



AMAZON INTERREGIONAL COUNCIL – CIAM

DECLARATION OF GUADALAJARA

(August 30, 2016)

The Governors of the Regional Governments of Amazonas, Huanuco, Loreto, Madre de Dios, San Martin and Ucayali, organized in the Amazon Interregional Council - CIAM, in the framework of the meeting of the Council of Governors' Climate and Forests Task Force (GCF) in Guadalajara, Mexico, and in line with the Paris Agreement and the Declaration of Rio Branco, declare the following:

1. As a contribution to the fulfillment of Peru's international climate change commitments, we reaffirm our dedication to reducing deforestation in the Peruvian Amazon and to protecting the global climate system, while maintaining biodiversity, improving rural livelihoods and reducing poverty in our regions. To do this we will redouble our efforts in the Peruvian Amazon to carry out a process of sustainable, inclusive and competitive development based on the potential, knowledge and effort of our peoples, for the benefit of our regions, the country, and the planet.
2. In this context, and based on the recognition that the Amazon comprises 94% percent of the forests of Peru, has a high biological diversity, is the largest freshwater reserve on the planet, and that forests store a significant amount of carbon, we emphasize the importance of managing the Amazon in a sustainable fashion in order to help address the serious problems of global climate change; at the same time, we recognize the urgency of reversing the processes that affect ecosystem services, especially those related to forests.
3. We are aware that it will only be possible to move Peru towards a low carbon economy, in the context of Green Growth advocated by the OECD, by counteracting the processes of deforestation and degradation of Amazonian forest ecosystems. This achievement will enable the neutralization of emissions of economic activities in other sectors and regions, and will thus make an important contribution to national competitiveness.
4. We believe that it is important to implement the approved National Forests and Climate Change Strategy through a series of projects to be designed with the Amazonian regions and the national government in order to address the specific needs of each region and the Amazon as a whole.

5. The road map for achieving Green Growth in the Amazon involves:


- recognizing the importance of biodiversity and its high potential to generate wealth via bio-commerce, forestry, tourism and other sustainable activities;
- recognizing the potential of sustainable agriculture with high levels of technology and productivity and focused on high value, differentiated markets associated with local designations of origin and regional brands based on zero net deforestation;
- recognizing the existing potential of already deforested lands, whose current economic use is very limited, where it is possible to recover forest cover through forest plantations and agroforestry systems, thus contributing to the goals of the Bonn Challenge and the Initiative 20x20, while developing local industries;
- recognizing and valuing the cultural diversity of the Peruvian Amazon, via interventions for forest conservation that generate sustainable development alternatives while respecting the rights, of indigenous communities and peoples;
- recognizing the need to rapidly overcome the informality of unsustainable extractive activities based on natural resources, such as alluvial gold mining, logging, or agricultural;
- promoting the branding of sustainable Amazonian landscapes through designations of origin associated with jurisdictions characterized by voluntary commitment to Zero Net Deforestation, proper management of our forest heritage, legal security of the territories of indigenous peoples through titling, the granting of rights over lands and forests, and the application of tools for financial and non-financial services.

▫ In this regard:


- a) We will promote the consistent application of the Production-Protection approach, based on increasing agricultural productivity and reducing pressure on forests, through Public-Private-Community-Partnerships (PPPs) supported by public, national and international private sector resources. We propose that the National Government **expand the legal framework of PPPs to enable sustainable productive public-private partnerships** that incorporate local populations and communities to the greatest extent possible and that focus on a green portfolio for the Amazon.
- b) We will establish the **Agency for Sustainable Private Promotion of the Amazon**, which will strengthen the collaboration with the national

government, international cooperation, the private sector, indigenous peoples, non-governmental organizations and academia, in order to develop the enabling conditions needed to attract sustainable, inclusive and competitive private investment.

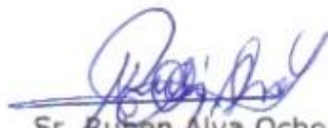
- c) We propose that the national government develop a concerted effort to implement the **Modernization of Public Management in the Amazon**, with an emphasis on forest management, via a pilot with adequate public funding.
- d) **We support the efforts to overcome the informal access to natural resources**, particularly recognizing the will of the Madre de Dios region in this regard, and we propose the use of instruments to compensate environmental impacts under the framework of the production-protection approach, as well as the application of schemes for creating shared value within a framework of integrated landscape management.



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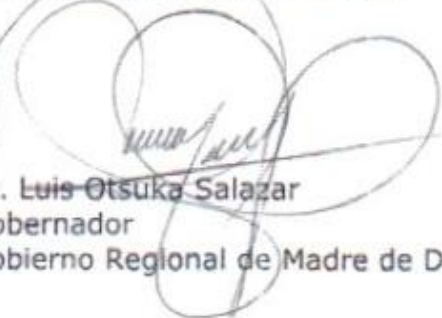

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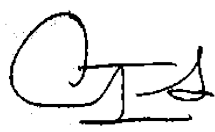
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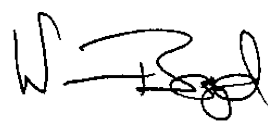
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