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**MEETING MINUTES:
GCS TECHNICAL PANEL MEETING # 45**

Participants:

DK Damien Kuhn
GG Gianluca Gondolini
KK Kaysara Khatun
MD Michael Dutschke
RD Robert Dilger

Absent:

AH Ahmad Hussain
EL Erik Lammerts van Bueren (unable to participate for technical reasons)
EZ Ederson Zanetti
MG Michael Galante

Start time: [13:05 CET](#)

Agenda

1. Report from Isle of Vilm meeting on social standards for ICI projects;
2. Latest news from Noah's Arc;
3. Comments on the PIN template received from Costa Rican workshop participants;
4. Miscellaneous

1. Report from Vilm meeting on social standards for ICI projects

The International Climate Initiative (ICI) of the German Federal Ministry of the Environment intends to implement rules for their projects that include area use. ICI projects are often holistic and include interdependent activities. For this purpose, a workshop was held from October 28 – 31 on the Isle of Vilm, nearby the Island of Ruegen.

MD's task was to write and present an input study to review international standard systems for land use on their social elements and propose how to implement safeguards and guidelines for these projects.

During the workshop, much interest was received for the GCS; therefore MD gave a short presentation outside the program. Contact was made specifically with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) TNC Bolivia on the opportunity to revive the [Noel Kempff Mercado Climate Action Project](#), the world's oldest REDD project, started in late 1996. Its investors have withdrawn as a consequence of the Bolivian government's refusal to participate in the REDD+ debate since the Cancún Conference, which has led to the situation that one million CO₂e ton offset produced cannot be sold, not even on the voluntary market. The receipts had been destined to the smallholder communities in the buffer zone of the national park. However, the project cannot fail, because TNC and the Bolivian government are both committed by contract. The Chavez government has installed a smallholder forest management incentive program under the name of CONSERBO instead, which gives modest support. The idea is to approach the Bolivian government on the GCS and to get the private sector interested in acquiring the non-offset CCUs instead.

2. Latest news from Noah's Arc and the Worldwide Forest Fund

On his way back from Vilm, MD met several actors involved in the process of Noah's Arc. There is currently a study underway to assess the market potential for GCS-like projects. It will still take a while, before the first project due diligence is undertaken. There is interest in one or two Costa Rican projects. Also MD met the CEO of Futouris, an NGO of the major German travel operators that, under different modalities, sponsors climate, development and biodiversity projects. As an aside, MD informed that the Senate of the German Economy has its reforestation fund still impending.

5. Comments on the PIN template received from Costa Rican workshop participants

MD has finalized the report from his CR trip, including the comments received from the workshop participants while filling in their PIN templates. The TP members will receive the report once it is approved by GIZ to further work on improving the template.

6. Miscellaneous

GG asked for the GCS current project pipeline, the latest version of which is being sent to the TP members.

Scheduling of TP 46

- The next TP meeting is scheduled for [22 November 2012 at 13:00 CET](#)

Meeting Closed: [14:00CET](#)