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# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

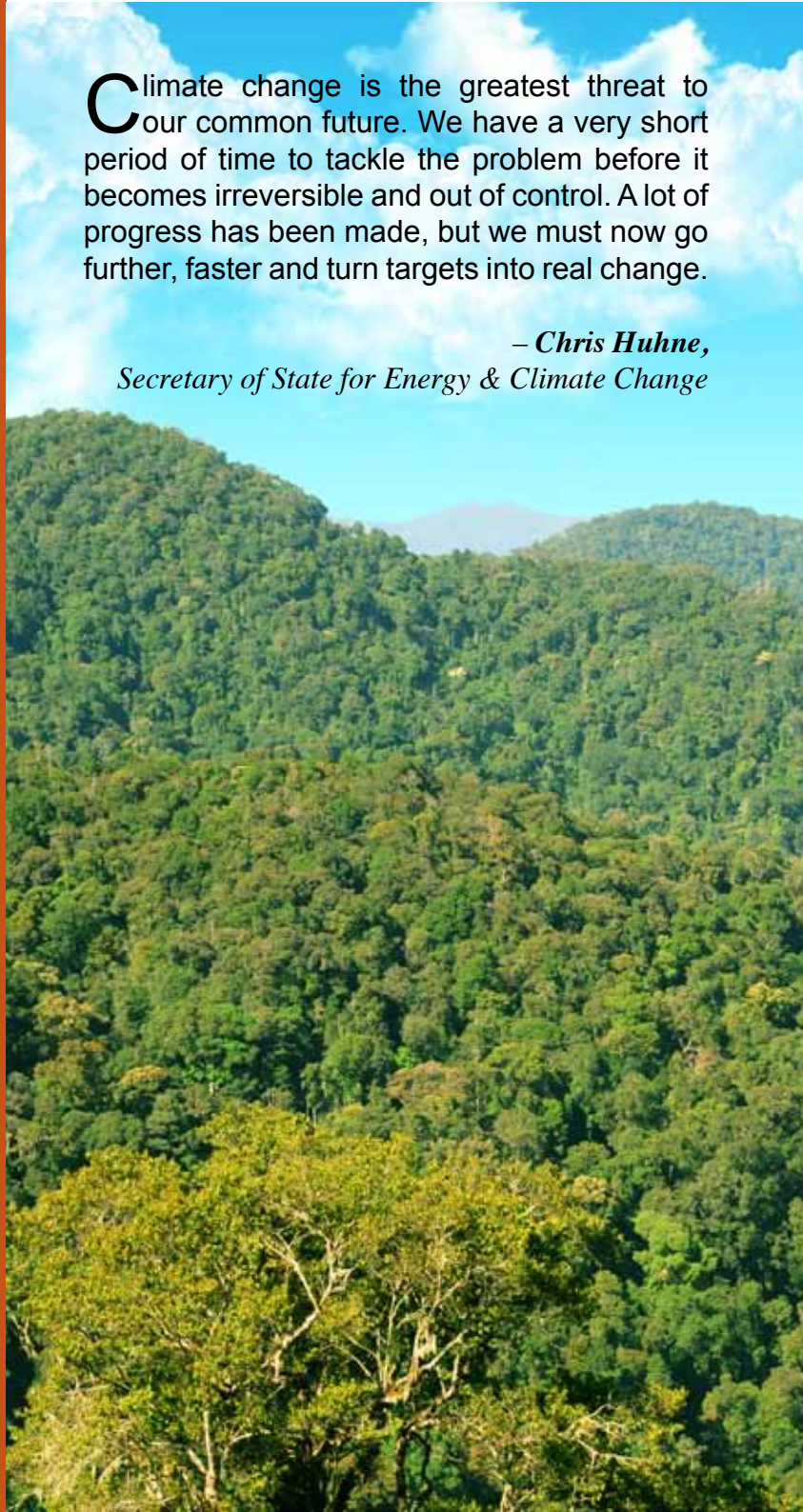
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**'Forest And Climate Change -  
Decoding And Realising  
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The Magellan Sutura Harbour  
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Climate change is the greatest threat to our common future. We have a very short period of time to tackle the problem before it becomes irreversible and out of control. A lot of progress has been made, but we must now go further, faster and turn targets into real change.

