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I would like to introduce this international seminar.





First, I would like to look back on the international history of REDD+. In 2005, at COP11¹ of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Montreal, Costa Rica and Papua New Guinea proposed a mechanism of reducing emissions by stopping deforestation as one of the mechanisms of climate mitigation under the next protocol after Kyoto. This is how the international discussion started.

In 2007, at COP13² in Bali, REDD became REDD+ by including the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries in addition to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation and it was decided to discuss about the mechanism of REDD+ in the Bali Action Plan³.

In 2010, at COP16⁴ in Cancun, principle elements such as five activities areas for REDD+, seven safeguards, and a three-stepwise approach were adopted.

In 2013, by COP19⁵ in Warsaw, seven decisions related to REDD+, so called the Warsaw Framework

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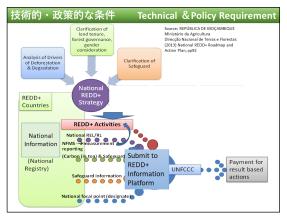
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for REDD-plus⁶, were adopted. In Article 5 of the Paris Agreement adopted by COP21 in 2015, the importance of the implementation and support of REDD+ was recognized, and thus ten years of negotiations finally bore fruit.

In the Paris Agreement, the limit was set to a max increase in the global average temperature of 2°C above pre-historical levels, and 1.5°C to reducing risks and impacts especially for vulnerable countries.





One of these COP decisions requires countries of REDD+ to make a national REDD+ strategy, to set reference levels, to make a report on safeguard information. In addition, they must set up a monitoring system which reports on the national results of the forests, in order to receive payments.

Based on all of these rules, along with COP decisions of UNFCCC, both donors and implementing countries have worked on diverse initiatives such as the development of forest monitoring technologies and improvement of technologies for using forest monitoring technologies more efficiently and effectively at low cost. Through ensuring safeguard, REDD+ initiatives that can improve ecosystem services, biodiversity conservation and social welfare of the people have been recognized.

At the same time, in order to improve the REDD+ system or results-based payments, multiple funding sources were applied. Based on the Paris Agreement, we expect a full-fledged implementation of REDD+ in 2020; so information about these need to be updated.

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⁶ https://unfccc.int/topics/land-use/resources/warsaw-framework-for-redd-plus

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In this international seminar, we would like to discuss how far we have reached, the challenges and opportunities of REDD+, where we are and what to do now. These are the questions that we want to address.

The purposes of this seminar is to discussion about challenges toward further promoting of participation of private sector into REDD+ through reviewing recent technical trends like monitoring methods and safeguard, reviewing the progress of REDD+ from a political and financial viewpoint, and discussing current and future opportunities.





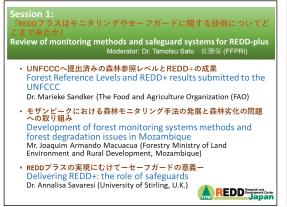
We have two wonderful experts as keynote speakers today. First is Mrs. Frances Seymour, Distinguished Senior Fellow at World Resources Institute. She is going to present on 'Why Forests? Why Now More Than Ever?'

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Second is Dr. Ruandha Agung Sugardiman, Director General of Climate Change of the Ministry of Environment and Forestry of Indonesia⁷. He will talk about 'REDD+ Indonesia: From long history to a great opportunity.'





After the lunch break, we will have two sessions and a panel discussion. In Session 1, Dr. Tamotsu Sato, from FFPRI, will serve as moderator. It will be about 'Review of monitoring methods and safeguard systems for REDD-plus.' We have three experts participating in this session: Dr. Marieke Sandker, from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations⁸ (FAO), will talk about 'Forest Reference Levels and REDD+ results submitted to the UNFCCC'; Mr. Joaquim Armando Macuacua, National Directorate of Forestry of Mozambique will talk about 'Development of forest monitoring system methods and forest degradation issues in Mozambique'; and finally Dr. Annalisa Savaresi, from the University of Stirling⁹, will talk about 'Delivering REDD+; the role of safeguards.'

In Session 2, Dr. Kanako Morita, from FFPRI, will serve as moderator. The Session will be about 'Progress of REDD-plus from the viewpoint of policy and finance.' The first speaker will be Dr. Gerhard

⁷ http://www.menlhk.go.id/

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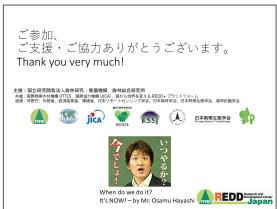
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Dieterle, from ITTO, who will talk about 'Harnessing the role of productive forests as an effective strategy for REDD+.' Second, will be Mr. Satoshi Ikeda, from the Financial Services Agency¹⁰, who will talk about 'TCFD, physical risks, and natural capital.' Third, will be Mr. Kiyoshi Okumura, from the International Finance Corporation¹¹ (IFC), who will talk about 'Financial innovation: How to mobilize private sector funds to REDD+.'





Dr. Makoto Ehara, from FFPRI, will moderate the Panel Discussion. The theme of this discussion is 'Challenges and opportunities of REDD-plus, where we are and what to do now?' Lastly, director of the REDD Research and Development Center, Dr. Yasumasa Hirata, will close today's seminar with some remarks.

By the end of the session, I hope that you will have learned something new in terms of the challenges and opportunities of REDD+, and thought about ways to further implement REDD+ going forward.

¹⁰ https://www.fsa.go.jp/en/index.html

¹¹ https://www.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/corp_ext_content/ifc_external_corporate_site/home