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**Information Note**

**Update on potential European regional workshop**

**on international climate partnerships on forests**

**Introduction**

* This note provides an update on an emerging idea being discussed to facilitate discussion of how countries could scale-up their support for REDD+ in the context of the cooperative approaches and/or the mechanism described in Article 6 of the Paris Agreement.

**Background**

* It is well understood that the goals of the Paris Agreement cannot be met without significantly increased mitigation from the forest and land sector.
* Currently, financial support for reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD+) is insufficient to achieve this potential.
* Article 6 of the Paris Agreement provides a window of opportunity to enhance mitigation through international cooperation.
* Significant experience has been generated through instruments such as the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility, Joint Declarations of Intent and other bilateral agreements, which can inform how transferrable outcomes could be included as part of cooperation agreements.

**Potential workshop on international climate partnership on forests**

* There is an opportunity for developed countries to partner with developing countries to achieve mutually beneficial results: to raise their level of ambition, act early on low-cost emissions mitigations opportunities, and support achievement of the low carbon development strategies of developing countries.
* Between the EU REDD+ facility and bilateral initiatives, Europe has a solid legacy of international forest and climate cooperation. There is therefore an opportunity for EU, member states, and neighboring countries to build on this legacy by accelerating efforts to support and motivate developing countries in scaling-up efforts for REDD+ as part of their sustainable development goals.
* The concept for a potential European regional workshop on international climate partnerships on forests is an emerging idea to facilitate discussion of how countries could scale-up their support for REDD+ in the context of the cooperative approaches and/or the mechanism described in Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, including both the opportunities and challenges.
* Potential objectives could include developing a shared understanding of:
  + The potential for bilateral or multilateral cooperation with developing countries on REDD+;
  + How such international co-operation on REDD+ could be structured under Article 6 to raise ambition and ensure environmental integrity;
  + The implications of the Paris Rulebook on REDD+ ITMO arrangement.

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