

INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL FOREST ACADEMY
P.O. - New Forest, Dehradun-248006

Minutes of first Meeting of “Apex Academic Committee on REDD-plus in relation to global warming and climate change”

The meeting was held on 17th December 2012 in meeting room of IGNFA, Dehradun and the following officers attended the meeting:

1. Mr. Jagdish Kishwan, Ex-ADGF, MoEF & Chairman, REDD-plus Cell
 2. Mr. R.K. Goel, Director, IGNFA
 3. Dr. R.B.S. Rawat, PCCF & HoFF, Uttarakhand Forest Department
 4. Dr. Alok Saxena, Additional Director, IGNFA
 5. Dr. J.V. Sharma, Senior Fellow, TERI
 6. Dr. Subhash Ashutosh, Professor (IST), IGNFA
 7. Dr. S.P.S. Kushwaha, Scientist ‘G’ IIRS
 8. Dr. Mohit Gera, Additional Professor, IGNFA
 9. Sh. Subhash Chandra, DIG (FP), MoEF, New Delhi
 10. Ms. Kirti Joshi, Scientist, UCOST, Dehradun
2. The meeting began with a warm welcome by Dr. Mohit Gera to the members, which was followed by the opening remarks of Mr. R.K. Goel, who highlighted the purpose of the meeting and mandate of the REDD-plus cell. He impressed upon the need for developing modules for capacity building of forest officers & other stakeholders in REDD-plus & related issues.
3. Mr. Jagdish Kishwan apprised the Committee on salient outcomes of the recently concluded CoP 18 in Doha. He made a power-point presentation on different aspects of REDD-plus and highlighted key issues, viz., need for National REDD-plus strategy, Construction of National Forest Reference levels, and assessment of C-stocks. The role of REDD-plus Cell in deliberation on these issues and opinion building was also highlighted by him.
4. The possibility of associating IGNFA with the on-going Pilot-Project of TERI in Uttarakhand was also discussed on the initiative of Dr. J.V. Sharma, which was supported by Dr. R.B.S. Rawat. It was decided that the Core Committee on REDD-plus need to work on the modalities.
5. The committee deliberated thread bare on the agenda points circulated during the meeting and decided that **“Core Academic Committee on global warming & climate change”** will prepare the following:
- i) a two page note on REDD-plus;
 - ii) Documentation of available information, its synthesis and developing relevant materials for stakeholders.

- iii) Designing Capacity building programme for stakeholders especially IFS (probationers); In-service forest officers and officers belonging to other services.
 - iv) Get involved with Pilot projects on REDD-plus.
6. After detailed discussion on mandate of the REDD-plus Cell, it was decided that members may suggest the same by **25th December 2012** alongwith their suggestions also on broadening of the Cell by way of inclusion of more stakeholders in its Apex and the Core Committees.

Meeting ended with thanks to the chair.


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7. Director General, Uttarakhand State Council for Science & Technology, Dehradun.
8. Dr. Ravindranath, Professor, CEE, IISC, Bangalore.
9. Dr. Subodh Sharma, Advisor Climate Change MoEF, New Delhi.
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