– *Chris Huhne,*  
*Secretary of State for Energy & Climate Change*



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## Background

The recent Conference of Parties (COP15) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Copenhagen, December 2009, ended with a sour note as no consensus could be reached on a clear framework for climate change mitigation, but an Accord which calls upon member parties to take note of amongst others the followings:

- The importance of keeping the increase in global temperature below 2 degrees Celsius;
- The crucial role of Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD);
- The call to scale up collective commitment by the developed countries to provide new and additional resources to developing countries to the tune of USD 30 million for the period of 2010-2012, and USD 100 million by 2020; and
- The proposed establishment of the Copenhagen Green Climate Change.

Nevertheless, the forest and REDD+ have made a major leap in Copenhagen with parties having accepted the scope of REDD+ in mitigating climate change to include the following activities:

- Reducing emissions from deforestation,
- Reducing emissions from degradation,
- Conservation of carbon stocks,
- Sustainable management of forests, and
- Enhancement of forest carbon stocks.

This could provide Sabah, who practices Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) in all its forest reserves since 1997, an opportunity to tap into new markets, i.e. carbon through REDD+ to support forest conservation and SFM agenda in the State. Although Sabah, through the Sabah Foundation, has pioneered the carbon sequestration project with FACE Foundation in INFAPRO, and the New England Electric Services (NEES) Reduced Impact Logging (RIL) Projects since 1992, none had actually materialized into real carbon revenue. Perhaps REDD+ could change this scenario.

## Objectives

Based on the above development, this Conference is held to achieve the following objectives:-

- bringing awareness and understanding of the role of Forest and Climate Change especially on REDD+ to a wider audience in Sabah including forest concessionaires, relevant government department,

non-government agencies, high institutions, oil palm plantations, and civil societies;

- Exploring the needs of implementation of REDD+ in Sabah including the legal, financial and technical (MRV);
- Bringing in experiences from the region namely from Indonesia, Cambodia, China, UN-REDD and UNFCCC on what has the development been in other parts of the world on REDD+ implementation;
- Discussing the carbon standards available for the voluntary and compliance market and how influential this would be to the carbon price; and
- Receiving feedbacks on the development of Sabah REDD+ Strategy, taking cognation of national, regional and international initiatives.

## Tentative Programme

Day One (8 <sup>th</sup> November 2010)	
	Registration of Participants
	Opening Ceremony by Guest of Honour
am	Keynote Address: • What is the Role of Forest in Climate Change? Where are the Linkages and how do they Interchange?
Session I – International and National Policy Development on REDD+	
pm	Tentative Papers: • Developments in the REDD+ process from Copenhagen leading to Cancun, Processes and Vision. • The Developing Countries vision on REDD+ towards Cancun, how can we ensure a balance and equitable solution? • The UN-REDD Program in Asia Pacific • REDD+ Architecture and Development in Malaysia - External and Internal Process
Session II – Experiences of Implementation of REDD+ Program	
pm	Tentative Papers: • Experiences from around the world i.e Indonesia, Vietnam, China and Brazil
pm	Welcoming Dinner
Day Two (9 <sup>th</sup> November 2010)	
Session III – REDD+ Implementation: The Science and Economics Behind It	
am	Tentative Papers: • Monitoring Forest and Carbon using Satellite Technology • Monitoring Forest Carbon Dynamics • Baseline monitoring of carbon dynamics and fluxes, a consideration for REDD+ • The marketing of Carbon Credits Carbon Fund Management and its requirement • Voluntary Carbon Standards, a standard to verify REDD+ Projects • CCBA, a standard to ensure equity for biodiversity and community in carbon projects.
Session IV – Developing REDD+ Strategy for Sabah	
	Presentation of Working Paper
pm	Discussions and Recommendation
	Wrap up and Closing

\* Speakers are by invitation only.

## Interested to join?

Admission is free and participation is based on a first come first serve basis.

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The closing date for registration is on the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2010 (Friday).