

**Growing Green
through the Rule of Law:
Capacity Building
for Carbon Markets
for Africa**



**Tapping
Unused Potential
for Sustainable
Development:**

**The Clean Development
Mechanism and Ghana**

June 24 & 25, 2011 - GIMPA Executive Conference Center



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ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

The 1997 Kyoto Protocol imposes greenhouse gas emission targets on developed countries and authorizes the creation of a global carbon market through which they can trade emission allowances most efficiently. The Protocol also introduced innovative, flexible cooperation-based market mechanisms to maximize cost-effectiveness, including the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM), which enables developed countries to fund emissions-reducing projects in developing countries and then apply the avoided emissions to their own reduction commitments. The CDM promised great benefits for developing country hosts: foreign investment, job creation, technology transfer, and clean sustainable development. Unfortunately, CDM investment has so far been highly partial and geographically limited: Over 75% of CDM projects underway are in China, India, Mexico and Brazil, alone, with Asia and Latin America hosting over 97% of projects worldwide, and the entire African continent a mere 2.0%.

Now worth over \$30 billion, the global carbon market presents a significant opportunity for Sub-Saharan Africa to participate in global emissions reductions efforts at minimal cost and great benefit to its people. As a well-established democracy and emerging regional power in West Africa with solid investment appeal and a strong desire for sustainable development, Ghana is an ideal choice to lead the continent in drawing the business community to the emission reduction opportunities present in Africa.

The Tapping Unused Potential for Sustainable Development: The Clean Development Mechanism and Ghana Workshop will gather key players in Ghanaian government, industry, academia and the private and civil sectors to come together, explore the CDM and share their experiences in an attempt to build consensus and spur further action to draw carbon finance to Ghana. Through the engagement of a diverse set of stakeholders, the workshop aims to provide insight into the lack of investment, thus far; the ways in which current efforts may be capitalized upon and expanded; and the possibilities for joint efforts to coordinate and facilitate project development in the future. The workshop will also examine the ongoing international negotiations on the next generation of carbon finance mechanisms.

Day One of the Workshop will open with a Keynote Address by the Deputy Minister of Environment, Science and Technology, Mr. Omane Boamah, followed by three brief presentations with 15 minutes Q&A each on the Growing Green Through the Rule of Law program; carbon market law and practice; and the state of the carbon markets globally and in Africa. Having laid the groundwork for our dialogue, we will begin our plenary sessions: Discussion sessions led off by moderators who will speak for about 15 minutes and then open the floor for general discussion on such topics as the state of the CDM in Ghana; the existing regulatory framework; and the way forward for promoting carbon finance in Ghana. Day Two of the workshop features a case study on private sector project development and a final plenary session on the future of domestic environmental legislation to promote carbon investment.

MEETING TIME AND PLACE

The Workshop will take place on June 24 and 25, 2011 at the GIMPA Executive Conference Center, Ghana Institute for Management and Public Administration (GIMPA), Greenhill Achimota Golf – Legon Road, Achimota, Accra.

WORKSHOP AGENDA



FRIDAY 24 June 2011

8:30AM – 9:00AM REGISTRATION

9:00AM – 9:15AM: WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

YAW AGYEMAN BADU
*Rector, Ghana Institute of Management
and Public Administration (GIMPA)*

KWAME FRIMPONG
Dean, GIMPA Law School

9:15AM – 9:30AM: KEYNOTE SPEAKER

OMANE BOAMAH
Deputy Minister of the Environment, Science and Technology

9:30AM – 10:00AM: GROWING GREEN THROUGH THE RULE OF LAW

PAOLO GALIZZI
*Associate Clinical Professor of Law & Director, Sustainable Development Legal Initiative
(SDLI), Leitner Center for International Law and Justice, Fordham Law School*

15 Minutes Question and Answer

10:00AM – 10:30AM: OVERVIEW OF THE GLOBAL CARBON MARKET

ALENA HERKLOTZ
*Adjunct Professor & Levinson Fellow in International Law of Sustainable Development,
SDLI, Leitner Center for International Law and Justice, Fordham Law School*

15 Minutes for Question and Answer

10:30AM – 10:45AM: COFFEE BREAK

10:45AM – 11:15AM: THE STATE OF THE CDM GLOBALLY AND IN AFRICA

KOFI ABOTSI
*Lecturer, Faculty of Law, KNUST & Executive Director, African Center for
Development Law and Policy (ACDLP)*

15 Minutes for Question and Answer

11:15AM – 12:30PM: PLENARY SESSION I: STATE OF THE CDM IN GHANA – ISSUES
AND PROSPECTS

Moderator:
PETER DERRY
Secretary, CDM Working Group of Ghana

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12:30PM – 2:00PM: LUNCH

2:00PM – 3:15PM: PLENARY SESSION II: THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR CARBON FINANCE IN GHANA

Moderator:

OPPONG BOADI

National Climate Change Focal Point, Environmental Protection Agency

3:15PM – 3:30PM: COFFEE BREAK

3:30PM – 5:00PM: PLENARY SESSION III: LOOKING AHEAD — WINNING CARBON INVESTMENT FOR GHANA

Moderators:

GEORGE SARPONG

Director, Ghana School of Law

VICTOR ESSIEN

Adjunct Professor of Law and International Law Librarian, Fordham Law School

SATURDAY 25 June 2011

9:30AM – 10:45AM: CASE STUDY SCENARIO: ASSISTING THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO DEVELOP OFFSET PROJECTS

GEORGE ROCKSON

Head of Composting and Research, Zoom Lion Limited

10:45AM – 11:00AM: COFFEE BREAK

11:00AM – 12:15AM: PLENARY SESSION IV: LOOKING AHEAD — GHANA'S CARBON FINANCE POLICY GOING FORWARD

Moderator:

KWAME GYAN

Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Ghana

12:15PM – 12:30PM: CLOSING REMARKS

KOFI ABOTSI & PAOLO GALIZZI

12:30PM – 2:00PM: LUNCH