

**UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA**  
**REDD+ and Climate Change Adaptation Working Group**

**Using Agent-Based Models to Design REDD+ Policies:  
A Two-Day Workshop**

**WHAT:** The University of Florida REDD+ Working Group is excited to announce a two-day workshop ( 25-26 April 2013) to develop agent-based models to appraise drivers of deforestation and degradation and thus to design REDD+ policies. The workshop will provide participants with practical opportunities to render the design processes and potential outcomes of REDD+ interventions into agent-based REDD+ policy tools.

The featured guests at the workshop are Dr. Lykke Andersen, Senior Researcher and Executive Director of Institute for Advanced Development Studies (INESAD) and the Center for Environmental-Economic Modeling and Analysis (CEEMA) in Bolivia, and Dr. Dan Brown, from the Department of Natural Resources and Environment at the University of Michigan (<http://www-personal.umich.edu/~danbrown/>). These guest speakers will discuss the theoretical basis and practical limitations on using such models. They will also provide technical assistance on the transformation of ideas of workshop participants into NetLogo codes.

**WHO:** The workshop has been developed for members of the UF community who are informed about the major issues surrounding REDD+ policy design, implementation, and monitoring and who have developed a basic familiarity with agent-based models using NetLogo software. Participants should have MIRADI and NetLogo installed on their laptops for the sessions.

**WHEN:** April 26 and 27, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM in Carr Hall room 222.

The full schedule includes dinner the evening before the workshop, April 24 (6- 9 pm), as well as coffee breaks and lunches for the two days of the workshop.

**HOW:** The workshop is made possible by grants from the Tropical Conservation and Development Program TCD: <http://www.tcd.ufl.edu/>; the Florida Climate Institute: [www.floridacclimateinstitute.org](http://www.floridacclimateinstitute.org); and the Department of Biology: <http://www.biology.ufl.edu/>.

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