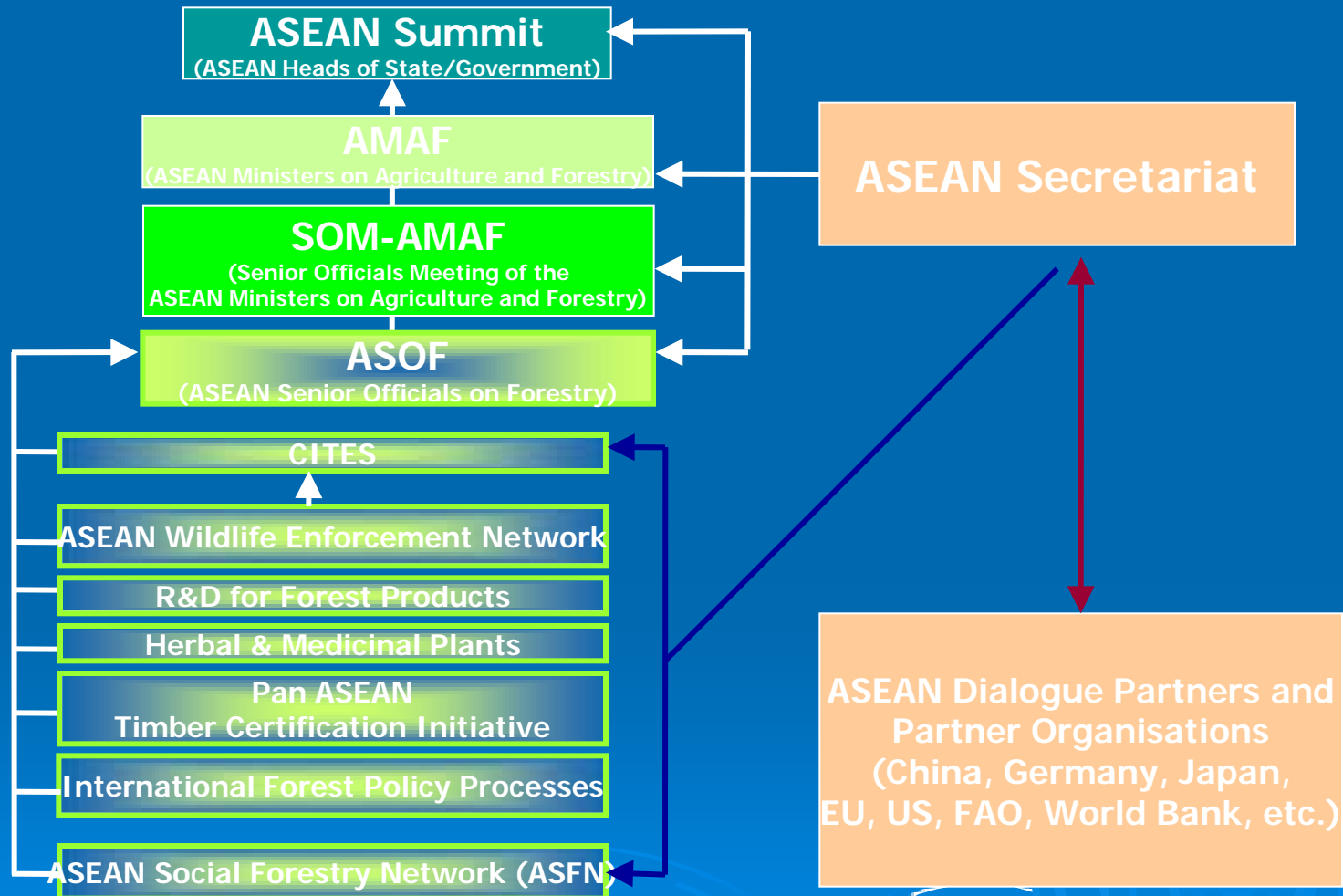
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Introduction



ASEAN Cooperation in Forestry



ASEAN Policy Framework

- During the 13th ASEAN Summit the leaders are encouraging the efforts to develop an ASEAN Climate Change Initiative
- ASEAN Declaration on Environmental Sustainability (13th ASEAN Summit -2007)
- Singapore Declaration on Climate Change, Energy and Environment (East Asia Summit – 2007)
- AEC and ASCC Blueprint
- Joint Response to Climate Change, 9 April 2010, Hanoi

ASEAN LEADERS' STATEMENT ON JOINT RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE, 9 APRIL 2010, HANOI

Excerpts

Engage in cooperation in research and development and knowledge sharing, including on agricultural management and practices so as to enhance food production, agricultural productivity and water resources sustainability, while adapting to the adverse effects of climate change and mitigating greenhouse gas emissions from the sector, thus ensuring food security in the ASEAN region;

