

Joint Committee (JC) Meeting Minutes
San Jose, Costa Rica
November 9, 2007

The Joint Committee meeting for the Programme of South-South Cooperation for Sustainable Development between Benin, Bhutan and Costa Rica was held on November 9, 2007 in San Jose, Costa Rica.

The meeting was chaired by the Ministry of Environment of Costa Rica, Mr. Roberto Dobles. Mr. Antonin Dossou, Director of Cabinet from the Ministry of State represented Benin. Mr. Daw Penjo, Ambassador of Bhutan at the Permanent Mission to United Nations represented Bhutan at the JC meeting. Ms. Susan Blankhart, Ambassador of the Kingdom the Netherlands in Costa Rica was invited to the JC meeting.

Observers were invited to the JC meeting : Mr. Mathias Pofagi, officiating director of the NM of the Benin, and Richard Mekpoh, program manager from the NM of Benin, Ms. Kunzang Chhimi, officiating director of the NM of Bhutan, Mr. Rinchen Wangdi, senior program coordinator from the NM of Bhutan, Ms. Marianella Feoli, general manager of the NM of Costa Rica, Ms. Amelie Jouault, PSC project officer, Mr. Mauricio Castro, executive director of the NM of Costa Rica and Ms. Ana Luisa Leiva, legal assistant of the Ministry of Development.

The JC Chair welcomed the delegations, reviewed the agenda. The high representatives of the three partner countries agreed on the agenda.

The PSC Secretariat presented the regulations of the PSC. The PSC Secretariat reported the progress made and results attained during the Set-Up Phase of the PSC.

The directors of the three NMs presented the status of the NMs of Benin, Bhutan and Costa Rica.

The JC members were informed on projects that were received within the fast-track deadline. Five of the projects presented.

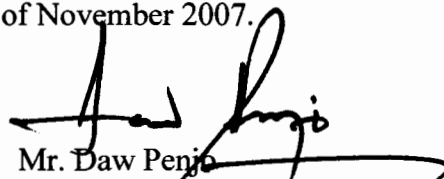
The JC Chair invited the JC members to share knowledge and experience on climate change and further important issues, as the Rainforest Coalition and the Program Peace with Nature.

The JC members agreed on maintaining the same objectives and thematic areas included in the Multi-Year Plan and were satisfied with the execution of the PSC.

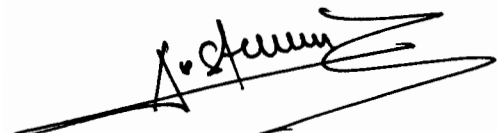
Signed and agreed in San Jose, Costa Rica on the 9th of November 2007.



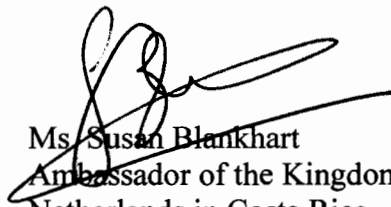
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