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**MEETING MINUTES:  
GCS TECHNICAL PANEL MEETING # 34**

Participants:

BL Brenton Ladd  
DK Damien Kuhn  
DW Don Wijewardana  
EZ Ederson Zanetti  
GG Gianluca Gondolini  
KK Kaysara Khatun  
MD Michael Dutschke

Absent:

AH Ahmad Hussain  
EL Erik Lammerts van Bueren  
MG Michael Galante

Start time: [14:04 CET-dst](#)

**Agenda**

1. Report from Green Development Initiative 4<sup>th</sup> Expert Meeting at Sao Paulo
2. GCS Peruvian delegation: Scheduling and funding
3. Bonn Challenge and Noah's Arc Project – Two German initiatives for biodiv conservation
4. Miscellaneous

### 1. GDI Meeting Sao Paulo

The Sao Paulo 4<sup>th</sup> GDI expert meeting was attended by Ederson and Michael D. The Green Development Initiative has a similar approach to GCS on what they call “BioAreas”. These areas are registered by GDI over a 5-year period. The BioArea Registry lists nominated, registered and (3<sup>rd</sup>-party) certified areas. The criteria for a BioArea (<http://gdi.earthmind.net/certification/standard/>) are qualitative, although the headlines “Baseline assessment” and “monitoring, evaluation and reporting” appear to be derived from the carbon world.

The minutes of the meeting will be provided to the TP members as an attachment. As relevant for the GCS, GDI and GCS see themselves as complementary, although cooperation between the two organizations is currently not an option. The GDI does not intend to offer a private-sector incentive mechanism.

Back to back with the GDI meeting, Ederson presented a conservation project in Mato Grosso do Sul, where a private company is breeding native species to be released into a nearby conservation area. This activity is currently funded by the owner of the area and sponsors. Its promoters intend to submit a PIN in the near future, which is under preparation. The project approaches the ISO 26000 Guidelines for CSR to perform Ecosystem Services management plans and deliver report on 07 ecosystem services (carbon, water, biodiversity, scenic beauty, habitat, recreation and R&D).

### 2. Scheduling and funding the GCS Peruvian delegation

The Peruvian project delegation is intended to only start after the Berlin meeting, i.e. 25/25 April. The first days will be spent on the project site and in Iquitos. Meetings in Lima will be held during the following week 30 April to 4 May.

The investor John Campbell is currently raising upfront funding for the visit. The intended deadline of 11 April could not be met due to a failure of Internet communication within Thailand, which may be related to the Tsunami warning issued on the same day. Campbell still firmly expects funding to flow, and his financier is committed to be part of the delegation and to make the core investment happen.

### 3. Bonn Challenge and Noah’s Arc Project

Michael introduced to a new initiative by a German member of parliament he has been communicating with over the last months. This activity is being supported by WWF, and a meeting was scheduled for 11 April in Berlin. Michael reported on his intention to inquire about overlaps between the Bonn Challenge taken up by the German Senate of the Economy and Noah’s Arc Project.

### 4. Miscellaneous

- Eder will attend the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services IPBS between 15 and 21 April, as a stakeholder and delegate at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Assembly, representing the GCS. The GCS participation was allowed under a one-shot registration form, the permanent chair will relay on further commitment from GCS, still not informed by the IPBES meeting organizers. The IPBES is the UNCBD equivalent of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.
- Eder reported on his activities surrounding the promotion of the GCS in Brazil. He presented the GCS to the Brazilian Minister of the Environment, to the Chico Mendes Institute, and to Mato Grosso and Mato Grosso do Sul state governments.
- Eder also suggests Michael D. to give a presentation on the GCS on 23/24 May in Cuitiba use the occasion to sign an MoU with the Mato Grosso state Secretary of the

Environment. The MOU is already being negotiated by Eder with the secretary and is pending approval, the idea was presented by the event organization.

- Michael D. will most likely be invited by Robert Dilger, GIZ to do a promotion tour in Central America following the Peru trip.

### **Scheduling of TP 35**

- The next TP meeting is scheduled for [19 April 2012 at 2pm CET-dst](#)

Meeting Closed: [15:00 CET](#)