BOOK LAUNCH AND WEBINAR

FORESTS IN A CHANGING CLIMATE:
A SOURCEBOOK FOR INTEGRATING REDD+
INTO ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

Date: Wednesday, 20 August, 2014
Venue: Conference Room 10, UNEP HQs, Gigiri, Nairobi
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Forests are critical ecosystems in terms of biodiversity conservation and the benefits they provide. However, deforestation and forest degradation account for 20% of global greenhouse gas emissions leading to climate change. The REDD+ mechanism focuses on ‘reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests, and enhancement of forest carbon stocks’.

REDD+ seeks to build and maintain natural capital, and to transition to sustainable management of forests by, among others, identifying strategic options for improved land-use and better forest management based on sound scientific evidence and technical advice.

‘Forests in a Changing Climate: Sourcebook for REDD+’ provides an overview of the key topics related to forests and climate change, under the overarching and evolving REDD+ narrative. The purpose of the book is to facilitate the integration of REDD+ knowledge into university programmes. It includes case studies and detailed references. The sourcebook can be used in the design and delivery of academic programmes related to REDD+. 
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KEY SPEAKERS

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