

The Carbon Institute: Building a Central African Hub for Forest Carbon Science and Accounting

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301 GHG ACCOUNTING FOR FOREST INVENTORIES



302 GHG ACCOUNTING FOR FOREST AND OTHER LAND USE PROJECTS



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311 GHG ACCOUNTING FOR LANDFILL METHANE PROJECTS



501 IPCC: INTRODUCTION TO CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES



511 IPCC: ENERGY



521 IPCC: INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES AND OTHER PRODUCT USE



531 IPCC: AGRICULTURE



312 GHG ACCOUNTING FOR COAL MINE METHANE PROJECTS



321 GHG ACCOUNTING FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECTS



331 GHG ACCOUNTING FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS



401 GHG VERIFICATION FOR INVENTORIES AND PROJECTS



541 IPCC: FORESTRY AND OTHER LAND USES



551 IPCC: WASTE



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The Carbon Institute's Mission



Empower a stronger global workforce to better measure and manage carbon

Applied science for government needs: Combined science and policy initiative







- Design government and academic partnerships
- Fill gaps in existing Terrestrial Carbon Accounting (TCA) capacity
- Create world class TCA Certificate programs
- Mentor faculty and graduates
- Focus on comprehensive (advanced) understanding and sustainability of programs



In Cameroon



- Scoping Study
- Teach-the-teacher trainings
- Mentoring
- Regional hub model









- Identify government needs
- Coordinate government and academics
- Design TCA Certificate curriculum
- Identify best Cameroon faculty
- Fill gaps and supplement
- Begin recruiting









- Based on 1st Accredited Advanced TCA Certificate at University of California
- 27 students, taught by CRESA/Carbon Institute
- Curriculum (five days)
 - Policy context
 - Field measurements (emissions factors)
 - Remote sensing & GIS (activity data)
 - IPCC GPG
 - Statistics
 - Communication









- Six people with focused 25 hours of additional training each
- Based on needs
- Focus on pedagogy
- 80 hours of on-line IPCC
- Help with curriculums
- Alumni network
- TCA Help Desk









- Starting to link Cameroon with Republic of Congo
- Work in progress, kick-off in December
- Scope, train, mentor









- Succeeding in building a strong endogenous community of TCA trainers
- 1088 hours of training (Certificate)+ 144 hours of mentoring + 100s of hours in additional on-line training
- 100% of students would recommend the course
- Strong reviews and on-going revisions







- Active learning, repeated exposure
- People simply need to suffer with math and statistics
- Effective incentive = clear career advance
- Recruitment = most important step
- Participants as teachers



Shortfalls



- Prepare better (faculty and learners)
- Institutional sustainability
- Use real country data for practice, tying this to recruitment
- Mentoring was good, but not stellar evaluations
- French/English translation was good, not great
- Some logistics could have been smoother







- Expanding into other countries
- A global academic compact to support governments
- Hands-on research projects for gov't
- Building competency will increase trust
- IPCC Guidelines are the standard for doing, we want to build the standard for teaching
- Engaging IPCC itself (which doesn't prioritize training) and other global entities
- Ideas welcome!









