

MINUTES OF THE EVALUATION SESSION ON THE 3rd DAAD WORKSHOP, DUBAI

Subject: Feedback Session

Evaluators: Students and other participants

Date: 01/12/12

Venue: Ramada Hotel, Dubai

Minute takers: Jeanne R., Tsegay G. and Utsab T.

1. Feedbacks on overall organization

- ❖ Special thanks to DAAD for giving such opportunity- for many of the participants this was the first international exposure.
- ❖ Special thanks to the organizers – for dealing with cases of different nationalities to process visa and travel arrangements
- ❖ Overall the workshop was extraordinarily well organized

2. Lessons learned by the participants

- ❖ Opportunity to present draft papers and get feedbacks
- ❖ Working with students from other nationalities and study institutions
- ❖ Learning about the current issues world wide (mainly Forestry, Climate change and policy)
- ❖ Platform to learn about problems in other parts of the world
- ❖ Learned about the need to act on REDD+ and climate change
- ❖ Networking among the participants! (eg. Group Facebook has been created as DAAD FD6 Workshop)
- ❖ The workshop was multi-disciplinary in nature– disciplines like forestry, law, economics, political perspectives, livelihoods and the like (same issues, different perspectives), were the center of the discussions.
- ❖ Excursion was appropriate to studies

3. Suggestions for future improvements

- ❖ Invite persons from hosting country (foresters, environmentalists or others)
- ❖ More time should be allocated for discussions
- ❖ Presenters should include questions along their presentations to provoke more discussions and interactions
- ❖ Presenters should also respect the timing

4. Closing remarks

After expressing his appreciation for the active participation and warm discussion of the students and all participants, Dr. Lutz finally made an official closing remark of the workshop.