

**FIRST REGIONAL MEETING ON  
TROPICAL FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION**

**April 3 – 6 2006, CATIE (Turrialba, Costa Rica)**

This event will launching regional activities in the Central American countries (Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Honduras) where the TROFCCA will be working within the next four years. The objectives of the I Regional Meeting are: I) to formally initiate activities in the region, specially the identification of project focus and areas of work in the three countries; II) To begin a policy dialogue among participating governments through an exchange of experiences in climate change adaptation.

Participants to this meeting include representatives from the National Offices for Climate Change Adaptation, National Institutes of Meteorology, Forestry Departments, Representatives from institutions engaged in National Communications for the United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change and other regional coordinators of the TROFCCA project (Southeast Asia and Africa).

Following is a summary of activities to be undertaken in the meeting:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activities</b>
April 3, 2006	Arrival
April 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentations of current and past activities on Climate Change Adaptation in Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Honduras</li> <li>• The importance of forests and forests ecosystems in the United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change: issues, challenges and policies</li> <li>• Presentation of the Project TROFCCA, its approach, regional focus, and methodology</li> <li>• National groups discussions, summaries on current results and perspectives for the future</li> </ul>
April 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vulnerability assessment in relevant socio-economic sectors that rely on forest environmental services: methodology, indicators and criteria for selection</li> <li>• National Groups work on criteria to select a working site in each country</li> <li>• TROFCCA planning for the years ahead, contribution of the Project to National Communications, Policy Design, Mechanisms for Future Collaboration with national institutions in charge of climate change adaptation programs</li> <li>• Evaluation of the meeting</li> </ul>
April 6	Participants return to their countries or places of origin

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