

Dear Everyone:

Gert de Gans from Icco/KerkinActie came here late Friday afternoon on a very brief visit, and spent the whole day with us on Saturday before leaving for the Netherlands. We took the opportunity to invite Malla Reddy, Raj and his team to join us. We discussed several issues and took some concrete decisions:

1. The Fair Climate Network will continue without waiting for the Icco Board to take a final decision in the first week of May 2008.
However, this demands the full and active participation of all network members in both, India as well as the Netherlands. All business will be conducted in an open and transparent manner, without any exceptions.
2. EED, Germany, has expressed interest in joining the Fair Climate Network. So has Norwegian Church Aid (NCA). This could lead to involvement in/with Aprovech, Brussels.
EED Partners, including William Stanley and others, should be invited to join the Fair Climate Network here in India.
3. We will target to get 5-6 CDM Projects (excluding ADATS) in the pipeline in the next 3 months.
Nafisa D'Souza of Laya will be given all support, information and contacts to make a good choice of the most appropriate Fuel Efficient Wood Stove for their villages. They will also meet with REDS and others to study Photovoltaic Lams.
REDS will be given every assistance, moral as well as practical, to negotiate an ERPA for their almost ready CDM Project.
4. A Rolling Fund of approximately Euro 25,000 per CDM x approx 10 Projects will be included in the Business Plan of Icco.
This will be available to cover the transaction costs of Partners in CDM preparation – PDD writing, Host Country Approval, Validation and UNFCCC Registration.
5. All the Fair Climate Network members will be informed on the availability of this Rolling Fund.
Icco (and EED, NCA?) Desk Officers to please inform their Partners.
6. Gert and I will scout for a CDM Expert who will be appointed on a 2 year contract by Icco and stationed in India. We will aim to interview candidates between 3-8 March 2008.
Gert de Gans, Kees Verschoor (who will accompany Gert in March 2008 to India) and Dr. Sudha Padmanabha will be on the interview panel.
The CDM Expert will travel extensively and spend quality time at each Partners/Network Members. She/he will assist Partners in various aspects of CDM development – i.e. initial scouting, making scans, assess potential, coming up with wild ideas, selecting methodologies, assisting in baseline making, writing the PIN, obtaining Host Country (DNA) approval, writing the PDD, assisting in Validation, etc.
7. We will also scout for Management Experts, Capacity Builders, Business Plan developers, IT Professionals, etc. These Consultants will be briefly brought in to assist the process of capacitating NGOs undertake CDM Projects.

8. Gert and I will prepare a draft policy paper on our ERPA Fair Pricing approach and circulate it to Partners/Network Members by Saturday, 23 February. You are all requested to please go through this draft and comment.
The Fair Climate Network will develop contacts and relationships with a range of Carbon Investors and present this Policy Paper to them, as a basis for discussions.
9. A prototype for the www.fairclimate.nl website will be prepared by Gert and the Corporate Communications department of Icco next week. Tristle Technologies Pvt. Ltd. will develop an information website for the Dutch audience.
10. The www.fairclimate.com website will be put on hold for the moment. Instead, an online Blog/Discussion Forum will immediately be put up to share information and get reactions. Mikhail will inform all of you over this weekend. We will henceforth continue discussions on this email and all other matters using this new Blog.

Please feel free to pass on this email to everyone who you feel should be in the Fair Climate Network, and request them to actively Blog their contribution, opinions, questions, etc.

Best wishes,

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