

12 August 2010

Dear Mr. Mansilla,

Following upon our electronic communications, we would like to formally thank you for sending Guatemala's request to participate in the UN-REDD Programme. The UN-REDD Programme welcomes Guatemala's request and is pleased to start collaborating with your country on REDD+ readiness. Please allow me to detail what Guatemala's participation in the Programme entails.

Guatemala will have access to our online community of practice through its collaborative workspace (www.unredd.net). The person designated as "knowledge focal point" in Guatemala's application form, and all relevant colleagues as per your suggestion, will be provided with a unique username and password to access the online workspace. The workspace acts as a knowledge sharing tool where you will find past and current information about REDD+ readiness activities, key documents, contact information, discussion fora, a calendar of events, meetings, mission and workshops, and other information tools. A short personalized online training will be scheduled to enable Guatemala to share information about its own REDD-related activities directly through this tool.

According to our rules and procedures, we have forwarded the request for your country to participate with observer status from the UN-REDD Programme Policy Board Meeting to the Co-chairs, recommending your acceptance.

In addition, Guatemala will receive sponsorship to attend regional training sessions and workshops where possible, and be placed on the UN-REDD Programme's mailing list for key documents and information emerging from the Programme's body of work. Finally, we can also offer you access to our satellite imagery archives and the opportunity to participate in technical workshops that the Programme is supporting at a global level.

We have sent a request to our Policy Board to have Guatemala invited to participate as an observer at the next meeting, and have received an approval on non-objection basis. We will be communicating with you in September regarding the details of the next meeting.



Regrettably, we do not have funds available at this time to support national REDD+ readiness activities in Guatemala. We are however pursuing several funding options which we hope will allow us to expand the nature of our support on REDD+ to Guatemala in the future. In the meantime, we are very keen to support the exchange of experiences and engage with you on REDD+ readiness process.

With kind regards,



Yemi Katerere
Head, Programme Secretariat

Mr. Carlos Mansilla
Ministerio de Ambiente y Recursos Naturales
Government of Guatemala
20 Calle 28-58, Zona 10
Guatemala City Guatemala

cclimatico@marn.gob.gt

