

12 January 2012

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**MEETING MINUTES:
GCS TECHNICAL PANEL MEETING # 29**

Participants:

DW Don Wijewardana
KK Kaysara Khatun
MD Michael Dutschke
MG Michael Galante

Absent:

AH Ahmad Hussain
BL Brenton Ladd
DK Damien Kuhn
EL Erik Lammerts van Bueren
EZ Ederson Zanetti
GG Gianluca Gondolini

Start time: 12:58 CET

Agenda

1. Development of the 2012 Work Program
2. GCS General Assembly Preparations
3. Yanachaga & Puyusacha PIN Assessment Appointment and Scheduling
4. Puyusacha PIN Assessment Appointment and Scheduling
5. ITTO Briefing
6. Miscellaneous

1. Development of the 2012 Work Program

- The GCS has been invited to Sri Lanka in February 2012 to discuss the concept of implementing the GCS at the national level
- Several country agreements are ready to finalize during the first quarter of 2012, covering the Americas, Africa and Asia.
- ASI are confirmed to facilitate a gap assessment on the GCS to begin the accreditation process
- The GCS Foundation is currently under consideration for registration in Basel Switzerland
- The GCS Foundation has been approached by several buyers of CCUs globally and are entering into purchase contracts accordingly
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2. GCS General Assembly Preparations

- The GA is scheduled to be undertaken during the second quarter of 2012 in Offenburg, Germany
- The GA will aim to host a TP meeting concurrently with the meeting
- The GCS is proactively looking for an institution sponsor for the GA

3. Yanachaga & Puyusacha PIN Assessment Appointment and Scheduling

- Geographically speaking, Brenton and Tatiana are the identified technical specialists whom can undertake the assessments at relatively low cost, which means that an investor may not be needed to pre-finance the assessment.

4. ITTO Briefing

- The ITTO and the GCS has officially engaged in bilateral discussions to determine the synergies between the incoming ITTC Agreement and the GCS Principles and Criteria.

5. Miscellaneous

- Pina Gurvassi shall be departing the GCS to undertake the position as the incoming FSC South American Director.
- The primary TP members are encouraged to provide adequate lead time to the alternate members to facilitate their TP participation.
- The mailing list technical.panel@globalconservationstandard.org does not seem to work properly, which may be a reason for the lack of response for this meeting.

Scheduling of TP 30

- The next TP meeting is scheduled for [26 January 2012 at 1pm CET](#)

Meeting Closed: [13:37 CET](#)