



International Forum **Landscape Restoration, Governance and Climate Change**

Hotel Sheraton, San Salvador | February 17 - 18, 2014

In Central America there is no longer any doubt about the impacts of climate change on territories and their infrastructure, productive systems and the vulnerability of local populations. In an historic milestone, Central American governments brought a joint proposal to the COP-19 held in Warsaw in November of 2013, supporting the construction and implementation of a new mechanism for Loss and Damage. This proposal is congruent with existing proposals on adaptation and mitigation, but carries with it a greater sense of urgency, recognizing that in order to confront existing challenges, learning can no longer be local, but rather, the situation calls for the harvesting of lessons from different parts of the world, where emerging efforts are generating hopeful results, in similar or even more dire conditions than those found in Central America. This International Forum is based on this need and will promote a timely space for the exchange of experiences, approaches and results oriented towards the restoration of landscapes and strengthening of governance in the context of climate change.

The International Forum will provide informed reflection, conceptual frameworks and practical lessons regarding the landscape approach, including: the key issues from the Global Landscapes Forum (Warsaw, November 2013); Ecoagriculture Partners; the experience from the large scale world cases from the Research, Training and Innovation Centers for Ecological Restoration (China, Rwanda, India, Mexico, Sahel, etc.) supported by the Ecosystem Return Foundation (ERF), IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Management (CEM), and the Society for Ecological Restoration (SER); the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of El Salvador (MARN); the- Global Water Initiative- Green Water (CRS-HGBF); and the PRISMA Foundation. Territorial leaders from different landscape level governance bodies will also participate, along with government officials and international cooperation program officials that lead restoration programs, as well as academics and researchers influenced by the work of Elinor Ostrom (2009 Nobel Prize Winner in Economics) regarding institutional theory and natural resource governance systems.

Overall objective:

- Contribute to the restoration of landscapes and strengthening of the governance systems that support it in Central America in the context of climate change.

Specific objectives:

- Share knowledge, conceptual frameworks and analysis that contribute to building nested institutional arrangements and incentives schemes to promote the transformation of degraded landscapes, improve resilience against climate change and mitigate emissions of greenhouse gases.
- Distill practical lessons from the most advanced worldwide landscape management and territorial governance experiences.
- Contribute to the formation of policies that integrate the goals of adaptation, mitigation and development

Preliminary Program

Monday, February 17

8:00 – 8:50 a.m.	Inaugural presentation Hugo Martínez, General Secretary of the Central American Integration System (SICA) – through video conference
8:50 - 9:00 a.m.	Forum Objectives and Agenda Susan Kandel, Executive Director, Fundación PRISMA
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Keynote Presentation John D. Liu, Director, Environmental Education Media Project (EEMP)
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Keynote Presentation Herman Rosa Chávez, Minister of the Environment and Natural Resources of El Salvador (MARN)
11:00 – 11:20 a.m.	Coffee Break
11:20 – 12:00 a.m.	Panel of commentators Facilitator: Nelson Cuéllar, Deputy Director, Fundación PRISMA Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Noel Barillas, Center of Coordination for the Prevention of Natural Disasters in Central America (CEPRENAC)• Gerardo Segura, Senior Rural Development Specialist, Program on Forests (PROFOR), World Bank• Bob Winterbottom, Director of the Ecosystem Services Initiative, World Resources Institute (WRI)• Paul Hicks, Water Resources Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean, Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Dialogue among participants
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Lunch
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.	John Liu: Presentation of video on the process of Landscape Restoration in China, Ethiopia and Rwanda. Panel: How did this happen?: Landscapes, Climate Change and Development <ul style="list-style-type: none">• John Liu: Starting points and key elements in each of the cases (incentives, local buy-in of technical support, political backing, etc.).• Willem Ferwerda, Director of the Ecosystem Return Foundation: How to invest in landscape restoration from the private sector's perspective?• Seth Shames, EcoAgriculture Partners: Lessons on Financing and Implementing Integrated Landscape Initiatives Question and answer session from the audience to panel members: Facilitator: Ronnie de Camino, Sub-Director, Centro Agonómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza (CATIE)

4:00 – 4:45 p.m.	Panel: How to reach scale and construct institutional arrangements for promoting governance in the landscape? Facilitator: Anthony Bebbington, Director of the Graduate School of Geography, Clark University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deborah Barry, Central American Coordinator of the Global Water Initiative (GWI) – Catholic Relief Services • José María Bonilla, Director, Instituto Técnico Comunitario de Candelaria, Lempira Sur, Honduras • Carlos Andrés Zelaya, Expert in Rural Development • Ileana Gómez, Senior Researcher- Directing Team member, Fundación PRISMA
4:45 – 5:30 p.m.	Dialogue among participants
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.	Cocktail

Tuesday, February 18

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Panel: Challenges and opportunities for investing in landscape restoration in Central America. Facilitator: Andrew Davis, Senior Researcher, Fundación PRISMA Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mario Samper, Regional Specialist on Sustainable Rural Development, IICA-ECADERT • Roberto Codas, President of the Continental Supervisory Board Solidaridad Network • Tuukka Castren, Sr. Forestry Specialist/Forests Advisor, Agriculture and Environmental Services (AES), PROFOR-World Bank • Abby Hart, EcoAgriculture Partners/Cornell University
9:00 – 9:45 a.m.	Dialogue among participants
9:45 – 10:15 a.m.	Coffee Break
10:15 – 12:15 a.m.	Moving towards commitments for restoration and governance Facilitator: Susan Kandel, Executive Director, Fundación PRISMA Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lina Pohl, Vice-Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, El Salvador • Mariano Jiménez, Technical Director of the President's Food Security Unit, Honduras • Roberto Azofeifa Rodríguez, Director of Sustainable Production Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Costa Rica • Christa Castro, Executive Secretary, the Central American Environment and Development Commission (CCAD)
	Dialogue among participants
12:15 p.m.	Closing of forum
12:30 p.m.	Lunch