

"Negotiation Questions":

You are a member of your country's delegation to the UNFCCC negotiations. Your particular responsibility is to negotiate an agreed outcome and adopt a decision at the xxx COP session on "Enhanced national/international action on mitigation of climate change, including, inter alia, consideration of policy approaches and positive incentives on issues relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries; and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries" (1/CP.13 Bali Action Plan)

1. What should be the purpose of such agreement?
2. Which costs do you expect with measures to reduce emissions from the forest sector and who should pay – and why?
3. Who is/which drivers are responsible for emissions from deforestation and forest degradation?
4. Do you think it is an easy/difficult task to reduce emissions from the forest sector?
5. Which incentives do you think are needed to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation? (given that forests are natural resources that fall under the sovereignty of the states where they stand)
6. Which principles should apply?
7. Should participation be voluntary/mandatory?
8. Could there be negative side effects of reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation?
9. How could they be addressed?
10. Who should benefit from payments for reduced emissions?