National forest monitoring systems are needed to report countries’ efforts for REDD+ activities. This side event will share experience from pilot projects from the European Union and the European Space Agency, supporting the development of monitoring systems (e.g. ReCaREDD and EOMonDIS). National pilot cases will illustrate the recent progresses made by a few REDD+ countries (Brazil, Cambodia, Cameroon, Rep of Congo, and Malawi) in the use of satellite data for measuring changes in forest cover which are leading to decrease in carbon stocks within forests. Moreover the side event will raise awareness of the Copernicus Programme, which provides free access to high spatial resolution data from the Sentinel satellites.

**Agenda and Speakers**

18:00 – 18:10 *Introduction on recent progress for monitoring tropical humid forests*
Frédéric ACHARD, Joint Research Centre

18:10 – 19:00 *National Pilot Cases for REDD+ Monitoring*
**REDD+ Pilot Case in Mato Grosso, Brazil**
Luiz Eduardo ARAGÃO, National Institute for Space Research (INPE), Brazil

**REDD+ Pilot Case in Likouala Province, Republic of Congo**
Brice Chérubin OUISSIKA, CNIAF, Republic of Congo

**REDD+ Monitoring in Cambodia**
Sophyra SAR, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia

**REDD+ Monitoring in Cameroon**
René Ngamabou SIWE, REDD+ Technical Secretariat, Cameroon

**REDD+ Pilot Case study in Malawi**
Clement CHILIMA, Ministry of Natural Resources, Energy and Mining, Malawi

19:00 – 19:10 *Perspectives: Data from the Sentinels satellites - Copernicus Programme*
Frank Martin SEIFERT, European Space Agency

19:10 – 19:30 *Roundtable discussion*
Georges Claver BOUNDZANGA, CN REDD, Republic of Congo
Chivin LENG, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia
René Ngamabou SIWE, REDD+ Technical Secretariat, Cameroon
Michel MASSART, Copernicus Programme, European Commission
Rene R. COLDITZ, DG CLIMA, European Commission

*Refreshments and finger food will be offered at the end of the side-event.*