Reaffirm that agreement on and effective implementation of Reduced Emission from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD)-plus mechanisms is critical for contributions by ASEAN Members States to mitigate emissions, and offers major opportunities for enhancing biodiversity conservation and sustainable use of natural resources, as well as supporting the livelihood of local communities in a sustainable manner;

ASCC Blueprint Measures Related to Climate Change

D.10 Responding to Climate Change and addressing its impacts

- *Encourage ASEAN common understanding on climate change issues and where possible, engage in joint efforts and common positions in addressing these issues (D10. i);*
- *Encourage the international community to participate in and contribute to ASEAN's efforts in afforestation and reforestation, as well as to reduce deforestation and forest degradation (D10. iv);*

D.11 Promoting Sustainable Forest Management

- *Support for global and regional initiatives to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, and to promote a reformed afforestation and reforestation under the Clean Development Mechanism (A/R-CDM) effort and to identify and avail appropriate international incentives and assistance (D11. iv)*

ASEAN Potential in Negotiation

- ASEAN is acknowledged as a strong forestry block → large forest area, high biodiversity
- The participation of ASEAN Member States (AMS) in the UNFCCC negotiations related to forestry issues is still limited compared to the regional blocks of the Amazon Forest Countries and the Congo Basin Countries,
- Intensive forestry dialogue on forest and climate change

REDD Negotiations: Issues for developing countries

- Capacity : technical/methodological and institutional or governance,
- Financial resources : Where the money come from ?, how big ? Sustainability ? *How it will be distributed among actors ?*
- Different national circumstances : what are the options available to accommodate a wide range of national circumstances of developing countries ?

ASEAN Initiatives on Forests and Climate Change

- 1st ASEC Brown Bag Series, July 2008
- “Climate Change and Deforestation: What Role for the New ASEAN”,
- Guidance by 11th ASOF Meeting, August 2008
 - A/R CDM and REDD as an agenda item in ASOF
 - ASOF to explore the possibility of joint proposal for submission of issues related to forestry particularly REDD and A/R CDM
 - ASEC to identify and coordinate national representatives on forests and climate change in AMS
 - Promotion of the use of regional knowledge networks
- Guidance by 30th AMAF Meeting, October 2008 – to pursue a regional approach and strategic plan of action (identifying measures - mitigation and adaptation)

ASEAN Initiatives on Forests and Climate Change

- ASEAN Regional Knowledge Network on Forest and Climate Change (established on October 2008)
 - Support ASEAN decision-making and implementation processes by providing inputs based on policy-oriented research results, outcomes and policy analysis on forests and climate change;
 - Support ASEAN Member States to better understand and learn from each other's approaches in the implementation of forests and climate change activities and good practices;
 - Stimulate research and debate to develop, advise and facilitate solutions in forests and climate change issues among ASEAN Member States and ASEAN Partners.
- ARKN-FCC prepared ASEAN Common Position to be submitted at COP 14

ASEAN Common Position (submitted to COP 14)

1. Approach for defining emissions reference level should be flexible → e.g. historical emissions/future scenario,
2. Policy approaches should also be flexible : not only REDD, but also SFM, conservation, enhanced carbon stocks,
3. Positive incentive should be diversified → fund based and market based, depending on country circumstances and readiness.
4. Other related financial supports such as Climate Investment Fund and Forest Investment Program should be expanded → e.g. expand to include improved forest management, conservation and other activities not covered under UNFCCC/KP
5. The need must be reiterated for Annex I countries of the UNFCCC to support capacity building, improvement of infrastructure, technology transfer, and exchange of knowledge and experiences for developing countries.

ASEAN Multisectoral Framework on Climate Change: Agriculture and Forestry towards Food Security

AFCC was endorsed by the 31st AMAF Meeting on 10 November 2010

Goal:

Contribute to Food Security through sustainable and efficient use of land and water resources by minimizing the impacts of and the contribution to climate change

Objectives:

- **Coordination of adaptation and mitigation strategies**
- **Cooperation on the implementation of integrated adaptation and mitigation measures**

CLOSING REMARKS

- ASEAN is at early stage of dialogue on climate change
- Climate change is not a sectoral issue. It is a complex and cross sectoral issue that also need cross-sectoral approach
- ASEAN position/joint submission recommended from ARKN workshop is very general, however, it will be an important starting point to strengthen position of ASEAN member states in climate negotiations related to forestry,
- more concrete proposals are needed → role of ASEAN Regional Knowledge Network (ARKN) could be intensified to provide policy makers/negotiators stronger scientific basis for developing proposal for negotiation process on forestry-related issues (not limited to REDD and A/R CDM)
- Common Position to COP 16???
- While negotiation is going on AMSs have taken initiative to the adverse impact of climate change

Thank You

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