

Poverty and Conservation Learning Group

Annual Symposium 2007

Nov 7-8th, London Zoo

Preliminary Outline Agenda¹

Day 1: Wednesday 7th November

Morning Session: Update on PCLG

1. Introductions (a briefing paper will be prepared in advance of the meeting providing introductions to all the organisations represented and including details of relevant project activities).
2. Update on PCLG activities – this will take the form of a presentation from the PCLG Secretariat on activities and developments to date, as well brief presentations from PCLG members who have received small grants for discrete events or activities.
3. Feedback from members on activities to date, on future plans, members' expectations and so on.

Afternoon Session: Protected Areas and Poverty

The PCLG Secretariat has supported a number of activities on the theme of protected area impacts over the last year. A number of PCLG member organisations have also been exploring the issue of protected area-poverty linkages in some depth. This session will provide an opportunity for the Group to catch up on these activities, to review the state of the debate on protected area impacts, to contribute additional experiences and perspectives, and to discuss next steps and potential roles the Group or the Secretariat should take.

Day 2: Thursday 8th November - Poverty, Conservation and Climate Change

This day is intended to raise awareness amongst members as to links between poverty, conservation and climate change; to explore some of the key policy issues; and to think through how Group members might best engage in this debate.

Session 1: Getting up to speed with the issues

- Overview of climate-biodiversity-livelihood linkages

¹ This agenda will be further developed as key issues and speakers are confirmed. At this stage it is intended simply to provide potential participants with an indication of the thematic coverage of the event.

- Overview of the carbon market – the science, the funding, the global framework

Session 2: Exploring different mechanisms for linking carbon, biodiversity and communities and their implications for both conservation and local people:

- Reforestation/Afforestation
- Avoided deforestation/Reduced emissions from deforestation

Session 3: Responses

- Community-based alternatives to mainstream carbon sequestration/conservation initiatives including local initiatives to adapt to or mitigate climate change
- Activities of conservation organisations
- Activities of development agencies

Session 4: Opportunities

This session will be a facilitated discussion to explore how best to take this debate forward and ensuring community concerns and interests are addressed in international discussions on climate change.