

## **Comments from CMIA, non-contributing private sector observer, at PA5**

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**The Climate Markets and Investors Association (CMIA) is an international trade association representing companies that finance, build, and support emission reduction projects across five continents, as well as service providers to liable entities under cap-and-trade schemes. Formed to represent businesses working to reduce carbon emissions through the market mechanisms of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and Kyoto Protocol, CMIA's international membership accounts for an estimated 75 per cent of the global carbon market, valued at USD 120 billion in 2010.**

**CMIA strongly supports the continued efforts of the international community to ensure effective action is taken to reduce emissions from forest and land use activities.**

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Christopher Webb, Chair of the Climate Market and Investors Association (CMIA) REDD+ Working Group gave a few remarks on behalf of the non-contributing private sector.

- Whilst expectations of support for activities that reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation have been raised in recent years, many tropical forest countries, local communities and civil society groups are still waiting to see the benefits at the scale they had expected.
- In addition, early momentum within the private sector is stalling, as long-term policies and price signals have not emerged as actors had hoped. These long term investors are being pursued for investment in a range of climate mitigation tools; if we don't work together to demonstrate the tools for in-country investment at scale then we will lose these critical partners.
- The progress the FCPF has already done on REDD+ readiness planning and implementation should rightly be commended; however the Carbon Fund, through showing that jurisdictional-level, payment-for-performance REDD+ programmes can benefit the climate as well as all stakeholders (including local communities and indigenous peoples), could play a transformational role by giving other donors confidence to invest in REDD+ at scale.
- Whilst it clearly needs to be done right, with sufficient safeguards and reward mechanisms appropriately designed, urgency is critical. We therefore encourage all members of the FCPF Participants Committee to ensure that the momentum and huge progress the Readiness Fund has made is now carried forward to the Carbon Fund.

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