



Date, Time, Venue:

Sunday, March 25, 2014

17:45-19:15pm,

Room 2 (Refreshments will be served)

Side Event Title: Global Forest & Natural Capital Legislation Initiative

GLOBE Forest & Natural Capital Initiative: Strengthening legislation and parliamentary oversight in support of REDD+, sustainable forest management and a natural capital approach in national decision-making

Summary of Session:

The Global Legislators Organisation (GLOBE International) is an international organisation comprising national parliamentarians from over 80 countries committed to developing and overseeing the implementation of laws in pursuit of sustainable development.

The GLOBE Forest Legislation Initiative (GFLI), supported by the GEF and UNEP since 2011, currently works with cross-party groups of legislators in 7 of the largest tropical forest countries in the world to advance forest legislation and build capacity in this area.

The GLOBE Natural Capital Initiative (GNCI) works with cross-party groups of legislators in 9 countries, providing support to incorporate the accounting and valuation of natural capital into policy and economic decision-making.

This side event will:

- Showcase the results of the GLOBE Forest Legislation Initiative in 2011-2014 in Brazil, Colombia, DRC, Mexico, Indonesia, Peru and the Philippines, including a case study of groundbreaking REDD and forest legislation reforms passed in Mexico in 2012
- Present GLOBE's vision for expansion of the GFLI and the GNCI to work with legislators in 12-15 forested countries in 2014-2018, and to include a broader thematic focus on sustainable forest management, REDD+ as well as natural capital accounting as a tool for environmental policy development.

Three key sector- or issue-specific questions the panel will address:

- What is the role of parliaments in ensuring inclusive and accountable forest governance and natural capital accounting, valuation and integration in public policy?
- Which best practices exist for strategic collaboration between the executive and legislative branch to advance forest and natural capital legislation reform? What can we learn from Mexico's forest legislation reform in 2012 and ongoing forest and natural capital legislation reform in 2014?



- How can parliamentary legislative, oversight and budget functions be strengthened in support of national REDD strategy development and implementation, sustainable forest management and natural capital accounting in a more strategic and comprehensive way through GEF 6?

Speakers or Moderators:

1. Moderator/Host: Lourdes Lopez, Congresswoman, Mexico, Chairperson of the GLOBE Forest Legislation Initiative
2. Speaker 1: María Isabel Ortiz Mantilla, Congresswoman, Mexico
3. Speaker 2: David McGuinty, MP, Canada
4. Speaker 3: Hon. Susan Yap, Congresswoman, Philippines (tbc)
5. Speaker 4: Mr Vincent Kasulu, GEF Focal Point, DRC (tbc)
6. Speaker 5: GEF Representative

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