

Joint Statement between President Santos and Prime Minister Solberg

Extending the Climate and Forest Partnership

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The close collaboration on climate and forest preservation was high on the agenda during the three-day visit to H.E. President Santos by H.E. Prime Minister Solberg.

Prime Minister Solberg congratulated President Santos for the important effort Colombia has made in combating deforestation, under the Joint Declaration of Intent signed in Paris in 2015 between Colombia and Germany, Norway and the United Kingdom. Solberg also praised the President's leadership in the peace process. She reiterated Norway's steadfast commitment to be a long-term partner of Colombia as it strives to meet its ambitious forest goals.

The leaders highlighted the importance of the Paris Agreement, and emphasized that ambition should increase over time, and that enhanced international collaboration can and should help increase global ambition and action. They noted that recent science shows that natural climate solutions can contribute up to one third of the global emission reductions required by 2030 and one fifth by 2050 to be on track to limit the global average temperature increase to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels.

The two leaders agreed to additional near-term efforts and collaboration to address the spike in forest loss following the peace agreement. This will include enhanced support from Norway under "modality 1" of the Joint Declaration of Intent through 2020 towards enforcement actions and enabling actions and reforms.

Looking forward, they also announced that the two countries intend to extend the bilateral climate and forest partnership beyond 2020, based on the principles of the Joint Declaration of Intent and the following key points:

1. Before 2020, Colombia will clarify publicly its unconditional and conditional goals for reductions in forest emissions between 2020 and 2030 in relation to its Nationally Determined Contribution, following the principle of increased ambition over time for climate goals under the Paris Agreement.
2. Norway offers to pay for a portion of the third party verified emission reductions of the conditional portion of Colombia's NDC and as a contribution to Colombia's goal of ending natural forest loss by 2030. Emission reductions will be measured at the national level relative to a baseline of recent historic emissions, which will be adjusted downwards periodically, based on agreed rules, to reflect Colombia's results and ambitious own effort. Norway stands ready to contribute up to USD 50 million per year

until 2025 based on achieved emission reductions, and to consider extending the partnership thereafter until 2030.¹

3. Colombia and Norway will promote the highest environmental and social standards in the framework of the Paris Agreement Work Programme and other international mitigation mechanisms. As a contribution to this, and with a view to attracting additional finance, Colombia will submit by the end of 2019 its high-integrity REDD+ program to a jointly selected third-party standard, which will assess the ambition and environmental and social integrity of the program.
4. Colombia and Norway will aim to finalize the terms for the extended partnership under the Joint Declaration of Intent by no later than June 2020.

¹ Norway's results-based contribution will be limited upwards to a maximum of 400 million NOK per year. All Norwegian contributions are subject to annual parliamentary appropriations.