



Meeting Report

GCF Peruvian Workshop 2013

Puerto Maldonado, 9-11 September 2013

Overview

From September 9-11, 2013, in Puerto Maldonado (Madre de Dios), the first national GCF meeting of the 5 Amazonian regions of Perú took place, with invited participants from the Ministry of the Environment and two more Peruvian regions with forested areas.

The meeting was entitled "Preparatory Meeting for GCF Annual Meeting 2013"; the Annual Meeting was to take place in the same city, the following month (October), and during it 4 Peruvian regions would be applying to become full members of the Governors' Climate and Forests Task Force (GCF).

Goals

The meeting's goals were as follows:

- To produce and agree upon a national roadmap to implement REDD+ in Peru through a nested jurisdictional focus.
- To review and arrive at a consensus on technical points for the articulation and synergy of REDD+ initiatives at the project, jurisdictional and national levels.
- To publicize the goals and progress of the Governors' Climate and Forests Task Force.
- To publicize the agenda for the Governors' Climate and Forests Task Force Annual Meeting to take place in Puerto Maldonado in October 2013 and generate support for it.

Agenda

The meeting's agenda is detailed below:

Monday September 9, 2013		
Time	Activity	Presenter
09:00 am	Participant Registration	
09:30 am	Participant Welcome	Jorge Aldazábal Soto Regional President Madre de Dios Regional Government Gustavo Suarez de Freitas Executive Coordinator National Forest Conservation Program for Climate Change Mitigation Ministry of the Environment

		Víctor Galarreta Executive Secretary Interregional Amazon Council
09:45 am	Key Elements for REDD+ Implementation in Peru: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - REDD+ Concepts and Scope - Progress and important points for international negotiations, looking toward UNFCCC COP 20 - Importance of the nested and jurisdictional approach - Responsibilities and competencies for REDD+ in Peru - Safeguards: concepts and implementation 	Gustavo Suarez de Freitas Executive Coordinator National Forest Conservation Program for Climate Change Mitigation Ministry of the Environment
10: 30	Questions and Feedback from the participants	Moderator
11:00 am	Break	
11: 15 am	Voluntary Standards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VCS JNRI - Carbon Fund 	Claudio Schneider Technical Coordinator Conservation International Bruno Guay FCPF Facility Management Team World Bank
12:00	Questions and Feedback from the participants	Moderator
01:00 pm	Lunch Break	
03:00 pm	Introduction to the GCF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Background and objectives - Activities and procedure for applying for membership 	Ronald Rojas Regional Manager of Natural Resources and Environmental Management Madre de Dios Regional Government Carly Hernández Senior Project Associate Governors' Climate and Forests Task Force
04:00 pm	Review of the agenda for the GCF Annual Meeting to be held in Puerto Maldonado in October, 2013: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the meeting agenda - Identification of topics where there are regional strengths - Design of a strategy for participation - Applications for new states or regional governments 	Carly Hernández Senior Project Associate Governors' Climate and Forests Task Force
05:00 pm	Review of the GCF Fund proposal and prioritization of regional needs	Monica de los Ríos Secretary of the Environment Acre State Government
06:00 pm	Meeting adjourned for the day	

Tuesday, September 10, 2013		
Time	Activity	Presenter
09:00 am	Technical points to consider in the design of a roadmap: - Establishing reference levels - Proposal for establishing the RL (advantages and disadvantages)	Renzo Giudice REDD+ MINAM Project Ministry of the Environment
09:30 am	Advances and accomplishments of the Amazonian regions: Madre de Dios, San Martín, Cusco	Ronald Rojas Villalobos Regional Manager of Natural Resources and Environmental Management Madre de Dios Regional Government Sylvia Reátegui García Manager of the Regional Environmental Authority Madre de Dios Regional Government Ninoska Rozas Palma Regional Manager of Natural Resources and Environmental Management Cusco Regional Government
10:30 am	Questions from participants	Moderator
11:00 am	Break	
11:15 am	Goals and general scope for establishing a roadmap for the implementation of REDD+ with a jurisdictional focus in the Peruvian Amazon. Reviewing and revisiting the agreements from July's meeting.	Víctor Galarreta Encinas Executive Secretary Amazonian Interregional Council
12:00 pm	Technical points to consider in developing Peru's nested, jurisdictional proposal	Renzo Giudice Granados REDD+ Project Ministry of the Environment
01:00 pm	Lunch Break	
03:00 pm	Participatory construction of a roadmap for implementing REDD+ with a jurisdictional focus in the Peruvian Amazon	Moderators Jorge Rodríguez Climate Change and REDD+ Advisor Amazonian Interregional Council Jorge Torres Bosques Amazónicos Michel Saini REDD+ Roadmap Consultant Madre de Dios Regional Government
06:00 pm	Meeting adjourned for the day	

