

UN-REDD Programme –Civil Society Representative Nomination Form

Please limit response length to two pages. Nominations must be submitted to csoselection@un-redd.org by Friday, 11 September 2009. Self-nominations are accepted.

1. Name of Candidate: Dr. Charlotte Streck

2. Name of Organization or Network: Centre for International Sustainable Development Law

3. Country: Canada

6. Languages: English, Spanish, French, German

7. Please describe the primary interests and functions of the organization and community/constituency that the candidate represents and what countries the organization is active in.

The Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL) is a non-profit organization which promotes sustainable societies and the protection of ecosystems by advancing the understanding, development, and implementation of international sustainable development law. The CISDL's research and academic works are divided into the following Legal Programmes: Financial Law; Biodiversity and Biosafety; Health; Human Rights and Gender; Natural Resources; Climate Change; and Cross-Cutting issues. Overall, the CISDL's membership represents thirty-three countries across the spectrum of the developed and developing world, and the CISDL is active in developing and developed countries.

8. Describe briefly the organization's experience gathering and representing the diverse viewpoints of a range of communities or organizations, and disseminating and coordinating information and communications among a network of communities or organizations.

CISDL members undertake projects including the publication of scholarly articles, chapters for academic publications, the publication of academic books, legal briefs and working papers, commissioned reports, workshops, and panel presentations. The CISDL prides itself on its past and current engagement in projects affecting developing countries and its ability to work with representatives of these countries at the research and practical levels, including advising developing states in advance of major international conferences. The CISDL links human rights and environmental concerns and has a strong track record in working with indigenous communities. The CISDL has worked with the International Law Association, the International Institute for Sustainable Development

(IISD), the National Judicial Institute, the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice, and a variety of domestic, regional and international organizations to implement its research projects.

9. Describe briefly your organization's background and experience with multilateral agency programs, social and environmental issues related to forests, and the role of forests in response to climate change, including REDD.

The CISDL has hosted a number of UNFCCC side events, has submitted its views as an accredited NGO to the UNFCCC (several times on REDD, on reform of the flexible mechanisms), and is an active participant in the REDD discussion. It has had a continuous presence at all relevant UNFCCC meetings. The CISDL's legal fellows advise various developing and developed country governments on REDD. The connection between forestry and human rights is one of the research focus areas of the CISDL's Climate Change Legal Programme.

10. Describe the financial, technical and/or advisory arrangements your organization has with the UN REDD Programme, as well as the governments of the UN REDD pilot countries, NGOs, or private sector organizations as they pertain to the UN REDD process.

The CISDL does not have direct links with the UN REDD Programme. However, CISDL lead counsels and legal fellows work on a wide range of relevant programs, funded by the Government of Norway, the Government of Ghana, the Rockefeller Foundation, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, the University of Oslo, the University of Sydney, the University of Potsdam, the Asian Development Bank, UNEP, UNDP, gtz and AfD. The focus of the CISDL's involvement in this policy areas is the legal and regulatory work surrounding REDD, in particular indigenous peoples rights, governance, and land tenure, as well as the development of international mechanisms, the regulation of carbon markets, institutional designs of REDD, and the interface between public and private law.

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