



The **Latin-American Forum on REDD** was launched officially in February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009, during the / *Workshop South-South for Cooperation of REDD Activities* occasion in which specialists in REDD of Latin-American countries and the United States shared their knowledge and experiences in REDD initiatives in Latin America.

The Forum aims the construction of an open net whose goal is the reduction of barriers among Latin-American countries in regard to REDD as well as the preparation for the international negotiations to be held until the end of the year and during the COP15-MOP5, in Copenhagen. The Forum will include representatives of NGOs, local Governments and indigenous people along with others possible interested parts.

As chosen for the entities present during the Workshop, The Amazonas Sustainable Foundation (FAS), a NGO based in the Brazilian Amazon, is responsible to promote the Forum and to get financial resources. The Professor Virgilio Viana (General Director of FAS) is the General Coordinator, and Thais Megid is the Executive Secretary. The tables below present the Regional and Country Coordinators that will support these initial initiatives.

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This open net will use a web platform. The participants of the Forum will also be able and encouraged to submit scientific articles and post their opinions. Official documents of UNFCCC and regional and international calendars of events about REDD<sup>1</sup> will be available in the web page.

The Forum will arrange capacity meetings during 2009 where periodic discussions could be held about themes such as project baseline, leakage, indigenous and community participation, monitoring, and other topics related to REDD.

<sup>1</sup> All the steps necessary to become a member of the Network as well as how to proceed submissions and discussion updates will be described in a Guideline available at our web site: [www.forumREDD.org](http://www.forumREDD.org)



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The webpage address is [www.forumREDD.org](http://www.forumREDD.org) and is open for public comments. The first event to be organized by the Forum will be the *Latin-American Symposium of REDD*, scheduled to be held in Manaus, from September 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

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