Wednesday, September 11, 2013		
Time	Activity	Presenter
09:30 am	Participatory construction of a roadmap for implementing REDD+ with a jurisdictional focus in the Peruvian Amazon (continued)	<p>Moderators Jorge Rodríguez Climate Change and REDD+ Advisor Amazonian Interregional Council</p> <p>Jorge Torres Bosques Amazónicos</p> <p>Michel Saini REDD+ Roadmap Consultant Madre de Dios Regional Government</p>
11:00 am	Break	
11:15 am	Design of a workplan and assignment of responsibility, for the implementation of the roadmap	<p>Moderators Jorge Rodríguez Climate Change and REDD+ Advisor Amazonian Interregional Council</p> <p>Jorge Torres Bosques Amazónicos</p> <p>Michel Saini REDD+ Roadmap Consultant Madre de Dios Regional Government</p>
01:00 pm	Agreements and next steps	<p>Ronald Rojas Regional Manager of Natural Resources and Environmental Management Madre de Dios Regional Government</p> <p>Gustavo Suarez de Freitas Executive Coordinator National Forest Conservation Program for Climate Change Mitigation Ministry of the Environment</p> <p>Víctor Galarreta Encinas Executive Secretary Amazonian Interregional Council</p>
01:15 pm	Adjournment of the meeting	

Participants

The following institutions participated in the meeting:

- Gobierno Regional de San Martín
- Gobierno Regional de Loreto
- Gobierno Regional de Ucayali
- Gobierno Regional de Amazonas
- Gobierno Regional de Madre de Dios
- Gobierno Regional de Cusco

- Gobierno Regional de Piura
- Gobierno Estadual de Acre, Brasil
- Dirección General de Cambio Climático, Desertificación y Recursos Hídricos - Ministerio del Ambiente
- Programa Nacional de Conservación de Bosques para la Mitigación del Cambio Climático – Ministerio del Ambiente
- Proyecto REDD+ MINAM – Ministerio del Ambiente
- Consejo Interregional Amazónico
- WWF
- BAM
- PFSI
- Proyecto Especial Madre de Dios

Agreements

The main agreement for the meeting is on the establishment of a Roadmap, an historic agreement signed by regional Amazonian governments and the Ministry of the Environment, regarding different technical, legal and institutional aspects of the REDD mechanism.

The Roadmap appears in the following table:

TOPIC	AGREEMENT	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
1. Baseline 1.1. Stratification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest types • Post-Deforestation Uses 1.2 Carbon Stocks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the Nation's • Use the Region's • Use the same strata 	Regional stratification will be aligned with national stratification, maintaining stratification in sub-strata and seeking to ensure compatibility. Agreed-upon processes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At the beginning of the month of October MINAM will share its progress at a national level on mapping deforestation and carbon (MINAM)--rough data (the Vice Minister will be asked to authorize this). It is understood that the data to be shared will be preliminary. 2. Before the end of September, m MINAGRI/MINAM will request that José Dance share PNIF data on the eco-zone map. It will be requested that this information be explained to the technical group (see members below). 3. At the beginning of the month of October, GOREMAD will share with MINAM its progress on analyzing deforestation and the carbon map. This information will be forwarded to 	Technical Team MINAM + GR + PINF	COP 20

