

What could PEP do to add value on climate adaptation, proofing and mitigation?

Introduction: The 11th PEP meeting is the first PEP meeting to have a session on climate change. The session clearly illustrated the links between climate change, poverty reduction and economic growth. The session also showed that much is already going on among PEP members and in particular in organisations like UNFCCC, EU, as well as OECD/DAC which has taken the initiative to review ongoing initiatives among donors and multilaterals on climate adaptation and proofing. A key question is therefore where PEP can build on its strengths and can add value to the many ongoing activities on climate change and responses.

Potential issues for PEP on climate change: The following potential areas, where PEP could add value were identified by the PEP members in break-out groups:

- ADB (open for other development partners) is supporting the Indonesian Government to prepare for COP 13 on including avoidance of deforestation and the relation to climate change. ADB invited PEP members to provide inputs to the agenda of a possible side-event.
- OECD/DAC is preparing a review and guidance of on-going climate proofing and climate adaptation initiatives taken by donors and multilaterals.

The break-out groups suggested a number of additional issues where PEP may add value, perhaps through forming working groups and/or preparing good practice papers:

- Further exchange of good practice, knowledge sharing, learning and capacity building in mainstreaming climate change into sector and country programming. Promote more piloting among PEP members, including the use of indigenous knowledge.
- Advocacy in relation to the climate/environment/poverty agenda in the UNFCCC and at the national level in relation to NAPA's and PRSP's, with the particular aim of bridging the gap between development and environment perspectives of climate change.

Potential initiatives: To be considered by PEP members, as a follow up to the 11th PEP meeting.

- Provide inputs to the deforestation - climate change agenda: Drawing on the considerable experience accumulated by PEP members within community-level agro-forestry, forest management and rural development, PEP could identify some of the key issues to consider in relation to efforts to avoid deforestation/manage forests sustainably. This would be an input for COP 13 discussions for/merit of including avoided deforestation as part of the climate change regime. PEP could provide these inputs in connection with preparation for COP 13 to be held in Bali, November this year. ADB, IUCN, UNDP, UNEP, WRI, Germany, Sweden and Switzerland have already expressed an interest to provide input on Avoided Deforestation and Poverty and prepared a proposal and invite other PEP members to participate.
- Provide further inputs/comments to OECD/DAC initiatives on Climate specific SEA/climate proofing initiatives.
- Set-up a climate group among interested PEP members to prepare a climate session at the 12th PEP meeting and in particular outline concrete PEP activities for further consideration by the PEP to support a future global climate agreement to be agreed at COP 15. [Possible input also for Heads of State Meeting on Climate in September 2007]