

Poverty and Conservation Learning Group (PCLG)

Annual Symposium – November 7th and 8th 2007 – London Zoo

A. Overview

The Annual Symposium of the Poverty and Conservation Learning Group is intended to be an interactive process that brings together member organisations (including donor agencies, conservation organisations, indigenous people's groups and development NGOs) to get updated on new relevant topics, share experiences and analyse issues of contemporary relevance to poverty- conservation linkages. The main theme of the symposium is climate change – and the implications this has for biodiversity and for poor people. This will be the focus of Day 1 of the symposium. On the second day there is a focus on protected areas and poverty, an opportunity to catch up on current work of PCLG members, and time to think about future learning needs the Group may want to address.

B. Objectives

There are 4 key objectives....

- A. To get up to speed on climate change related and carbon offsetting initiatives and examine their opportunities and threats with regards to biodiversity and poor people.
- B. To explore various international initiatives that are attempting to better address poverty concerns within a protected area context.
- C. To provide PCLG members with an opportunity to share and discuss different aspects of their work on poverty – conservation linkages.
- D. To provide an opportunity for PCLG members to reflect upon and incorporate any relevant ideas generated in the symposium into their work (this objective will be addressed remotely after the symposium).

Climate change has significant implications for biodiversity, for poor people and for the links between the two. Not least, current discussions on the introduction of “Reduced Emissions from Deforestation” programmes into the next international agreement on climate change will have significant consequences for forest conservation, for protected areas and for forest-dependent communities. Nevertheless, many of us are only just beginning to think about the implications of climate change for our work. The first day of the PCLG meeting this year is thus to assist members who are trying to get up to speed with this debate and to think through what this means for their organisation and the work they are doing.

The morning of the second day is intended to help participants catch up on the various international initiatives that are attempting to better address poverty concerns within a protected area context and to feedback on progress to date, bringing a range of different perspectives into this debate. It also provides an opportunity to think through the implications of the previous day's sessions on climate change and to explore in more depth what the implications are for protected areas.

Participants in the PCLG are working on different aspects of poverty-conservation linkages. The Share Fair on the afternoon of the second day provides an opportunity for

them to present relevant work to other participants and to initiate discussions on issues they are grappling with and gain fresh perspectives.

An additional objective of the symposium is to harness outputs and analysis from the symposium to think about key messages related to biodiversity and poverty to feed into national and international climate change related policy processes. This will be covered primarily in a debate on the afternoon of day two.

Finally as a follow up step to the symposium, participants will be asked to reflect on what the outputs and insights of the workshop could practically mean for the work they are currently involved with and also what any practical application for PCLG itself.

C. Symposium process and methods.

This meeting is not designed to be a stuffy one way flow of information from presenters to a passive audience. Rather the meeting will have an informal ambience and is designed to have a healthy mix of presentations and interaction, providing opportunity for all to take part. Also this meeting is not designed to herd participants towards an agreed position, harnessing a diversity of views will be valued over seeking consensus in the meeting and it is hoped all will be willing to share their ideas whilst respecting the views of others. In the presentations themselves various methods will be used to impart information and stimulate interaction. Guides will be sent to presenters with what form their presentation should take and the structure it should roughly follow.

