

Monash Sustainability Institute Seminar

Resolving policy conflicts towards a proactive response to climate change in Indonesia

1:00–2:00 pm, Thursday, 12 May 2011

MSI Seminar Room, Building 74, Clayton Campus

All welcome. No RSVPs necessary.

Summary

Indonesia is currently attempting to resolve continued degradation of its forests (with resultant carbon emissions) while enhancing sustainable development to address poverty. It is working with the international climate change policy community to look at the feasibility of providing financial incentives to reduce deforestation and forest degradation (so-called REDD schemes).

Central Kalimantan has been selected as a REDD trial site, but many unresolved issues remain in how to implement the trial, including governance, alternative livelihoods for forest-dependent communities, financial mechanisms for distribution of any benefits arising from a carbon economy, and spatial planning given vast forest and mining resources in Kalimantan.

This seminar will describe the work undertaken by a collaboration of the University of Palangka Raya (Central Kalimantan), the National Council on Climate Change (DNPI, Indonesia) and Monash University to address these issues.

Speakers

Dr Paul McShane is Chief Research Officer at the Monash Sustainability Institute. He leads a program that addresses the link between research and policy applicable to natural resource management and climate change in Asia through collaborative research, development, and capacity building. The program includes several AusAID-supported collaborative projects between Monash and various Indonesian agencies.

Mr Alue Dohong is a senior lecturer at the University of Palangka Raya. Mr Dohong has close links with the Indonesia Forest Carbon Partnership and the Kalimantan Forest Climate

Partnership, which are tasked with addressing deforestation and forest degradation in Indonesia. Mr Dohong has been nominated as an AusAID Australian Development Scholar for PhD study at Monash University. His research interest is in financial mechanisms underpinning REDD.

Dr Agus Supangat is head of Capacity Building at DNPI. DNPI has been established to advise the President of Indonesia on climate change policy. Monash University is currently assisting DNPI through an AusAID-funded project to coordinate the actions of relevant ministries in a collaborative response to climate change, spatial planning, land/forest management, and community development.