



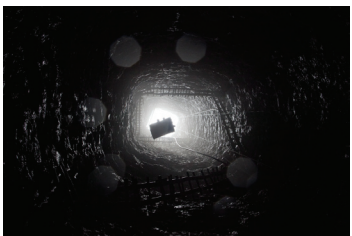
CIVIL SOCIETY WORKSHOP ON

AND CDM CARBON MARKETS

AHMEDABAD

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INDIA



Dear friends and colleagues,

We invite civil society representatives from India, Nepal and Bangladesh to a workshop on the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) and the future of carbon markets. The CDM was created with the aim and responsibility to tackle global climate mitigation and advance sustainable development. In recent years the CDM

has been heavily criticized for not achieving this dual objective. Part of the problem lies in the lack of proper means for public engagement and the CDM's lack of transparency. India hosts more than 1,800 CDM projects. The role of civil society organizations in this process is vitally important not only to address the benefits and shortcomings of the CDM, but to influence future mitigation tools and highlight the need for robust governance process for all future climate mitigation tools. Drawing on the experiences of civil society organizations in the region, this workshop aims to:

- Exchange experience with CDM projects in India and Bangladesh
- Discuss the role of civil society in the CDM and opportunities for engagement Explore the role of national governments and participation requirements
- Develop recommendations for the CDM policy dialogue panel and COP-18 to strengthen public participation requirements and safeguards in the CDM and future mechanisms

Who should attend?

- CSO representatives from India, Nepal or Bangladesh, who have worked on CDM related issues or are planning to do so in the future
- Journalists, academic and research institutions
- Students (Bachelors/Masters/PhD in environmental and climate change subject areas)

How much will it cost to participate?

- Participation is free of charge
- Tea/Coffee/light snacks and lunch is provided
- Representatives of NGOs and students can apply for travel expenses and accommodation costs

For all workshop enquiries and registration, please contact Mahesh: paryavaranmitra@yahoo.com

