

## **SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT THROUGH AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND TOURISM**

OAS-IICA Technical Workshop:  
San Jose, Costa Rica  
November 2, 2005

**Background and Objectives:** The small, technical meeting of experts will identify management and policy approaches that support sustainable agriculture, forestry and tourism and identify the enabling mechanisms at the national and regional levels to promote these objectives. Specifically, developments in different management systems and how they can support sustainability in business practices in these sectors will be examined. This meeting is the first of a series of workshops organized under the responsibility of the Office for Sustainable Development and Environment of the OAS/GS, in order to prepare for the First Inter-American Ministerial Meeting on Sustainable Development focused on sustaining economic development by strengthening environmental management, to be held in Bolivia in August 2006.

The one-day technical workshop will examine emerging management approaches that support economic and sustainability objectives in agriculture, forestry and tourism. The meeting will identify the linkages between economic growth, development and natural resources by looking at issues such as the valuation of ecosystem services and the potential for furthering win-win economic-environment partnerships, through emerging market-driven opportunities. Various enabling conditions needed to ensure sustainable management practices will be analyzed, including the role of legal-institutional frameworks, investment climate, property rights, fiscal policy, national systems related to forestry management (including monitoring and assessment), the relationship between command-and-control enforcement and market-based systems, as well as sources of financing – particularly innovative financing – in support of sustainability. The experts will also discuss the role of natural resources as a source for development finance and their commercial value. In helping to focus discussions, the workshop will examine three policy challenges:

- *First*, what are the constraints and opportunities to support closer linkages between the agricultural, forestry and tourism sectors with environmental management systems?"
- *Second*, what are the recent developments in support of sustainable practices in agriculture, forestry and tourism?
- *Third*, What are the lessons learned from these practices and approaches and the key cross-cutting issues?

The workshop will be organized by the OAS in cooperation with IICA. It will bring together technical experts from OAS member States, as well as government, private sector, academic and civil society representatives from Costa Rica. The report of the meeting will be prepared by the OSDE, and circulated to members of the Working Group on Sustainable Development, as an input for the development of the ministerial agenda. A background paper will be prepared by the OAS, and circulated to participants prior to the meeting

### **PROVISIONAL AGENDA: DRAFT THREE WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2005**

8:30                      Registration of Participants and Coffee

\* *To be confirmed*

- 9:00           **Opening Session**
- Dr. Chelston W.D. Brathwaite, Director-General, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)
  - Dale Andrew, OECD Secretariat
  - Scott Vaughan, Director Office for Sustainable Development and Environment (OSDE) of the OAS
  - Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, Minister of Energy and Environment of Costa Rica
- 9:30           **Session One: What are the constraints and opportunities to support closer linkages between agriculture, forestry, tourism and environmental management systems? *Introduced and Chaired by Ricardo Ulate, Fondo Nacional de Financiamiento Forestal (FONAFIFO).***
- Enabling conditions, Economic growth , market responses and opportunities,
  - Sustainable profits, and financing mechanisms
- 12:00           **Session Two: What are the Recent Developments in support of sustainable practices in agriculture, forestry and tourism? *Introduced and Chaired by Scott Vaughan, Director OSDE of the OAS.***
- Valuation of natural resources
  - Ecosystem services Payment
  - Fiscal aspects of sustainable management and economic performance
- 13:15           Lunch break
- 14:30           **Session Three, Lessons Learned and Cross-Cutting Issues: *Introduced and Chaired by Cristina Tébar Less Global and Structural Policies Division, Trade, Investment and Environment, OECD Environment Directorate and Chantal line Carpentier, Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC).***
- Information Barriers and Supporting Business Plans and Partnerships,
  - Third-Party Certification,
  - Public-Private Partnerships and Origin Certification of Natural Reserves,
  - Role of the public sector
- 17:00           *Conclusions and Next Steps*
- 18:00           Closing Remarks
- 19:00           Reception hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Trade of Costa Rica at the Radisson Europa Hotel

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