

**Next WG meeting, 27th and 28th February:**

Title: Mapping for REDD+: Tools and classification methods for forest cover monitoring

Topics covered: Tools and data availability for remote sensing and data pre-processing.  
Definition of mutually exclusive land cover classes.

**Preliminary dates for the following WG meetings (please note that dates are indicative and not confirmed; additional meetings might be arranged)**

- 3rd WG meeting: end of April (22nd/23rd)
- 4th WG meeting: mid July (15th/16th)
- 5th WG meeting: end of September (23rd/24th)
- 6th WG meeting: end of November 2014 OR mid-January 2015

**Updated list of potential topics for following meetings:**

- Ground-truthing and accuracy evaluation
- Methods used to estimate carbon stocks, including discussion on possible common approaches within the Guiana shield
- Measuring levels of forest degradation and carbon stock enhancement
- Addressing key drivers of deforestation and degradation and identifying options for reverse/minimize their impacts through regional approaches
- Community involvement in the establishment of a forest monitoring scheme
- Definitions, methodologies, software, data sources used by the countries within the Guiana Shield to monitor deforestation and reach a deforestation rate (including comparison of definitions for forest, deforestation, forest degradation, forest carbon stocks)
- How to capitalize on existing forest inventory data and monitoring tools to reach a more efficient carbon emission assessments feeding the MRV system
- Reporting on forest carbon – integration of forest MRV data on GHG-inventory exercises and compliance with international agreements and rules
- Efficient design of a multipurpose national forest inventory – a discussion on stratification, sampling intensity, plot design, what parameters to include, measurement procedures, tree species identification, data processing