

## VI EfD Annual Meeting – Policy Day

### VI Annual Meeting Environment for Development (EfD) Initiative

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Hotel Bougainvillea, Santo Domingo de Heredia, Costa Rica

Hosted by EfD Central America Center

### Policy Day

#### Research and Policy Interactions in climate change, water, and conservation of natural resources

#### Objectives:

1. To position The Environment for Development (EfD) in the national context.
2. To present developments in research that is relevant for policy design and decision-making around climate change, water, and natural resource conservation, and to identify key needs for policy design and research on these issues.
3. To facilitate a dialogue between researchers, policy makers, and stakeholders working on defining policies around these subjects.

### Agenda

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| 8:30 AM | Dr. Francisco Alpízar, Director and senior research fellow EfD Central America Center; Leader of the Research Program in Economics and Environment for Development at CATIE<br><b>Welcoming remarks</b>                                 |
|         | Dr. Jose Joaquín Campos, Director General, Tropical Agriculture and Higher Education Center (CATIE)<br><b>Climate Smart Territories: Opportunities for CATIE to Support Human Well-Being in Latin America and The Caribbean</b>         |
|         | Professor Gunnar Köhlin, Director of the Environment for Development (EfD) Initiative, Department of Economics, University of Gothenburg<br><b>The impact of international cooperation through EfD's research and capacity building</b> |

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|          | <p>Sr. Sergio Musmanni, GIZ Office in Costa Rica</p> <p><b>German cooperation to advance research and capacity building in Central America</b></p>  |
|          | <p>Dr. Yue Zhai, First Secretary for Science and Technology, Embassy of People's Republic of China in Costa Rica</p> <p><b>South-South Cooperation: China and Costa Rica towards the Green Economy</b></p>  |
| 9:45 AM  | Q&A   |
| 9:55 AM  | Coffee break  |
| 10:20 PM | <p><b>First plenary session: Opportunities for development from adaptation and mitigation to climate change</b></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Juan Robalino, Senior Research Fellow, EfD Central America Center</p>   |
|          | <p><b>Policy options and political feasibility in climate change and other environmental policies</b></p> <p>Professor Thomas Sterner, Department of Economics, University of Gothenburg<br/>Senior Research Fellow at EfD<br/>Visiting Chief Economist at Environmental Defense Fund (EDF)</p> |
|          | <p><b>Needed changes in the international negotiations on climate change in route to a low carbon economy</b></p> <p>Dr. Álvaro Umaña, Senior Research Fellow, EfD Central America Center</p>   |
|          | <p><b>Ecosystem-based Adaptation for Smallholder Subsistence and Coffee Farming Communities in Central America: The CASCADE Project</b></p> <p>Dr. Celia Harvey, Vice President for Global Change and Ecosystem Services, Conservation International</p>  |
| 11:05 PM | Q&A   |
| 11:30 PM | <p><b>Second plenary session: Challenges and opportunities for the green economy and conservation</b></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Álvaro Umaña, Senior Research Fellow, EfD Central America Center</p>  |
|          | <p><b>Impacts of conservation policies</b></p> <p>Dr. Juan Robalino, Senior Research Fellow, EfD Central America Center</p>   |

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|          | <b>Future prospects for REDD+ and the PES scheme in Costa Rica</b><br>Mr. Jorge Mario Rodríguez Zúñiga, Executive Director, The National Forestry Financing Fund (FONAFIFO)   |
| 12:00 PM | Q&A   |
| 12:20 PM | Lunch   |
| 2:00 PM  | <b>Third plenary session: Research and policy interaction in water and climate change</b><br><br>Moderator: MSc. María A. Naranjo, Deputy Director and Research Fellow, EfD Central America Center  |
|          | <b>Adaptation to climate change and water governance</b><br>Dr. Róger Madrigal, Research Fellow, EfD Central America Center   |
|          | <b>Shaping and advocating for the political agenda on water in Costa Rica</b><br>MSc. Maureen Ballesteros, Global Water Partnership for Central America   |
|          | <b>The role of the AyA and its programs in water management</b><br>Dr. Darner Mora, Director of the Blue Flag Program and the National Water Laboratory, Institute of Aqueducts and Sewage (AyA)  |
| 2:45 PM  | Q&A   |
| 3:15 PM  | <b>Closing remarks</b><br>Professor Gunnar Köhlin, Director of the Environment for Development (EfD) Initiative, Department of Economics, University of Gothenburg<br><br>Dr. Francisco Alpízar, Director and senior research fellow EfD Central America Center; Leader of the Research Program in Economics and Environment for Development at CATIE |
| 3:30 PM  | Coffee break  |