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Ruvuma, Eastern Cordillera Real, and Sacred Himalaya Landscapes**

WWF together with CARE has launched our SCAPES Program centrally and across our three landscapes. In the past couple months our teams have been getting staff geared up for activities, orienting and soliciting input from stakeholders and partners to the SCAPES approach and program, and taking the work plans to implementation. From the start, we're sharing plans across landscapes for, in particular, our climate change adaptation strategies and activities, in aim to learn from each other as we chart new approaches in adaptation across both WWF and CARE's Networks.

SCAPES funded Luis German Naranjo, for the Eastern Cordillera Real landscape, and Moon Shrestha, for the Sacred Himalaya landscape, to attend a conference on community based adaptation organized by the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania in March, along with other WWF adaptation colleagues from around the world. The conference provided an excellent opportunity to learn more about current practices on community-based adaptation, network with adaptation colleagues across development and environmental disciplines, and exchange experiences and lessons. WWF provided leadership and participation in a lively panel on integrating ecosystem aspects in community based adaptation.

Following the IIED conference, climate adaptation staff from around the WWF Network -- including Luis and Moon as well as Marcelino Denja for the Ruvuma Landscape -- met to share experiences and lessons, discuss a future adaptation strategy for the Network, establish a Network Climate Adaptation Team, and draft a team statement (see attached team photo). Jeff Price, WWF-US Managing Director for Climate Change Adaptation, outlined tools currently under development on climate trends, impacts of climate change on plant species and crops, and likely sites of refugia in the future (including tools from ClimaScope and the Wallace Initiative). These tools will be fundamental in climate variability and vulnerability analyses for the SCAPES landscapes.

WWF also met with CARE in Dar es Salaam to discuss a number of issues, including collaboration in Nepal, both on SCAPES and other potential activities. More broadly, we made plans to learn together about scaling up adaptation from a project-based to a program approach, especially with regards to engaging in sub-national and national planning and policymaking processes. We discussed collaboration on guidance materials to ensure integration of ecosystem and human wellbeing in adaptation approaches. WWF and CARE are both planning to produce new adaptation manuals for the conservation and development sectors respectively. We agreed to provide substantive inputs to each other's publications to ensure an integrated ecosystems and livelihoods approach.

As you will see in each of the landscapes, much is planned for the May through August months and we are excited for the work and challenge ahead.



WWF Climate Adaptation Team, including SCAPES landscape representatives.