

MRVS Steering Committee Summary of Meeting 3 March 30, 2010

The third meeting of the MRVS Steering Committee was held on March 30, 2010. The key points of discussion arising from the meeting were as follows:

1. The outcomes of the evaluation of proposals submitted for Bid 1 (Remote Sensing & GIS Consultant), of the MRVS were discussed. The assessment was conducted based on the evaluation criteria approved by the MRVS Steering Committee. Evaluation of Bid 1 was conducted based on both technical and financial criteria.
2. The MRVS Steering Committee recommended that clarification be sought from a short listed group of project proponents, determined by the initial technical evaluation completed. This recommendation was made following identification of a number of areas that required additional details to allow for complete assessment of bids. The Steering Committee recommended that following receipt of this additional information, the final assessment is to be completed and a recommendation made to the Steering Committee. The Committee envisaged for final selection of the suitable candidate to be made by the end of May 2010.
3. It was reported that the closing date for submission of proposals for Bid 2 was March 26, 2010, by which time, a total of 24 proposals were received.
4. The MRVS Steering Committee recommended that the GFC send submissions received for Bid 2 (Carbon Stock Assessment & Monitoring) to the assessment team members for review. Following receipt of scoring sheets from assessment team members, evaluation of Bid 2 will be completed. This will be conducted during May 2010.
5. An international Technical Expert in advising the MRVS Steering Committee on **Forest Monitoring Capabilities for REDD+ Participation - Building a MRV system in Guyana**, provided information and advice on the following key areas:
 - Addressing the cloud cover issue in the execution of activities under Bid 1
 - Classification methods to be used in Bid 1
 - Capacity building for Guyana, including in the areas of:
 - Data acquisition
 - Software
 - Uncertainty assessment