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**MEETING MINUTES:
GCS TECHNICAL PANEL MEETING # 40**

Participants:

DK Damien Kuhn
DW Don Wijewardana
EL Erik Lammerts van Bueren
EZ Ederson Zanetti
GG Gianluca Gondolini
KK Kaysara Khatun
MD Michael Dutschke (minutes)
RD Robert Dilger

Absent:

AH Ahmad Hussain
BL Brenton Ladd
MG Michael Galante

Start time: [14:00 CET-dst](#)

Agenda

1. Update from Peru and Allpahuayo Mishana: Decision on going forward
2. PIN Update: Rasanari Province, Romania
3. Global Development Initiative: Update
4. Finalization of GCS Chapters: Biodiversity, Carbon, Social, Water
5. FONAFIFO Update: Discussion Status
6. Communication Upgrading
7. Miscellaneous

1. Update from Peru and Allpahuayo Mishana

- An agreement (MoU, Declaration of Intention or alike) will be developed between the investor and the landowners.
- The next phase is a second stakeholder process to be facilitated.
- No further details are known to-date.

2. Update: PIN Review: Rasanari Province, Romania

- Damien and Kaysara have helped the proponent to complete the PIN as far as possible.
- The TP discussed, whether the information available was sufficient.
- As this would be a new Conservation Area, a management plan will only be produced as part of the project implementation.
- The PIN was criticized on its lack of the Commercial Buffer Zone determination and ideas what activities could be carried out in the CBZ and because the boxes for "other environmental services" seems to have been indiscriminately ticked, without an implementation concept for the respective activities.

- After a intensive discussion, the following agreement was found: The Rasani project will be accepted under the following conditions:
 - The Commercial Buffer Zone and its related income opportunities will be determined;
 - Other environmental services will be clarified or removed.
- This acceptance is valid for a period of six (6) months within which the TP project assessment will have to take place.

3. Global Development Initiative

- The Secretariat has reinitiated contact with the GDI, considering a strategic partnership.
- It was discussed establishing the GDI as the Biodiversity Chapter of the GCS or other options.
- The Gold Standard (GS), in cooperation with FSC is currently developing a land-use standard. Both GCS and GDI have been in touch with both organizations on different occasion and see a better negotiation basis in moving ahead together.

4. GCS Chapters

- In the above context, the idea was taken up to have different Chapters inside the GCS for biodiversity, water and possibly other ecosystem services. These could provide multipliers to be applied to total CCU amounts, thus limiting the number of and complexity of methodologies needed.

5. FONAFIFO:

- On Costa Rican initiative, the GCS has entered into discussions with FONAFIFO, the restoration body based in Costa Rica regarding collaboration on project development.
- The collaboration is supported by GIZ, the German technical cooperation agency, and a delegation by MD is planned for September 29 through October 6, 2012.

6. Communications upgrading

- The communication quality of Skype is constantly deteriorating. Any suggestion for alternative conferencing software will be welcome.
- Suggested by MG, who was not present at the meeting, poVoo and Google+

Scheduling of TP 40

- The next TP meeting is scheduled for [23 August 2012 at 2pm CET-dst](#)

Meeting Closed: [15:05 CET-dst](#)