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Bioenergy and Biodiversity: Potential for Sustainable Use of Degraded Lands

Info event on May 27, 12.00 -13.00 h at the “Plaza of Diversity”, Forum Booth 1

- light lunch will be available -

The Federal Environment Agency (UBA), on behalf of the German Ministry for the Environment, is funding a research project on sustainable global biomass trade, carried out by Öko-Institut and IFEU until end of 2009.

In that context, a **sub-project will identify global potentials of degraded land suitable for sustainable bioenergy production**. A GIS-based mapping with FAO and other global data on land cover, soil and biodiversity-relevant areas will be used to “screen” global land, and case studies in several countries will match the global screening with “bottom-up” analyses.

The work will be carried out in **collaboration with local expert teams** and jointly with international organizations (CI, CURES, FAO, RSB, UNEP, WWF). The aim is to identify sustainable potentials and costs of using degraded land, taking into account social issues, GHG balances and food security impacts as well as biodiversity and other environmental aspects. The event will present the study approach, offer some time for discussion, and provide opportunities to contact the research team.

Draft Agenda:

- 12.00 h: Welcome**
Kilian Delbrück, Ministry for the Environment
- 12.05 h: Introduction**
Almut Jering, Federal Environment Agency
- 12.15 h: Key Issues and Approach of the Research Project**
Uwe R. Fritsche, Öko-Institut
- 12.25 h: Comments on the project issues and approach from**
 - Martina Otto, UNEP (Paris)
 - Kathrin Ammermann, BfN (Leipzig)
- 12.40 h: Questions and Discussion (moderated by Almut Jering)**
- 12.55 h: End of Info Event**

HOW TO FIND THE LOCATION:



If you cannot attend, but would like to receive more information, please contact:

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