



*Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería
Despacho Viceministra*

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Sirs
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit
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Asunto: NAMA-FACILITY Commitment.

Dear Sir/Madam:

Costa Rica advances in the construction of two Agriculture and Livestock NAMAs: NAMA Coffee and NAMA Livestock in Farms. The private, public and academic sectors have committed in each case to generate innovations for achievement of more efficient and more competitive systems. However, the country requires international support to achieve each sector's national actions and move forward to a low emission coffee and livestock production. The NAMA Facility allows us to continue in the path towards our goal.

In the case of NAMA Café, the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAG) take efforts to contribute US \$250,000 of its programme "Recognition of Environmental Benefits (RBA)" pro-rated over the next 3 years and the mobilization of resources for the renovation of national coffee farms as well as the approval of the Coffee Trust fund Law for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 harvests that will provide \$40 million for the renovation, attention and social assistance of coffee producers that have been increasingly affected by rust due to climate change.

The coffee crop in Costa Rica is part of its national identity and integral part of our country's history, with intense activities that contribute to 25% of the agriculture and livestock sector GHG emissions. Therefore, reducing these emissions is fundamental for the carbon neutrality country target set for 2021.

The reduction potential in the growing and milling activities within the coffee sector is approx. 30,000 tCO₂e/year, meanwhile carbon sink potential is approximately 90,000 tCO₂e/year, resulting in a total mitigation potential of 120,000 tCO₂e/year. The expected aggregate GHG emission reductions over 20 years will be 1,850,000 tCO₂e with conservative estimates.

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In the case of the Livestock NAMA, considering that livestock represents 39% of the Agriculture and Livestock sector emissions, MAG has managed over \$23,000,000 in the promotion of sustainable livestock in the past 5 years. From the previous amount, \$2,000,000 corresponds to 20-30% contributions for RBA, implying a contribution of approximately \$6,000,000 from the producers for this end, whilst the private sector provides in technicians and extensionists at least \$650,000 per year.

By implementing low emission measures and technologies in livestock farms, there is potential to reduce 524,545 tCO₂e and capture 9,970,303 tCO₂e during a five-year period. In parallel, productivity and income of farmers are increased achieving a more eco-competitive sector with gained socio-economic co-benefits.

We reiterate the national interest of taking forth the Costa Rican Coffee and Livestock in Farms NAMAs and request your support to be able to carry out these initiatives that will support the mitigation actions developed by Costa Rica to achieve carbon neutrality and in parallel, support the life of over 90,000 producers in Costa Rica.

Kind regards,

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