

Update on LCDS Outreach Activities for Hinterland Regions for 2014

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The Hinterland outreach programme targeting Regions 1, 7, 8 and 9 is part of the Office of Climate Change (OCC) wider outreach programme as detailed in the Annual Stakeholder Awareness and Engagement Plan 2014, which was reviewed by the MSSC. This component directly relates to the requirement for the performance indicator, *Continuous Multi-Stakeholder Consultation Process*, within the Guyana-Norway Partnership. These sessions were designed to update the public and in particular Amerindian Villages on key issues related to climate change and LCDS implementation; to provide a systematic and transparent process of multi-stakeholder engagement enabling the participation of all potentially affected and interested stakeholders in the LCDS process; and to support the overall goals and objectives of Guyana's LCDS.

The OCC convened a core team to plan and execute the outreach sessions for the four (4) Regions comprising of representatives from the MoAA, GFC, EPA, PMO, GGMC, and MSSC. The team conducting the outreach included at least one Minister of Government and representatives from the technical agencies and MSSC. The Chair of the National Tshao Council (NTC) was also invited to attend the sessions. Furthermore, the OCC prepared additional materials for distribution, such as elements of the presentations, at each awareness session in the Regions.

The members of the outreach team were sensitised by the OCC via special meetings at the OCC prior to the awareness sessions. Particularly, pertinent issues were discussed regarding Amerindians such as land issues, mining and forestry activities.

The schedule for Regions 1, 7, 8 and 9 is illustrated in the table below. A full schedule can be found in the Appendix provided.

Dates	Regions	Places
22 June 2013	1	Mabaruma
23 June 2013	1	Moruca
27 July 2013	1	Port Kaituma
6 August 2014	9	Annai
7 August 2014	9	St Ignatius
25 August 2014	8	Kato

The OCC has started preparations for another Hinterland outreach session to be held in Region 7 (Kamarang/Warrata) in January 2015. Details of this session will be made public after the session has been concluded.

Each awareness session had a rapporteur who recorded all comments and feedback aimed at capturing key points, issues, challenges, criticisms, recommendations and responses, *inter alia*.

The rapporteur recorded the attendance of the sessions capturing general background information on participants including their names and villages from which they originated.

The information recorded was compiled in reports for each session. These reports were shared with the MSSC and were posted on the LCDS website for public information. There will also be photographs and audio recordings of the awareness sessions to serve as a check and balance measure to the summarised reports and as a comprehensive verbatim record of the outreach activity.

Upcoming Outreach Sessions

The OCC is committed to continuing its work to engaging stakeholders on a continuous basis to ensure they are updated with information and updates on the LCDS, its initiatives, and the Guyana-Norway Partnership. Through the Implementing the LCDS Outreach programme, in collaboration with Conservation International (CI), OCC will continue to support education, awareness and outreach activities on climate change and the LCDS for the year 2015.

Through this project, fourteen (14) outreach, education and awareness sessions will be targeted in all ten administrative regions with the primary purpose of providing updates on key LCDS activities. Of these, seven (7) sessions will be held in Regions 1, 7, 8 and 9.

The project also caters for twenty four (24) targeted capacity building sessions on climate change, inclusive of low-carbon concepts and actions, and the LCDS across all regions in Guyana. These sessions will be more targeted than the 14 national awareness sessions planned, and will build on them, particularly by using the outcomes of the broader sessions, *inter-alia*, to tailor, where necessary, awareness sessions for particular communities. Hinterland communities will benefit from detailed sessions where they can engage in thorough discussions on matters concerning them as it relates to climate change and the LCDS.

Appendix

Schedule of Hinterland Awareness and Outreach to Regions 1, 8 & 9

Region	Cluster	Villages Attended	Date	Outreach Team	Venue	Transportation
1	Mabaruma	Aruka Mouth, Arau, Arukamai, Baracina, Barima, Black Water Savannah, Black Water, Bumbury Hill, Barimanabo, Kariabo, St. Anslym, Unity Square, Red Hill, Three Brothers, Powaikuru, Imbotero, Lower Kaituma, Smith Creek, Kamwatta (Mab), White Water, Yarakita, Barabina, Koberimo, Lower Kariabo, Tobago, St. Dominic's, Hotoquai, Hobodia, Sacred Heart,	June 22 2013	OCC, MoAA, and MSSC reps	Mabaruma Primary School	Land, Air

Region	Cluster	Villages Attended	Date	Outreach Team	Venue	Transportation
		Morawannah, Thomas Hill, Hosororo, Waikarebi-Aruka, Mabaruma Settlement, Wauana Settlement				
	Santa Rosa/Moruca	Kokerite, Waikarebi, Kariako, Warapoka, Kwebanna, Assakata, Waramuri, Haimacabra, Manawarin, Father's Beach, Santa Cruz, Mora, Parakese Island, Santa Rosa & Islands, Huridiah, Kamwatta (Moruca), Karaburi, Koko & Island, Kumaka, Rincon, Karie & Island, Cabora and Wallaba	June 23 2013	OCC, MoAA, and MSSC reps	Santa Rosa Secondary School	Land, Air
	Port Kaituma	Four Miles, Matakai, Tissiwaru,	27 July 2013	OCC, MoAA, and MSSC reps		Land, Air

Region	Cluster	Villages Attended	Date	Outreach Team	Venue	Transportation
		Canal Bank, Oronoque, Citrus Grove, Turn Basin, Sebai Village and Heaven Hill				
9	Annai	Kwatomang, Apoteri, Rewa, Annai, Fair View, Toka, Wowetta, Aranaputa, Repartee, Massara, Surama, Crash Water and Yakarinta	6 August 2014	OCC, MoAA, and MSSC reps	Annai Primary School	Land, Air
	St Ignatius	Shulinab, St Ignatius, Yupukari, Katoka, Nappi, Lethem, Aishalton, Moco Moco, Hiawa, Kaicumbay Village, Qaiko, Fly Hill, Quatata,	7 August 2014	OCC, MoAA, and MSSC reps	St Ignatius Benab	Land, Air

Region	Cluster	Villages Attended	Date	Outreach Team	Venue	Transportation
		Meriwan, Baitoon, Parikwaru-Nawn, Potarinam, Quanie, Shiriri and Potarinau				
8	Kato	Paramakatoi, Kato Village, Kopinang Village, Maik-Wak, Kurukabaru, Moraikobai, Kaibarupai Village, Taruka Village, Monkey Mountain, Chiung Mouth, Kanapang Village, Kamana Village, Luseneng Village and Bamboo Creek	25 August 2014	OCC, MoAA, PMO, NTC and MSSC reps	Kato Primary School	Land, Air

Planned Schedule for Region 7:

Region	Cluster	Expected Villages	Proposed Date	Outreach Team	Venue	Transportation
7	Kamarang/Warawatta	Chinoweg, Pariuma, Waramadong, Wax Creek, Kako, Phillipai, Kambaru, Quebanang, Wayalayeng, Jawalla and Kamarang/Warawatta	January 2015	OCC Other members of the high-level team will be confirmed based on their availability		Land, Water, Air