

NPT COUNTRY INFORMATION - COLOMBIA

IDENTIFICATION OF SECTORS AND PROJECTS

The process of identifying needs and institutions to be supported by the NPT was carried out between March and August 2004.

The following themes were selected:

A. Environmental sector (MA):

- Local management of natural resources in Amazonia
- Local management of natural resources in the biogeographic Chocó
- Sustainable production chains

B. Governance, Human Rights and Peace-building sector (GMV):

- Conflict management and reconciliation
- Media

In addition, several important recommendations emerged from the process:

- The existence of a considerable amount of unused and un-followed up information, efforts, materials, research results, etc. The NPT should take all this wealth into account, leveraging it to avoid duplicating efforts or reinventing the wheel.
- There are a vast number of universities and post-secondary educational institutions that represent very different levels of quality. However, in general, the quality of and access to post-secondary education in the provinces is much lower than in the large cities. NPT should concentrate more on the provinces and strengthen institutional capacity there. It should also utilize the existing capacity of strong, high-quality institutions within the same country.
- Although the strengthening of judicial institutions is a matter that deserves attention, NPT would not have any added value because of the many donors already present. Therefore, a decision was taken not to include this sub-sector in the identification.

A consultant was hired for the Environmental Sector, conducting several needs identification workshops in each of the regions selected. This resulted in five projects. For budgetary reasons, three were started (SENA, UNAL-Amazonia and UTCH) and two were postponed to a second phase of the NPT programme in Colombia (Unitrópico and Unipacífico). In the GMV sector, the identification was closely coordinated with the embassy and resulted in three projects (ESAP, FNPI and "Reinserción").

In the second half of 2006, Nuffic plans to arrange for an external review of the NPT's environmental projects in Colombia, in order to take lessons on board in drawing up the two projects with Unitrópico and Unipacífico.

PROJECTS

A. Environmental Sector

(NPT/COL/073)	Technological University of Chocó (UTCH)
Dutch partner:	Wageningen University and Research Centre (WUR)
Websites:	http://www.utch.edu.co ; www.wur.nl
Project start/end:	1 January 2005 to 31 December 2008
Objective:	Capacity-building at the Technological University of Chocó for local environmental management and production organisation focussing on sustainable production chains in the context of the cultural/ethnic diversity of the Chocó Department.

(NPT/COL/075) Servicio para el Aprendizaje (SENA)
Dutch partner: Van Hall/Larenstein
Websites: <http://www.senavirtual.edu.co> ; <http://www.vanhall-larenstein.nl/>
Project start/end: 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2008
Objective: Integral training in urban and rural environmental management and sustainable production chains for cultural and organisational strengthening of ethnic groups and peasant populations.

(NPT/COL/100) National University of Colombia at Leticia (UNAL-L)
Dutch Partner: Tropenbos
Websites: <http://www.imani.unal.edu.co> ; <http://www.tropenbos.nl/>
Project start/end: 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2009
Objective: Strengthening the institutional capacity of the National University of Colombia at Leticia, for enhanced coverage and quality of postsecondary education in the Colombian Amazonian Plain.

B. Governance, Human Rights and Peace-building sector (GMV):

(NPT/COL/77) School of Public Administration (ESAP)
Dutch Partner: VUA/CIS
Websites: <http://www.esap.edu.co/index.asp?id=141> ;
<http://www.cis.vu.nl/home/index.cfm>
Project start/end: 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2008
Objective: Institutional strengthening of the School of Public Administration (ESAP)
(NPT/COL/191) Foundation for a New Approach to Journalism in Ibero-America (FNPI)
Dutch Partner: RNTC
Websites: <http://www.fnpi.org/> ; <http://www.rnw.nl/cgi/?app=rntc>
Project start/end: 1 April 2006 to 30 June 2008
Objective: Strengthening the Foundation for a New Approach to Journalism in Ibero-America (FNPI).

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