

## **Minutes prepared by Livia Menezes Pagotto**

### **Forest Day 6 – Doha**

#### **Session: REDD+, biodiversity and people: opportunities and risks**

**Participants:** Niels Koch (President IUFRO), John Parrotta (US Forest Service, Global Forest Expert Panel), Robert Nasi (Director CGIAR CRP on Forests, Trees and Agroforestry, CIFOR), Tasso Azevedo (Consultant and former Director of the Brazilian Forest Service), Valerie Kapos (Tropical Forest Ecologist) and Horst Freiberg (Head Division, German Federal Ministry for the Environment).

#### **Key questions:**

- Impacts of forest and land management on biodiversity and carbon
- Social and economic considerations relevant to REDD+
- Governance options for REDD+, forest management and biodiversity

The event happened around the **publication of a new study – “Understanding Relationships between Biodiversity, Carbon, Forests and People: The key to achieving REDD+ objectives”** – by IUFRO (International Union of Forest Research Organizations).

#### **Main considerations**

- Mr. Freiberg:
  - We need a consistent multilevel governance (from international negotiations to the ground)
  - We need to think together ecological, economic and social dimensions
  - REDD+ is an innovative approach, but there is a need to adapt it to the local level
- Mr. Azevedo:
  - One of the conclusions that might be missing in the IUFRO report is that we need to start acting. Planning is an important aspect of REDD+, but we have already enough elements to start acting, and keep adjusting the plan while doing (“learning by doing”)
  - REDD+ has to be seen as a result (reduction of emissions from deforestation and forest degradation), and not as a process or a mechanism
- Mrs. Kapos:
  - Importance of identifying risks and opportunities. And to tie them to actions, prioritizing them and monitoring the results
- Mr. Nasi:
  - In the next step of REDD+ (implementation), include a reflection about the role of science (inform decision makers and society)
  - Question of financing REDD+: who pays? Who benefits?
  - How to include non-carbon aspects in the finance scheme of REDD+?