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First Amazon Regional Summit of Ancestral Knowledge, Peoples and Fulfilling Life in Harmony with Forests held in Brazil

In August 2011, the First Amazon Regional Summit was held in Manaus, Brazil, where representatives from Amazon Indigenous Peoples and Indigenous Peoples Organizations from Bolivia ([CIDOB](#)), Brazil ([COIAB](#)), Ecuador ([CONFENIAE](#)), Colombia ([OPIAC](#)), Guyana ([APA](#)), French Guyana ([FOAG](#)), Peru ([AIDSESP](#)), Venezuela ([ORPIA](#)) and Suriname ([OIS](#))-met to discuss the current climate and environmental crisis and as a result a set of actions were proposed to address it. [Click here to download](#) the meeting's resolutions and visit www.coica.org.ec for more information.

FIP Joint Mission to Mexico

In August 2011, a joint mission from the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank was conducted in Mexico to assist the Government in finalizing their FIP Investment Plan, meet with key stakeholders and initiate the discussions about the projects that will be supported by the FIP in Mexico. [Click here](#) to read the mission's completion report. For more information contact [Laurent Debroux](#) at the World Bank.

New Methodology for Measuring Emission Reductions from Reduced Deforestation

A new methodology for quantifying emission reductions from projects that reduce deforestation was recently approved. This could help unlock carbon market revenues for countries and poor communities across Africa, Asia and Latin America, boosting the conservation of forests and creating new livelihoods. For more information [click here](#) or contact [Isabel Hagbrink](#).

FCPF's Ninth Participants Committee Meeting

The Ninth meeting of the Participants Committee (PC9) of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) took place June 20-22, 2011 in Oslo, Norway. Among other accomplishments, the PC approved the Common Approach to Environmental and Social Safeguards for Multiple Delivery Partners, the FCPF's final evaluation report



Q+A with Jorge Mario Rodriguez

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What is the importance of the Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) in Costa Rica?

The SESA process is important to identify the main gaps and risks that could affect the implementation of the national REDD+ Strategy from the point of view of the relevant stakeholders, who are the ones living the reality of their communities day to day.

In addition, the SESA national workshop held in May of 2011, was the beginning of a successful process that had ample representation from several sectors.

It is important to mention that the participation of the Indigenous Peoples sector was very valuable because community leaders, members from the ADIIS (*Asociaciones de Desarrollo Integral Indígena*) and from non-government and traditional organizations including women groups, got together to discuss key issues related to their territories within the REDD+ Strategy framework.

The SESA process also catalyzed the interest of the rural sector, that is now in the process of developing the *Campesino* REDD+ proposal, and has also motivated the active participation from the academic and private sectors in the strengthening of the national strategy.

[Click here for more information about the SESA workshop in Costa Rica.](#)

What are some of the social considerations for REDD+ in Costa Rica?

- To increase and improve the participation of relevant stakeholders in the process of development of the REDD+ strategy
- To increase the participation of women in all processes related to the REDD+ strategy development
- To generate better income for the communities in the poorer areas of the country where forests are their main source for livelihoods
- To contribute in the equitable distribution of benefits from REDD+ activities
- To respect the traditional and cultural use of the forest areas
- To strengthen the institutions to allow better civil society participation in illegal logging control and complaints
- To strengthen the governance of the Indigenous Peoples and rural communities to allow them to participate and compete in the national markets

What are some of the environmental consideration for REDD+ in Costa Rica?

Our country depends very much on its natural resources and environmental conditions. REDD+ will allow the country to catalyze land use planning processes and will support carbon neutrality to achieve Costa Rica's environmental integrity.

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was presented and [Colombia](#) and [Nicaragua](#) made informal presentations of their draft Readiness Preparation Proposals (R-PP). To read the summary of PC9 resolutions [click here](#). For more information send an email to [Isabel Hagbrink](#).

