

# Summary Report of the International Workshop

on

**Developing Methodology for Assessment of  
Enhancement of Forest Carbon Stocks due to  
Conservation, Sustainable Management of  
Forests, and Increase in Forest Cover**

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# Two Broad Emerging Policy Approaches

Countries demonstrate saving or enhancement of C stocks in tune with objectives of UNFCCC

- Compensation for reducing deforestation and forest degradation
- Compensation for conservation, sustainable management of forests and increase in forest cover

Note: See also individual presentations for participants' views at [http://www.icfre.gov.in/new/bcc\\_presentations.html](http://www.icfre.gov.in/new/bcc_presentations.html)

# Important Issues

Financial Incentives

Capacity Building

Technological Issues

# Financial Incentives

- Maintenance, stabilization, and conservation and increase of forest resources involve opportunity cost
- Developing countries require financial assistance and incentives to pursue policy actions aimed at above
- Same basket of funds could be considered for conservation, maintenance, increase in forest cover, and reduced deforestation and degradation

# Financial Incentives...contd.

- **Same incentives for**
  - ✓ One unit of carbon saved (Reduced deforestation/degradation) and one unit of carbon added (enhanced carbon stocks/conservation/sustainable management of forests/increase in forest cover)
  - ✓ Similar C enhancement as it implies similar value irrespective of means adopted
- **Ecosystem services have additional value**
- **Baseline stocks**
  - consider valuation of baseline stocks including one time payment at reduced rates

# Capacity Building

- Need for development of expertise in modern technological tools to assess forest carbon pools and changes therein
- Financial assistance needed for capacity building in developing countries
- Developing countries to share facilities and resources for capacity building

# Technological Issues

## **Insistence on**

- Common methodology for assessment of changes in forest carbon stocks for both policy approaches
- National level accounting mechanism
- National reference emissions level linked to country specific baseline year or period

# Technological Issues... contd.

## Recognised

- Remote sensing combined with field inventory as an important and cost effective tool in assessing and verifying forest carbon stocks and changes therein
- Development of a blue print for national forest carbon estimation in developing countries

**Thanks**