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REDD+

Realization of an effective REDD+ mechanism can and must be a significant part of a global climate solution, and can support the goal of halting tropical deforestation by 2020. Without immediate scaling up REDD+ action, limiting the rise in global temperatures to 2°C will be almost impossible. Following on important decisions from Cancun and Durban, the Parties should use SBSTA and LCA to make concrete progress on unresolved REDD+ issues and to position CoP18 for decisions on these matters.

The AWG LCA in Bonn should:

- → lay the foundation for urgently scaling up REDD+ finance;
- → clarify key language and terms, including the definition of "result based-actions";
- clarify the link of finance levels for Phase 3 and national RL/RELs;
- → advance the establishment of a REDD+ window under the Green Climate Fund; and
- → start to identify and commit to additional short-term finance beyond the existing fast start funding as well as clearly demonstrate how to meet the finance needs for all phases of REDD+.

SBSTA 36 in Bonn should:

- → start an assessment of policy instruments to address identified national and international drivers of deforestation and forest degradation including perverse incentives;
- → provide additional guidance on how to establish simple, efficient, robust and transparent national forest monitoring systems (WWF is strongly recommending a step wise approach and using proxy indicators);
- → formulate a transparent, complete and timely process for the technical assessment of proposed forest reference emission levels and/or forest reference levels; and
- → provide further guidance how to report on the safeguards referred to in decision 1/CP.16.

REDD+ needs to be included in the Workplan of the Durban Platform to ensure that REDD+ exists within a comprehensive and legally binding climate change agreement that limits global warming to less than 2°C.

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