

BUILDING NEW ALLIANCES FOR SUSTAINABILITY IN TROPICAL STATES AND PROVINCES

**CONVENORS: Governors' Climate & Forests Task Force (GCF)*,
Sustainable Tropics Alliance*, and Forest-Based Livelihoods Consortium***

EVENT DESCRIPTION: One fourth of the world's tropical forests are contained within the 26 states and provinces that are members of the Governors' Climate and Forests task force (GCF). GCF members recently pledged to reduce deforestation 80% by 2020 if market signals and finance are in place. Jurisdiction-wide strategies under development within these and other territories could help achieve this pledge. They include some of the most advanced policy structures for driving the transition to low-emission rural development (LED-R), performance-based incentive systems, and multiple stakeholder processes that are bringing together communities, governments, businesses and civil society. This workshop will examine the remarkable progress—and persistent obstacles—along the pathway to LED-R. The workshop will feature a series of moderated panel discussions that highlight progress by and with a range of actors, including governments, indigenous and traditional communities, and civil society. It will close with a high-level session featuring political leaders.

WHEN: Saturday, December 6, 2014 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

WHERE: Limatambo 1 and 2, The Westin Hotel and Convention Center, Lima, Peru

AGENDA:

8:30 - 8:40

Introduction to the Symposium

William Boyd, GCF Secretariat

8:40 - 8:50

Overview of the Pathway to Low-Emission Rural Development

Daniel Nepstad, Earth Innovation Institute

8:50 - 10:15

Panel Discussion: Governments & Communities

Moderator: Rosa Maria Vidal, GCF Fund

- Mina Setra, AMAN/Epistema (tbc)
- Edwin Vasquez, Coordinacion Indigena de la Cuenca Amazonica (COICA)
- Levi Sucre, Alianza Mesoamericana de Pueblos e Bosques (AMPB)
- Dande Tavares, Companhia de Desenvolvimento de Serviços Ambientais, Acre - BR
- Peter Holmgren, CIFOR
- Magdalena Ruiz, Secretary of Environment and Territorial Planning, Jalisco - MX
- William Velasquez, Regional Manager, San Martin - PE
- Pak Heru, Indonesian REDD+ Agency

10:15 - 11:15

Building Bottom-Up LED-R Strategies: the Sustainable Tropics Alliance

Moderator: Claudia Stickler, Earth Innovation Institute

- Ane Alencar, Instituto de Pesquisa Ambiental da Amazônia, Brazil
- Margarita Benavides, Instituto del Bien Común, Peru
- Bernadinus Steni Sugiarto, Earth Innovation Institute, Indonesia
- José Montero, Pronatura Sur, Chiapas, Mexico
- Charles Mwangi, Greenbelt Movement, Kenya

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11:15 - 12:00 Governor Roundtable: Challenges for Implementing the Rio Branco Declaration

Moderator: William Boyd, GCF Task Force

Speakers:

- Governor Tião Viana, Acre - Brazil
- Regional President Jose Arista, Amazonas - Peru
- Regional President Jorge Aldazabal, Madre de Dios - Peru
- Regional President Javier Ocampo Ruiz, San Martin - Peru
- Regional President Yván Vásquez Valera, Loreto - Peru

12:00 - 12:20 Government of California

Ken Alex, Senior Policy Advisor to Governor Jerry Brown

12:20 - 12:30 Closing Remarks

Michael Jenkins, Forest Trends

12:30 - 13:45 Lunch

DESCRIPTION OF CONVENERS

* **The Governors' Climate and Forests Task Force (GCF)** is a unique subnational collaboration between 26 states and provinces from Brazil, Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria, Peru, Spain, and the United States. The GCF seeks to advance jurisdictional programs designed to promote low-emission rural development and reduced emissions from deforestation and land use (REDD+) and link these activities with emerging greenhouse gas (GHG) compliance regimes and other pay-for-performance opportunities. More than 20% of the world's tropical forests are in GCF states and provinces, including more than 75% of Brazil's & Peru's and more than half of Indonesia's.

* **GCF Regional Coordinators (Pronatura-Sur, CIAM, Idesam, Kemitraan)** are an integral part of the GCF team and are instrumental in maintaining outreach and input from GCF member states and provinces to ensure robust participation in GCF activities. The GCF has Coordinators for members in Brazil, Indonesia, Peru, and Mexico, who are located in the region they represent.

* **The Sustainable Tropics Alliance (STA)** is a strategic partnership of independent, non-governmental organizations that draw on research, multi-stakeholder engagement and local knowledge to improve rural livelihoods through sustainable low emissions land use and natural resource management in key regions of the Tropics. The founding members of the Alliance are Earth Innovation Institute (leader, Brazil, Indonesia, Colombia), Pronatura-Sur (Mexico), the Instituto del Bien Común (Peru), the Instituto de Pesquisa Ambiental da Amazônia (Brazil), and the Greenbelt Movement (Kenya), with collaboration from Foundation for International Environmental Law and Development (FIELD).

* **The Forest-Based Livelihoods Consortium (FBL)** is a partnership of ten environmental and indigenous organizations led by Forest Trends, with the support of USAID, to support forest-dependent communities to more fully contribute to and directly benefit from climate change mitigation efforts. This program is called Accelerating Inclusion and Mitigating Emissions (AIME), and operates in Brazil, Peru, Colombia, Central America, and Mexico. FBL members: Forest Trends, COICA, Earth Innovation Institute, EcoDecisión, Environmental Defense Fund, Gamebey – Metareila Association of the Surui People, IPAM, PRISMA, Pronatura Sur and the Mesoamerican Alliance for Peoples and Forests.

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