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Pro-poor Payments for Environmental Services
– Implications for Donor Assistance

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About the speakers:

Carina Bracer manages the new regional Katoomba Group for Tropical America, including strategic linkages to Forest Trends and the Ecosystem Marketplace. The Katoomba network links innovators from multiple sectors working to scale up and strengthen payment for ecosystem services initiatives. Her current work also focuses on the intersection between poverty and ecosystem services and how the evolving ecosystem service markets will impact communities and poor resource owners. Before joining Forest Trends, Carina worked with the Climate, Community and Biodiversity Alliance on multiple benefit standards for carbon projects, and interned with the National Forestry Commission in her native country of Mexico during design and implementation of the national PES program. Prior to graduate studies, her work focused on medicinal plant harvesting and marketing, Non-Timber Forest Product development, and forest certification. She completed dual master degrees in Public Policy and at the Energy and Resources Group at University of California- Berkeley, and has an International Relations undergraduate degree from the Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City.

Helle Munk Ravnborg has been employed as senior research fellow at the Danish Institute for International Studies since 2000. Prior to that, she was employed as research fellow with the CIAT, Colombia. From the perspective of poverty reduction, her research focuses on access to natural resources, organizing practices, and conflict and cooperation. Her geographical focus is Central America, but she has extensive research experience from the Andes and from Eastern Africa. Helle holds a Ph.D. in Environmental Planning and Social Studies. Currently, she is the coordinator of the Danida commissioned review of "Payment for Environmental Services and Implications for Poverty Reduction".

Herman Rosa is director of PRISMA, a Central American foundation for research and dialogue in search of development options which contribute to improve rural living conditions and improved natural resource management. Herman focuses on two lines of research and dialogue: i) development of a framework for ecosystem service compensation from the perspective of the rural poor, and ii) the study of territorial dynamics in Central America in the

context of global changes taking place within and affecting the region. Herman is trained as an engineer and economist.

Elsebeth Tarp is a Senior Advisor on environment and natural resource management in the Technical Advisory Service, Danida, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. As a cultural sociologist, Elsebeth has worked as a research fellow at Institute of Cultural Sociology, University of Copenhagen, until she joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Among her assignments within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Elsebeth has served as a counsellor at the Danish Embassy in Tanzania, as Chief Technical Advisor on natural resource management and support to indigenous peoples, and as Minister Counsellor at the Danish Embassy in Ghana. Elsebeth has served as the focal point for the commissioned review of "Payment for Environmental Services and Implications for Poverty Reduction".

Morten Fauerby Thomsen is CARE Denmark's programme coordinator for East Africa based in Copenhagen. He manages CARE Denmark's programme in Uganda, which primarily focuses on the rights of the poor living in the border areas of national parks in South-West Uganda. Apart from some regional programmes in East-Africa on natural resources management, Morten also manages CARE's PWS programme (Payments for Watershed Services) which is implemented jointly with WWF Netherlands and IIED in five countries: Tanzania, Guatemala, Peru, Indonesia and The Philippines.

Sven Wunder, Senior Scientist, CIFOR (Regional Office for Latin America, Belem; Brazil); economist, M.A. and Ph.D. from University of Copenhagen, D.Sc. from Royal Agricultural & Veterinary University, Copenhagen, has been with CIFOR since 2000, previously worked for CDR, IUCN and Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, has done work in all three tropical continents though specialised on Latin America, has published 8 books and 20 peer reviewed articles/chapters, with major publications on deforestation, forest-poverty linkages and Payments for Environmental Services.