FIP meetings

The 2011 Climate Investment Fund meetings took place in South Africa from June 20-30, 2011. Two days were specifically dedicated to the Forest Investment Program including the second meeting of pilot countries participating in the FIP which includes Mexico, Peru and Brazil. During these meetings the Government of Mexico updated the FIP Sub-Committee on progress in the preparation of Mexico's Investment Plan. [Click here](#) for summary of resolutions and contact [Gerhard Dieterle](#) and [Laurent Debroux](#) for more information.

FIP Scoping Mission to Brazil

In May 2011, a scoping mission was conducted in Brazil to present the Forest Investment Program to government agencies and diverse stakeholders in the country, and discuss initial ideas about the potential topics that could be included in Brazil's Investment Plan, and discuss the schedule for the FIP preparation in Brazil. For the mission report [click here](#) and for more information contact [Garo Batmanian](#) at the World Bank.

FCPF's Carbon Fund: Now Operational

The Carbon Fund, the second fund of the FCPF, was declared operational in May 2011. The Carbon Fund will provide payments for emission reductions from REDD+ programs in countries that have made considerable progress towards

REDD+ readiness. It is envisaged that about five REDD+ Country Participants will qualify for the Carbon Fund based on a progress assessment by the FCPF Participants Committee. Programs submitted to the Carbon Fund will have to meet the following criteria:

- Focus on results, namely high-quality and sustainable emissions reductions including social and environmental benefits
- Sufficient scale of implementation, e.g., at the level of an administrative jurisdiction within a country or at the national level
- Consistency with emerging compliance standards under the UNFCCC and other regimes
- Diversity, so as to generate learning value for the FCPF and other Participants
- Clear mechanisms so that the incentives for REDD+ reach those who need them and
- Transparent stakeholder consultations.

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SESA workshop in Costa Rica

The Government of Costa Rica, through FONAFIFO, carried out a national Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) workshop in San Jose, May 4 and 5, 2011, with the participation from over 110 representatives from government agencies, Indigenous Peoples communities and organizations, campesino associations, private sector, academia, donors and NGO.

During the workshop the participants provided input on the potential risks and benefits from various REDD+ strategic options outlined in Costa Rica's R-PP. For

more information and workshop proceedings contact Alexandra Saenz (ASaenz@fonafifo.go.cr). Visit http://www.fonafifo.go.cr/paginas_espanol/noticias/EESA.htm

Also in May 2011, the Bank Information Center, Conservation International and ACICAFOC co-hosted an international public event for civil society groups in Washington D.C. on the experience of Indigenous Peoples in the REDD+ process in Costa Rica. For more information contact Joshua Lichtenstein (jlichtenstein@bicusa.org)

SESA Workshop in Mexico

The Government of Mexico, through CONAFOR, carried out a national SESA workshop on May 12-13, 2011 in with the participation of representatives from over 50 entities from state governments, Indigenous Peoples organizations, ejidos, NGOs and women's groups. During the workshop the participants analyzed the causes of deforestation, provided input on the potential risks and benefits from the proposed strategic options for REDD+ and discussed appropriate messages and communications platforms to improve stakeholder engagement.

Participants of the workshop formed a SESA committee that will follow up on the commitments within the SESA process. For more information and workshop proceedings please contact Josefina Braña (jbrana@conafor.gob.mx) and Leticia Gutierrez (lgutierrezl@conafor.gob.mx)

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Publications and Resources

[The State and Trends of the Voluntary Carbon Market 2011 \(The World Bank\)](#)

[Modalities for REDD+ Reference Levels: Technical and Procedural Issues \(Meridian Institute 2011\)](#)

[Free, Prior, and Informed Consent in REDD+: Principles and Approaches for Policy and Project Development \(RECOFTC and GIZ 2011\)](#)

Calendar

September 27-29: FCPF's Global Consultation with Indigenous Peoples, Guna Yala, Panama

September 28 and 30: REDD+ Partnership Meeting and Workshops, Panama City, Panama

October 17-19: FCPF Participants Committee (PC10), Berlin, Germany

October 20-21: Carbon Fund Meeting, Berlin, Germany

October 31: FIP Sub-Committee Meeting, Washington D.C., USA

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