

**MRVS STEERING COMMITTEE (MRVS SC)**  
**Summary of Meeting 22**  
**May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

The twenty second (22) meeting of the MRVS Steering Committee was held on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in the Conference Room of the Guyana Forestry Commission. Key areas of discussion during this meeting included updates on the recently completed Norwegian Mission to Guyana over the period April 25-May 3, 2016, and an outline of the key elements of Years 6- 10 of the MRVS.

The key points arising from the meeting are summarised below:

1. Dialogue, surrounding the MRVS areas included in the existing partnership between the Government of Guyana and the Kingdom of Norway, continued when the Norwegian delegation made their second visit for 2016 to Guyana during the period 25<sup>th</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2016. The MRVS is one component of the partnership.
2. The Norwegian Delegation met with the Guyana Forestry Commission (GFC) on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 and again on the 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 with various stakeholders in the forestry sector. During this visit, the GFC was able to update the team on the progress it has made in a number of areas under the Agreement, including the developments within the MRVS, progress on EU FLEGT and the status of negotiations with the EU, work on Guyana’s Reference Level for REDD+, and other related indicators.
3. Guyana will be participating in the upcoming Oslo REDD+ Exchange that will be held over the period 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2016. A team coordinated by the Ministry of Natural Resources will be in attendance, with Minister Trotman making a presentation on Guyana’s continuing work on its forest and climate programmes. There will also be side meetings during this event, to further discussions on relevant areas of the MRVS. These discussions will include clarifications on reporting requirements under the MRVS.
4. In terms of the future support to the development of the MRVS, there will continue to be discussions relating to this in the coming months. The GFC was invited to prepare a five year proposal for the development of the MRVS, using the same mechanism, Conservation International Guyana, as Delivery Partner. This proposal will cover the period January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2019.
5. Members of the MRVS Steering Committee have commenced engagement with representatives from the provider of RapidEye imagery in exploring the option of acquiring a Government license, rather than the five (5) agency licences that have been procured annually.