



REDD+ for the Guiana Shield

Regional Dialogue Meeting 1

Ramada Princess Hotel, Paramaribo, Suriname

24-25 June 2015



Objectives

The objective of the Regional Dialogue Meeting is to strengthen regional cooperation between Suriname, Guyana, French Guiana and Amapá, building on lessons to be learnt from our current *REDD+ for the Guiana Shield* project (<http://reddguianashield.com/>) and thinking about a post-2015 continuation of our collaboration.

Together, guided by a facilitator experienced in participatory meeting methods, participants will rediscover the past, analyze the present and imagine the future of regional collaboration on REDD+ related technical issues in the Guiana Shield eco-region.

The meeting will also plan how to make our collaboration more known within and outside the region by sharing key results of the project with external audiences. One possible venue for such sharing is the United Nations Climate Change Conference COP21 in Paris, for which specific preparations will be made.

In summary, the specific objectives are to:

- Define the regional cooperation we want, building on our understanding of the project history and current situation
- Start planning future collaboration beyond the project lifetime of *REDD+ for the Guiana Shield*
- Draft a technical side event proposal for COP21 with the purpose of sharing project results.

Outputs

The following concrete outputs are expected to be produced during the meeting, in a participatory way:

- A vision, mission and draft plan for regional collaboration post-2015
- A side event proposal for UNFCCC COP21.

Meeting agenda

Day 1 - 24 June

Morning theme: Analyzing the situation (8:30 - 12:30)

- History and evolution of 'REDD+ for the Guiana Shield' - presentation by project team
- Analysis of Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats - participatory group work

Afternoon theme: Designing the future (14:00 - 18:00)

- Vision and mission for Guiana Shield collaboration post-2015 - participatory group work

Day 2 - 25 June

Morning theme: Designing the future (continued) (8:30 - 12:30)

- Strategic planning for Guiana Shield collaboration post-2015 - participatory group work
- Possible concept proposals for project continuation - presentation by project team

Afternoon theme: Sharing of results (14:00 - 18:00)

- Side event proposal for UNFCCC COP21 - participatory group work.

Preparations

The success of this Regional Dialogue Meeting is dependent on every person's active participation, brainstorming and sharing of ideas with an open mind. Being creative together is our objective. Discussions will be organized in order for everybody to have enough time to think about and express themselves about specific issues. As a participant, you may want to prepare yourself by thinking about the topics and formulating some ideas in advance. Here are some questions to guide your preparation:

Analyzing the situation:

1. Think about the *REDD+ for the Guiana Shield* project in terms of technical focus, type of activities, governance, collaboration, communication, budget and time management, etc. For each of those aspects, identify some strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. What do you think has been more and less successful? What aspects would you like to keep for a future project and what needs to be changed in the way we collaborate? What is caused by internal factors that we can influence, and what is caused by the external context?

Designing the future:

2. What is your vision for regional cooperation? Do you have ideas for future collaboration that could follow after the project *REDD+ for the Guiana Shield*? What mission should we strive to achieve together? Which topics, types of activities, governance structure etc would you like to see? Considering the activities you would like to see covered by a future project, who are the right partners to get on board? Are there possible synergies with other regional initiatives?

Sharing of results:

3. What do you think are the key results of the *REDD+ for the Guiana Shield* project that are relevant to share with external audiences? How would you like to frame the messages? Imagine that our project has been allocated a room in the UNFCCC COP21 conference area for a time slot of 1h30min, open to interested delegates from around the world. How would you like to use that occasion?