D. Schedule.

DAY 1 Wednesday 7 th Nov	
A M	CLIMATE AND CARBON 9.00 START: Registration Introduction to meeting. Joanna Elliot, AWF and Peter O'Hara LTS (facilitator) Session 1. Why are we here? <i>10 minute power point presentations and Q &A.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current trends in the conservation - poverty debate, where climate fits in, Dilys Roe, IIED. • Climate impacts on biodiversity and livelihoods, Hannah Reid, IIED. • The global framework for reducing carbon emissions – how it all works – Jenny Henman, Sustainable Forestry Ltd. Session 2. Who are we all? Introductions, Dilys Roe
	11.15 – 11. 30 coffee – break.
	Session 3. Thinking through the key issues. <i>Poster session.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate, forests and poverty - David Hubermann, IUCN. • Carbon offsetting through afforestation / reforestation schemes - Minnie Degawan, International Alliance. • Reduced Emissions from Deforestation – implications for local people – Helen Leake, Forest Peoples Programme
	1pm – 2pm Lunch
P M	Session 4. Climate change initiatives, biodiversity and alleviating poverty – what practical initiatives are happening to make the link a positive one? <i>10-15 minute power point presentations, Q &A and rotating panel selected from participants.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using biodiversity in community based efforts to adapt to climate change – Tsitsi Choruma, Progressio, Zimbabwe. • Developing a climate risk and opportunities assessment mechanism for conservation projects – Matt Walpole, FFI. • Addressing climate-conservation-poverty links in development assistance - Maria Berlekom, SwedBio • Building community and biodiversity considerations in carbon projects - Joanna Durbin, CCBA.
	4.00 – 4.15 Tea Break
	Session 5. Analysis – Climate change initiatives, what are the opportunities and threats for poverty and biodiversity? <i>Exercise facilitated by Peter O'Hara</i> 6.00 CLOSE. 6.30 DRINKS followed by DINNER at The Queens, Primrose Hill (Between the Zoo and the Britannia Hotel)

DAY 2 Thursday 8 th Nov	
A M	PROTECTED AREAS AND POVERTY + PCLG SHARING + POLICY ASPECTS 9.00 START Objectives and agenda for Day 2 introduced. Session 6. Recap of first day's analysis, climate change initiatives - what are the opportunities and threats for poor people and biodiversity? <i>Presentations of key points from analysis exercise by the two groups.</i> Session 7. Protected areas and poverty –catching up. <i>Power point presentations with Q and A.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The WCPA Taskforce on Protected Areas, Equity and Livelihoods – Phil Franks, Care International World Database on Protected Areas/Vision 2020 - Charles Besancon, UNEP-WCMC Reduced Emissions from Deforestation - implications for protected areas – Lera Miles, UNEP-WCMC
	10.45 – 11.00 coffee break.
	Session 8. Protected areas and poverty –exploring views on impact and analysing assessment methods. <i>Group work exercise around guiding questions followed by presentation in plenary.</i>
	12.30 – 1.30 pm Lunch
P M	Session 9. Share Fair – Update on the work of PCLG members. <i>10-12 5 minute poster presentations in plenary providing an appetizer of what PCLG members are currently working with followed by a main course of more detailed presentation and discussion in smaller groups (see separate list of presentations).</i>
	3.30 – 3.45 Tea Break
	Session 10. Debate on key policy/policy process related barriers to climate change initiatives benefiting the poor and biodiversity – what can PCLG do? <i>3-5 issues distilled from the outputs of the workshop justified and debated using a fishbowl debate method which allows all the opportunity to participate.</i>
	Session 11. Recap of main outputs from the symposium, update from PCLG secretariat and introducing follow up step - harnessing suggestions on practical application of any ideas generated by symposium. <i>Presentation and Q & A</i>
	Evaluation of symposium Final comments – Dilys Roe 5.30 CLOSE

SHARE FAIR PRESENTATIONS

1. Livelihood diversification in marine protected areas
Jock Campbell, IMM
2. Implications of climate change for conservation and poverty in Caribbean small island states
Sarah MacIntosh, CANARI
3. Poverty and the human footprint – implications for conservation organisations
Kent Redford, WCS
4. Influencing international policy processes - CITES and Livelihoods
Barney Dickson, FFI
5. Cultural tourism – providing an incentive for conservation and cultural strengthening amongst the Batwa pygmies in Uganda
Robert Tumwesigye, ProBiodiversity Conservationists
6. Conservation and Poverty in Tanzania
Alexander Songorwa, Sokoine University
7. Kamicydi Initiatives on Conservation-Poverty-Climate Linkages
Donato Bumacas Kamicydi
8. Livestock, wildlife and community conservation in Maasai livelihoods: current patterns and climate change implications
Katherine Homewood, University College London
9. Protected Areas, Carbon, and Restoration in Africa
Katrina Brandon, Conservation International
10. Mobilising non-greens – how the links between poverty and conservation help
Brendan Bowles, Climate Stewards
11. The DFID Congo Basin Fund
Andy Inglis, DFID
12. Conservation in a Human Landscape: A review of field-level monitoring and evaluation systems integrating socio-economic indicators into conservation
Hannah Fairbank, USAID