

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

SOME SUGGESTIONS OF POLITICS

- 1) That each country made an inventory of the forest resources that it has, including its categorization according to the **crown** cover as well as the productive capacity of it. Because by this form, a base line could be established (departure point or reference)
- 2) The governments must establish policies that stimulate and contributed to the reduction of emissions from deforestation (Payment by Environmental Services, Incentives to the Reforestation, etc.).
- 3) The State System of Protected areas Owned by the State or individuals can be included as avoided deforestation and in consequence their proprietors or the state, according to the case, can accede to the incentives or payments by the maintenance of this resource. Other activities that are relate to the conception or nature of this area, such as: scientific research, ecotourism, landscape, etc, do not have to be considered opposite to have benefits or payments by the services that the country or the particular proprietor could accede.
- 4) From the point of view of the market, Sustainable Forest Management is considered as a practice of avoided deforestation, every time it generates a change of mentality of the investors who see the forest like an obstacle for cattle and agricultural development.
- 5) Increase the rate of yield of the investments that traditionally have a low rate of return for the private investor, offers benefits in form of externality for the society as a whole. The State could serve as guarantor so that the investors, who conserve the natural resources, could accede to the benefits from international organization.
- 6) To maintain permanent capacity building in the marginal zones and the local groups, including the local authorities that are part integrated of the processes of maintenance of the areas of interest for the reduction of emissions from deforestation.
- 7) The mechanisms that are used within the framework of reduction of emission from deforestation and degradation must be in according with the other existing mechanisms, that is to say, that it created synergies with other conventions and international agreements.