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for Sustainable Development



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Dear Mr. Pereira,

Dear Members of the Governors' Climate and Forests Taskforce,

Ref: Potential for collaboration between GCF and nrg4SD

We would like to thank you and Mr. Nicolas Buchoud for the invitation to participate in the 4th GCF and Stakeholders Meeting, which is taking place this week in Santarém.

We are impressed by the works of GCF in promoting, at all levels of governance, reinforced cooperation towards the solid implementation of Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD) activities. Technical cooperation, capacity building and the formulation of political recommendations at subnational level are essential elements in the global fight against climate change. The Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development nrg4SD is an international organisation representing regional governments at global level that promotes and supports these approaches.

nrg4SD was formed by the regional governments that attended the Johannesburg World Summit on Sustainable Development (2002), and was legally registered in 2004 as an "International non-profit-making association". The network promotes understanding, collaboration and partnerships in sustainable development and seeks greater international recognition of the importance of the contribution which regions make to sustainable development. Today it represents over 45 regions from 29 countries in the World, amongst with Buenos Aires (Argentina), Fatick (Senegal), Rhône-Alpes (France) and Québec (Canada) have just joined.

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Some nrg4SD member regions - such as Equator (Democratic Republic of Congo), North Sumatra and West Java (Indonesia) or Goiás (Brazil) - host tropical forests. Other European nrg4SD member regions – such as Aragón and Catalonia (Spain) or Toscana (Italy) – are mobilised by Aquitaine Region (South West France), who intends to animate within nrg4SD a working group on forests. Following from a devastating storm which in early 2009 destroyed a fourth of our forest, Aquitaine Region would like to initiate with its fellow regions within nrg4SD a reflection on the best ways to support reforestation both in North and South countries, while enhancing the valorisation of the ecological and social value of forests.

Having learnt about the interesting activities developed by GCF and its important technical knowledge on forests related matters, we would like to convey to you our deepest interest in collaborating with the State of Pará and with GCF with the objective of strengthening, all together, our commitment to the support of forests, the financial recognition at international level of their ecological and social value and the promotion of concrete projects at subnational level. Together, our initiatives represent a unique opportunity for the active collaboration of States and Provinces around the World.

We sincerely regret not being able to participate in your meeting this week and would like to wish you plenty of success in your deliberations and your ongoing work, to which we hope we can be associated in the future. If you wish to discuss this further, then please do not hesitate to contact the nrg4SD Secretariat (details below).

Yours sincerely,

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Ms. Maruxa Cardama
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