



Intermediate review of progress in the implementation of the amended New Delhi work programme on Article 6 of the Convention

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Corporación Grupo Taryona welcomes the opportunity to submit its views in the intermediate review of progress in the implementation of the amended New Delhi work programme on Article 6 of the Convention in pursuance to FCCC/SBI/2010/L.5.

We thank UNFCCC Secretariat efforts promoting participation of civil society on climate change negotiation process.

We consider that to achieve social, environmental, economic and political challenges of Climate Change, it is absolutely imperative that society is informed and well-prepared with knowledge, skills and willingness to act in a sustainable manner. Article 6 and New Delhi work program are essential in this transformation.

Civil society plays a very important role in the climate change process. We are promoting projects on education, training, public awareness, public participation, public access to information in the communities at local, regional and national level making a difference and broad-based.

Civil Society participation is critical to ensure greater impact and improved results in the implementation of Article 6, and it is necessary to strengthen and to support this process.

What are we working on?

Grupo Tayrona is working in non formal, informal and formal education. These are valuable ways to mobilize many stakeholders, develop knowledge, skills and values. We are leading three projects. One to promote the participation of universities and students addressing climate change, for that we are organizing a World Student Summit for Sustainability, in Bogotá – Colombia on March 2011 in partnership with World Student Community for Sustainable Development. This conference will present innovation ideas on climate change. The second is a pilot project to insert climate change in formal education with activities as training of trainers, designing of pedagogical materials and technical support to schools. The third project is a training course for local authorities to create capacity to address climate change at local level.



Limitations

Lack of adequate funding presents an obstacle for many civil society organizations and governments in the implementation of New Delhi work programme.

What is important to Ensure?

- Generate a better understanding about climate change
- Promote public participation at international, national and local levels.
- Stimulate effective communication mechanisms between government, civil society and international organization to exchange information and experiences
- Increase in the capacities of individuals, governments and civil society organizations to participate responsibly decision making process on climate change
- Strength and create opportunities and mechanisms for consultation and to encourage the dedication of financial resources to ensure public participation in the implementation of the amended New Delhi work program

What we need?

- Promote cooperation and partnerships between government, international organizations, civil society and communities to design, implement, and evaluate climate change policies, programs and projects
- Strength global, regional, national and local networks and networking
- Provide public and private funding for Article 6 projects
- Include indigenous people, local communities and gender perspectives in climate change process
- Promote participation of youth and children on climate change
- Improve Article 6 mainstreaming in adaptation and mitigation policies and projects.
- Promote formal and non-formal education with a holistic vision and practical approached

Proposals

- Grupo Tayrona proposes that the amended New Delhi work programme on Article 6 of the Convention will strength
- We suggest creating a fund to support Article 6 projects.
- Continue improving the efforts to facilitate participation of civil society in climate change decision making process and COPs.



- We suggest for the final review of NDWP on 2012, organize an “**Article 6 Day Exhibition**” with presentation of good practices of governments and civil society around the world during the COP 18.

In the last years relevant efforts have been made by Parties, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, and the Secretariat on Article 6, however it does not have the importance that deserve.

We consider that is necessary to increase, strengthen and ensure the long term measures and the adequate technical and financial support for the implementation of Article 6.