



**POZNAN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE COP14**  
**Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) Side Event**

**Launching the REDD-AFOLU COALITION**

**Date: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2008**

**Time: 11:30 hrs**

**Theme: Africa Bio-Carbon Initiative**

**Venue: 12 Pavilion**

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**Side Event Summary:**

26 African Countries in East, Central and Southern Africa will be launching the Africa Bio-Carbon Initiative which promotes the REDD-AFOLU Coalition as Africa's contribution to climate mitigation, adaptation and improved rural livelihoods. Keynote address by Mr. Sindiso Ngwenya, Secretary General of COMESA; and presentations by representatives from the: African Union; Civil Society Organizations; Development Partners and Banks; Scientific Community.

**Facilitator:** Dr. Lindiwe Majele Sibanda - Chief Executive Officer of the Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN)

**Agenda:**

- ✓ Introduction by the Moderator: Dr. Lindiwe Majele Sibanda, CEO of FANRPAN
- ✓ Welcoming Remarks by the African Union
- ✓ Opening remarks by Mr. Sindiso Ngwenya, Secretary General of COMESA
- ✓ Presentation by COMESA on The African Bio-Carbon Initiative
- ✓ Presentation by Central African Forestry Commission (COMIFAC): The Congo Basin Initiative
- ✓ Mapping and Monitoring (presented by CGIAR CIFOR, WWF, and GEF)
- ✓ Presentation on Best Practices by International NGOs (ActionAid, Oxfam International, CARE, World Vision International)
- ✓ Financial Platforms (ADB, PTA, and Global Investors)
- ✓ Policy and Institutions presented by Mr. Francis Hale on Africa-wide Civil Society Climate Change Initiative for Policy Dialogues (ACCID)
- ✓ Discussions
- ✓ Closing Remarks and Way forward