

**ASSOCIATES AWARD (NO. LAG-A-00-00-00019-00)  
“FORESTS AND THE CLEAN DEVELOPMENT MECHANISM:  
ANALYSIS AND POLICY DIALOGUE IN THE ANDEAN REGION”**

**CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRAM AND BOLIVIA COUNTRY PROGRAM  
THE NATURE CONSERVANCY**

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As described in the October 2000 workplan for the above-referenced Associates Award, the goal of this project is: to ensure that the potential is realized in the Andean Region for achieving long-term conservation, sustainable development and climate protection through forest-based activities under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Various activities carried out under this Award will help fulfill the following five objectives:

**OBJECTIVE 1:** Conduct Green House Gas (GHG) Inventory and Projection for the Bolivian Government

**OBJECTIVE 2:** Provide technical assistance to the Government of Bolivia entities involved in Climate Change negotiations regarding the treatment of land use change and forestry (LUCF) within the UNFCCC.

**OBJECTIVE 3:** Strengthen the capacity for analysis and negotiation of the Government of Bolivia Climate Change negotiators regarding the treatment of land use change and forestry (LUCF) within the UNFCCC.

**OBJECTIVE 4:** Develop additional miscellaneous Climate Change activities.

**OBJECTIVE 5:** Contribute to the development of shared regional positions among the Andean countries regarding the treatment of LUCF within the CDM and, more broadly, among the countries of the Amazon basin.

**OBJECTIVE 6:** Strengthen the capacity for analysis and negotiation of the Andean countries regarding the inclusion of land use change and forestry (LUCF) projects in the Clean Development Mechanism.

### ***Activities conducted during reporting period to achieve objective 1***

#### **Assess economic, social, technical, and political capacities to adopt a national GHG emissions cap:**

Staff of the Bolivian National Climate Change Programs (PNCC) began an assessment of the country's economic, social, technical, and political capacities to adopt a national GHG emissions cap. Main activities included:

- A series of meetings with U.S. embassy staff to discuss cooperation in defining activities needed to execute a study of a GHG emissions limit for Bolivia. The study will serve as the basis for defining the conditions under which Bolivia would and would not assume an emissions limit. PNCC Coordinator, Oscar Paz, and energy expert, Javier Hanna, met in Washington, D.C. with State Department representatives, Energy Secretary, U.S. EPA and others to establish models for evaluating emissions limits and to identify additional funding.
- The design of the study was analyzed with the proposal made by the Energy Secretary, and a counterproposal was resented with corrections to the document. PNCC is now waiting for final approval of the document by the United States government. NOTE: The main problem in the accomplishment of the first objective lies in the fact that, to date, the Government of the United States has still not completed the final draft of the emissions study, nor the official agreement on cooperation for said study. For this reason, it has not been possible to initiate the GHG inventory itself.

### ***Activities conducted during reporting period to achieve Objective 2***

#### **Consultancy for technical assistance on the procedures of Climate Change negotiations:**

- Contracted consultant specializing in climate change negotiations to provide Bolivian government technical assistance on various issues related to the UNFCCC negotiations at 13<sup>th</sup> Session of UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies, as well as COP6 in The Hague. Consultant attended COP6 with support from PNCC, and assisted with the conduct of a workshop for Bolivian government staff in La Paz, 14-16 December 2000 (see Objective 2 for description). Consultant prepared a report of his activities (see attached).
- PNCC staff, with assistance from consultant, prepared and delivered to the UNFCCC secretariat a series of documents pertaining to the inclusion of Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry and on guidelines for the flexibility mechanisms.

### ***Activities conducted during reporting period to achieve Objective 3:***

#### **Training for the Government of Bolivia Climate Change Team in negotiation skills:**

- A workshop on bilateral negotiations (between Governments, public and private sector, and public sector and local communities) took place in La Paz, Bolivia, 14-16 December, 2000. Fifteen government employees attended.

- Dates for the final two workshops, also in La Paz, were set. The workshop regarding multilateral negotiations will occur 16-18 January, 2000; the workshop regarding the development of a national strategy for Bolivia will take place February 20 and 22, 2001.

***Activities conducted during reporting period to achieve Objective 4:***

Miscellaneous Climate Change activities:

- Contracted assistance of energy expert, Javier Hanna, to assist with meetings in Washington and New York (see attached report for summary). All costs covered by The Nature Conservancy.

***Activities conducted during reporting period to achieve Objective 5***

Climate Negotiators Workshop:

- A meeting of 12 climate negotiators from 10 countries in the region was held in Quito, Ecuador, from 30-31 October, 2000 to discuss the role of forest-based activities in national and regional climate change and sustainable development agendas. Three non-government experts from the region also participated in the workshop, facilitated by a former Environment Minister of Ecuador. Participants came from Colombia, Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru, Paraguay, Dominican Republic, Honduras, El Salvador, Chile and Guatemala, representing many of the members of GRILA, an informal group of climate negotiators from Latin America. A local NGO, Fundación Futuro Latin America (FFLA), was contracted to coordinate all meeting logistics, including travel arrangements and on-site logistics. Participants further defined shared positions, as well as areas of divergence. Organizers produced a detailed report on the workshop in Spanish (see attached).

***Activities conducted during reporting period to achieve Objective 6***

Technical workshop and training:

- A technical workshop for a dozen NGO and government negotiators from five Andean and Central American countries took place during COP6 in The Hague, 13-24 November, 2000. Three authors of the IPCC Special Report on Land Use, Land-use Change and Forestry, led a discussion on a variety of issues, including ensuring ecosystem integrity in LULUCF projects in the CDM. Negotiators from Colombia discussed both a proposal for addressing permanence of offsets from LULUCF projects and the state of the flexibility mechanisms and LULUCF in the negotiations. In addition to the workshop, first-time NGO attendees at the UNFCCC meetings, including three representatives of indigenous communities from Mexico and Bolivia, received on-going training in the negotiations process and technical issues. A brief report on the workshop and training will be prepared during the next project quarter.

Analytical papers:

- Participants in the workshop and negotiations training identified a number of topics to be considered for a series of analytical papers. These include: potential scale of LULUCF projects in the CDM, environmental and social integrity, and permanence.