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Coalition for Rainforest Nations

CfRN Sustainability Report

Welcome to the Coalition for Rainforest Nations' inaugural Sustainability Report for 2011. In this quarterly forum, we will keep you informed about Coalition events and activities, update you on relevant issues within the UNFCCC negotiations, and spotlight on-the-ground actions in Coalition Nations.

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Message from CfRN Executive Director, Kevin Conrad

I want to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate CfRN's colleagues, partners and supporters. We have struggled together to bring forests into international climate change frameworks. Your tireless efforts came to fruition in Cancun with the REDD+ Decision. In that regard, we can declare victory!



Work remains to be done, however. In REDD+, we must resolve outstanding issues related to finance, safeguards and reference levels. But REDD+ cannot succeed in isolation. Therefore, we must channel our collective energy into two new and synergistic CfRN initiatives:

Low-Carbon Growth Plans: The Coalition welcomed the Dominican Republic into its climate-compatible development project in December 2010. View the article below for more information.

GHG Inventory Systems: With support from the German government through GIZ and in cooperation with UN-REDD/FAO, vTI, and the US-EPA, CfRN launched the second phase of its Greenhouse Gas Inventory program in January 2011. Further details and links are contained in the article below.

As we look to the work ahead, we should recall the strength we created together to champion our cause. The relationships we forged on the path to our success at COP-16 will continue to inspire us as we

confront these new goals on the road to Durban and beyond. As we advance in the global fight against climate change, I hope you will consider CfRN as a resource, a forum in which to share ideas, and a partner in the creation of a globally sustainable future.

2010 Milestones

REDD+ Decision of the Cancun Agreement achieved 2010!

The adoption of REDD+ as part of the Cancun Agreement was one of the crowning achievements of COP-16. After over five years of intense debate and negotiation, Coalition nations can now look forward to receiving funding for REDD+ readiness activities, international aid for increased capacity building and incentives in the form of a REDD+ results-based payment system. However, work on REDD+ remains:

CfRN must secure adequate and predictable financing for phase III of REDD+.

The Coalition needs to ensure that safeguards are respected in a transparent manner that maximizes benefits to local and indigenous communities.

CfRN must ensure that appropriate reference levels are agreed and MRV of emission reductions are implemented fairly and transparently.

Nevertheless, the REDD+ Decision represents a solid foundation upon which to continue our work. REDD+ is now validated as a critical global building-block in the battle against climate change.

For more information on the Cancun Agreement, and to read the Draft Summary, "Elements of the REDD+ Decision in Cancun", [click here](#).

REDD+ Partnership Work Program 2011-2012

Adopted December 22, 2010

Under the inaugural co-Chairs, Papua New Guinea and Japan, the REDD+ Partnership established a solid foundation for progress. Modalities for Stakeholder Engagement were agreed, secretariat services were assigned to the FMT/PT of the World Bank and UN-REDD, the Role of Co-Chairs were defined and agreed and a work program was established. The Work Program 2011-2012 focuses on those issues defined in the REDD+ Partnership Document that are crucial to developing countries. It provides a practical roadmap to fulfill the mission of the Partnership to scale up REDD+ actions and finance, and to that end to take immediate action, including improving the

effectiveness, efficiency, transparency and coordination of REDD+ actions and finance, to facilitate among other things knowledge transfer, capacity enhancement, mitigation actions and technology development and transfer.

2011 CfRN Activities

*Forest Inventory Workshop, FAO premises
Rome, Italy January 2011*

As mentioned above, the Coalition partnered with several international institutions for a capacity building workshop that allowed Coalition Nations to share experiences and best practices related to building national GHG forest inventories. 35 countries participated in the workshop at FAO headquarters. They were: Argentina, Bangladesh, Botswana, Burundi, Cambodia, Central African Republic, Chad, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, Indonesia, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Philippines, Rwanda, São Tomé and Príncipe, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Viet Nam, Zambia.

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*CfRN and the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) sign agreement to build capacities on GHG monitoring.
January 28, 2011*

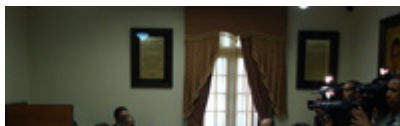
Recognizing the importance of monitoring greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for an effective REDD+ mechanism, FAO and the Coalition for Rainforest Nations (CfRN) signed



an agreement to work together to provide capacity building on measuring, verifying and reporting systems of GHG emissions. The agreement, signed by FAO Assistant Director-General, Alexander Muller and CfRN Executive Director, Kevin Conrad, seeks to assist developing countries in setting up their National Inventory Systems to adequately monitor and report GHG in the context of REDD+.

Coalition Nation Spotlight: Dominican Republic

*Climate Compatible Development
Program launches in the
Dominican Republic January 2011*



CfRN and the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) are partnering with



the Dominican Republic to create the second in a series of Climate Compatible Development programs in Coalition Nations. A CCDP initiative has been ongoing in Papua New Guinea for the last 13 months. Launched internationally in December, the program will unfold in the Dominican Republic for six months and identify priority growth sectors, assess BAU scenarios, and develop a list of priorities for low-carbon growth. CfRN is partnering with McKinsey and Company for the data analysis.

CfRN expects to identify 2-3 additional countries for CCDP initiatives in 2011.

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