

# **“Launch of the Regional Hub under the Adaptation Fund NGO Network Workshop for Central America Experiences of Direct Access to the Adaption Fund and Accreditation”**



**Tegucigalpa, Honduras  
October 27-28, 2014**

## Introduction

The Adaptation Fund NGO Network is a forum for coordination and exchange of global NGOs whose purpose is to strengthen and spread knowledge about adaptation to Climate Change (CC), and to guide to access funds that promote these strategies. The Adaptation Fund NGO Network is constituted of organizations in Africa, Europe, Asia, Central America and the Caribbean which are managed by a Board of Directors under the leadership of GermanWatch, a German non-profit organization.

The Regional NGO Workshop is an activity that takes place annually in each of the regional hubs for the countries that belong to the Adaptation Fund NGO Network. In the NGO Network participate different civil society organizations such as the Academia, Government and Private sector organizations, regional collaborators and other NGOs. The Workshop purpose is sharing experiences, successes, best practices and lessons learned as well as national events on the issue of adaptation to climate change.

This year the Central American workshop adopted the name of ***“Launch of the Regional Hub under the Adaptation Fund NGO Network Workshop for Central America Experiences of Direct Access to the Adaption Fund and Accreditation”***. The event was held on the 27<sup>th</sup> and the 28<sup>th</sup> of October in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. The workshop was divided into two main sessions, during the first one an informative program was developed focusing on relevant aspects about climate change adaptation. The second one consisted on a field trip to a community where the Adaptation Fund Project has already advanced on planning processes by applying the methodological tool named Workbook CdT-4H.

## **Workshop Report**

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1<sup>st</sup> Day, October 27<sup>th</sup>

### **Welcome and Presentation of the Participants**

*Edas Muñoz, Director of Fundación Vida*, opened the Workshop and welcomed the participants from local entities and NGOs from Central American countries on behalf of Fundación Vida and Germanwatch.

### **Opening Speech**

*José Antonio Galdames, Minister of Energy, Natural Resources, Environment and Mining (MiAmbiente)*, stressed the threat of climate change effects for the World, for the Central American region, and particularly for Honduras. He remarked the severe impacts currently facing and highlight that those impacts will eventually worsen social and economical conditions due to global warming. Mr. Galdames also talked about the importance to adopt urgent adaptation measures in our relationship with the environment. In this case he pointed out one personal reflection from his childhood at his hometown where environmental condition of a river side landscape was drastically changed due to incompatible uses of natural resources causing habitat and ecosystems deterioration and affecting biodiversity and livelihood.



Photo 1. MiAmbiente Minister, Mr. Jose Antonio Galdames



## **Climate Risk Management.**

*Ing. Gherda Barreto, UNDP*, talked described Climate Risk Management as the meeting point of climate change adaption and reduction of disaster risks. Baretto emphasized that vulnerability is not only the effect of climate change but also the effect of social-economical factors such as miss-use of areas. Hence, there is a need for a broader perspective (integrating the social-economical context) as well as a need of a multi-sectoral approach to increase resilience and reduce vulnerability.

## **Actions to Reduce Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation (REDD +).**

*Ing. Manuel Alvarado Leverón, The Institute for Forest Conservation*, made a presentation of Honduras proceedings with UN Programme for deforestation and forest degradation (REDD+) and also presented the National Strategy on the topic. For example he mentioned the current work of implementing mechanisms for monitoring, report and verification.

## **Presentation of Network Member Organizations from Respective Representative**

- *Rolando Castro*: Cedarena (Center of Environmental Law and Natural Resources) Costa Rica <http://www.cedarena.org/>
- *Carolina Amaya*: UNES (Salvadoran Ecological Unit), El Salvador <http://unes.org.sv/en>
- *Ana Virginia Rodas*: Fundación Solar, Guatemala <http://www.fundacionsolar.org.gt/>
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- *Carlos Méndez*: Centro Humboldt, Nicaragua <http://humboldt.org.ni/>

## **The Adaptation Fund**

*David Eckstein, Germanwatch*, gave important information about the Adaption Fund, for example *who* and *how* to get access to the fund. He focused on the most relevant access mode *direct access* and the accreditation processes. The presentation was followed of many questions from the participants.

## Introduction of the Adaption Fund NGO network

*David Eckstein, Germanwatch,* told the participants about German Watch, its work related to the Adaption Fund and about the Adaption Fund NGO networks as an input for the upstart of the NGO network in Central America. David talked about the plans of starting more NGO Networks and the possible future of the Adaptation Fund. He also gave his view of the outcomes of COP19 and expectations of COP20.



Photo 3. David Eckstein, Germanwatch Officer

The first day ended with a **workshop evaluation**.



## Second Day October 28

### Field visits

The second day was dedicated for a field trip to get to know Adaptation Fund project about Climate Risk and Water Resource Management in the surroundings of Tegucigalpa. The field trip started with a visit at the office of MiAmbiente (Ministry of Energy, Natural resources, Environment and Mining) in Tegucigalpa for a presentation of a project in community Campo Cielo in the watershed of Río Guacerique. In Campo Cielo the project has installed rooftop rain water collectors connected to a storage tank at the local school so the water can be used to for example the bathrooms and the school garden for the 500 students. The installation of rain water collectors implied new roofs on 38 homes, an important contribution in a marginalized area.

After the first stop at MiAmbiente, the bus took the participants outside Tegucigalpa to the community of Los Achotes. There the participants listened to the experiences of water management from three communities in the area, presented by several representatives from three community “water boards”. The Adaption Fund has partly financed work in the area carried out by the MiAmbiente and SANAA (Honduras National Water and Sewage Authority) to reinforce and train the local water boards.

The last visit went to a newly installed weather station located at the fresh water reservoir Rigoberto Serna (commonly known as La Concepción). On the spot and during the bus ride the SANAA technicians informed about the weather station and about the general water situation in the Tegucigalpan area.



Photo 4. Field Visits, The first one Beneficiary explained about Risk Scenarios, The Second One Meteorological Stations.

## **Conclusion**

The workshop was developed successfully, where Honduras was established how the Regional Hub of Central America, the NGOs Guests showed great interest in joining the NGO Network of Adaptation Fund, being all agreed to participate actively in the activities carried out jointly.

The next step to Fundación Vida is to socialize directly with each of the Central American NGOs for the purpose of maintaining the interest in joining the Network.



Photo 5. Field Visits, all participants of the Workshop.



# ANNEXES





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