Global Environmental Facility Small Grants Programme supports 3rd International Congress on Biodiversity of the Guiana Shield

The 3rd International Congress on Biodiversity of the Guiana Shield will be held in August 2013 in Paramaribo, Suriname. This congress is a direct result of the Guiana Shield Priority Setting Workshop held in 2006.

The organization of this 3rd congress is in the hands of the Institute for Graduate Studies and Research (IGSR), the National Zoological Collection (NZCS), and the Centre for Agricultural Research in Suriname (CELOS).

The purpose of this congress is to share information with academics and other stakeholders in order to develop initiatives which will result in the protection of biodiversity in the following countries: Suriname, French Guiana, Guyana, Venezuela, Brazil, and Colombia. As part of this congress, a symposium will be held with the following theme: Applying traditional knowledge in achieving green development.

GEF SGP support totals USD 50,000 and is meant to help with the participation of rural communities in the symposium. Their participation is essential in knowledge sharing in the area of sustainable traditional practices and its contribution to the development of biodiversity conservation initiatives. A total of 50 individuals from various communities will be financially supported in their participation, of which the majority is Surinamer (30 individuals from Maroon and Indigenous communities), while 20 other participants are from five countries (Brazil, Guyana, French Guyana, Venezuela, and Colombia). These communities will also have the opportunity to hold presentations at the congress.

The congress is naturally open to other participants from the communities, but with the support from GEF SGP, 50 individuals from a diverse range of rural communities are guaranteed participation in the congress and can contribute to sustainable development. In addition, an outcome of this congress shall be the creation of a network of rural communities from six countries. This will create a platform for further green development in the Guiana Shield.
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