	<p>MINAM.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. A technical group will be assembled with representatives from MINAM and GOREMAD to design a proposal to align national and regional stratification. The proposal should be shared with all the regional government participants (Amazonas, Piura, Loreto, San Martin, Cusco, Ucayali). 5. All the private institutions involved with REDD+ initiatives that have participated in this meeting will share and will allow the use of the information they have about carbon. This request will be reiterated at regional REDD Tables. 6. MINAM proposes a unified methodology to start the post-deforestation study. <p>In terms of carbon stocks, MINAM addresses the possibility, in the document it is assembling, of strata integration.</p> <p>After the draft document is submitted, a meeting will be convoked, which will be attended by San Martin, Madre de Dios and MINAM.</p> <p>One of the previous fundamental steps that has been identified is the definition of forest, deforestation and no forest, at the level of physical characterization as well as at the spectral level (via satellite data)</p> <p>San Martin and Madre de Dios will share methodological protocols for analysis of deforestation, with the goal of designing a unified methodological protocol.</p>		
2. MRV	<p>A national MRV system will be set up (system being understood as different than methodology).</p> <p>The system will include criteria for the selection of methodologies based on their contrast with reality, not based on previous defined competencies.</p>	<p>Technical Teams from MINAM + regional governments</p>	<p>Presentati on MINAM's proposed protocol at the end of October</p>

	<p>MINAM will propose a protocol for this system, which will be discussed by MINAM and the regional governments in the technical group. The agreed-upon protocol will allow each region to select the methodology that is most appropriate for its situation.</p> <p>For this purpose, MINAM will assemble a technical working group made up of MINAM and technical personnel from the regional governments.</p> <p>It is proposed (possibly in the interior of the ARAs) that offices/regional programs be created for an MRV that is articulated and integrated with a system of spatial data.</p> <p>It has been agreed that the infrastructure comprised by the regional working groups that create a system of regional spatial data, offer technical support to the regional MRV offices.</p> <p>It is recommended that in the preparation of a national plan to monitor surface vegetation (OTCA), the protocol that MINAM and the regions agreed upon, be considered.</p> <p>MINAM will put together a proposal to the MEF to finance regional budget line items for the implementation of a MRV system.</p>		<p>2013</p> <p>Convening of the technical team with regional governments November 2013</p>
<p>3. Characteristics of jurisdictional programs</p>	<p>Mechanisms will be designed that will permit local actors to access REDD resources through internal certification systems.</p> <p>A national and regional deforestation reduction strategy must be developed; it should focus on fair distribution of benefits and the drivers of deforestation</p>	<p>Focal point of the Forest and Climate Change Strategy</p>	<p>Starting September 2013</p>

	<p>At this point, there is not enough information to make a decision about the mechanism for the distribution of benefits (administration of funds, percentages to distribute, rights).</p> <p>It is proposed that each region discuss the possible advantages and disadvantages of each scenario so that a solid proposal can be brought into the national discussion.</p> <p>Jurisdictions have been considered as the regional administrative divisions.</p> <p>Proposals to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The entity that would administer the distribution of benefits from carbon trading should be public-private. • Jurisdictions should be able to negotiate directly in voluntary or other markets, using detailed regional baselines, if they exist. 	MINAM and regional governments	
4. Reference levels.	<p>Regions should decide which reference periods are most appropriate for each region. The proposals should be sent to MINAM and shared with the MINAM-regional government technical group. (At the international level, the reference period is considered to be 10 years before 2010 or 2011).</p> <p>There should be coherence between the national program and jurisdictional programs in terms of the period and the reference point.</p> <p>The impact of early initiatives on the historic rate of deforestation should be evaluated.</p> <p>Commitments at a national level on declines in net emissions equivalent to 0 should be reviewed using studies of planned deforestation, so that at a political level this can be excluded and adjusted to</p>	MINAM + regional government Technical Team	COP 20

	<p>more realistic levels.</p> <p>Regions will make their analyses of the evolution of deforestation trends. Once these analyses are made they will be sent to MINAM.</p> <p>The need was identified to develop regional strategies to combat deforestation (they should include a budget for their implementation).</p>		
5. Safeguards	<p>The USAID-FCMC Project is working with MINAM on a national framework for safeguards. The pilot for this project is San Martin (REDD SES). A national-level safeguards working group will be convened, using what the Project develops as its reference.</p> <p>Indicators for basic safeguards for national-level REDD+ initiatives will be identified (joint safeguards or those shared by all the potential markets analyzed).</p>	MINAM – GRSM – CI	Convening in October
6. Institutional arrangements for REDD+	<p>The regional and national competencies for REDD+ and coordination mechanisms must be defined and compliance must be verified for the proposed OCBR (Agency for the Coordination of Forests and REDD).</p>		
Next steps	Assemble the monitoring group		