

**MRVS Steering Committee**  
**Summary of Meeting 8**  
**April 21, 2011**

The eighth meeting of the MRVS Steering Committee was held on April 21, 2011 in the Lower Conference Room of the Guyana Forestry Commission. The key points of discussion arising from the meeting were as follows:

1. The Joint Concept Note (JCN), which accompanies the MoU signed between the Government of Guyana and the Kingdom of Norway was recently revised between the two Governments and updated in a number of key areas. This JCN was discussed at the MRVS SC. The JCN reflects the findings of the work done by Poyry in the report, Guyana MRVS Interim Measures Report, March 16, 2011.
2. Informed by the Guyana MRVS Interim measures Report 2011, the deforestation rate has been updated to 0.06%. As a result of this, a new reference level (0.275%) has been calculated for Guyana.
3. As a continuation of the Guiana Shield Project, the Guiana Shield Facility has been established, with the goal of promoting and supporting the conservation and sustainable development of the Guiana Shield eco-region.
4. The MRVS Steering Committee has been tasked with the responsibility of being the National Multi Stakeholder Steering Committee of the Guiana Shield Facility (GSF) Project, with primary responsibilities of overseeing the implementation of national projects implemented under the GSF, as well as providing updates to the Regional Advisory Board of the GSF.
5. A Regional Advisory Board will also be convened for the GSF, comprising the representation of the respective GSF countries, including Guyana.
6. The Terms of Reference of the MRVS SC has been updated to reflect its new responsibilities as it relates to the Guiana Shield Facility (GSF).