



The Plan Vivo Foundation is pleased to invite you to the:

Plan Vivo Stakeholder Meeting 2010

Edinburgh, 5th November



Background

Plan Vivo is a Standard and System used to develop and certify community-based land-use projects that provide carbon services and support rural livelihoods. Projects have supported community action through the sale of Plan Vivo Certificates since the late 1990s. Plan Vivo is founded on the core principle of rural communities taking the lead in planning conservation and restoration activities on the basis of their needs and capabilities.

Plan Vivo is currently being applied in twelve developing countries, where in-country organisations are engaging thousands of smallholders and community groups in land-use planning, and providing incentives for positive action including native species reforestation, agroforestry and avoided deforestation activities. Millions of dollars have been channelled to smallholders and forest-user groups through the sale and purchase of Plan Vivo Certificates. However, there is potential to do far more.

The aim of this meeting is to bring stakeholders together to discuss the development of the Plan Vivo System and Standard, and continued scaling-up of Plan Vivo activities. Stakeholder input, particularly from the grassroots level, is essential to the development of Plan Vivo as an integrated, practical framework.

Discussion will focus around topics including: marketing and funding models for community carbon projects; how Plan Vivo should develop for REDD+; and the monitoring and valuation of non-carbon impacts such as livelihood improvement, biodiversity and watershed services.

Who, where and when

The meeting is being hosted by the **Plan Vivo Foundation**, the charity responsible for developing the Plan Vivo System with stakeholders, and registering and overseeing Plan Vivo projects. Stakeholders in attendance will include Plan Vivo project coordinators from Africa, Latin America and Asia, technical service providers, carbon buyers, funding institutions, development and environmental NGOs with a stake in Plan Vivo.

9.30am . 5.30pm | 5th November

John McIntyre Conference Centre

Pollock Halls, Edinburgh University, Holyrood Park Road (off Dalkeith Road)

Edinburgh, Scotland, EH16 5BQ

http://www.ed.ac.uk/polopoly_fs/1.5150!fileManager/pollock_%20map_%2020_may_2005.pdf

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Extra Activities

There will be a **dinner** on Friday 5th at 7pm in Howies Restaurant, Waterloo Place, Edinburgh. Dinner will be £25 for 2 courses including wine.

To provide an opportunity for further informal discussions, there will be a **field trip** to the Scottish Borders on Saturday 6th to visit sites where community carbon projects (non Plan Vivo), planting native species, are in operation. Transport will be provided.

How to register

Although this is a free event, spaces are limited. To secure your space, or request any additional information, please contact Alexa Morrison at alexa@planvivofoundation.org or call +44(0)131 672 3782.

- Please let us know if you wish to attend the dinner on Friday evening and/or the field trip on Saturday 6th
 - If you require a **letter of invitation** to apply for a VISA please notify us
 - Please inform us if you have any **dietary requirements**
 - Please inform us if you require **disabled access** to the venue

Accommodation and travel

- **Hotels**

3* Salisbury Green Hotel at Pollock Halls (on campus)
<http://www.edinburghfirst.co.uk/for-accommodation/salisbury-green-hotel->

3* Masson House (on campus)
<http://www.edinburghfirst.co.uk/for-accommodation/masson-house>

4* Salisbury Hotel (off campus)
<http://www.the-salisbury.co.uk/>

Alternatively delegates can choose from a variety of city centre hotels, which are easily accessible from Pollock Halls.

- **Travel to Pollock Halls**

Location: Pollock Halls is situated just south of Edinburgh city centre, next to Holyrood Park.

From the airport: Edinburgh airport is a 20 minute drive to the venue. A taxi should cost £15-20 or there is a frequent bus service to Waverley train station (£5 return fare). Edinburgh Shuttle mini-coaches run every 15 minutes between the airport and city centre with drop off at any address. Vehicles depart from outside the terminal building at UK Arrivals. Fares are £8 one way. On-line booking at www.airportexpress.org

Trains: Edinburgh's main railway station is Waverley Station. A taxi to the venue from the station will cost around £6. GNER trains travel up the East Coast Line from London to Edinburgh. www.gner.co.uk, For details on timetables, see www.networkrail.co.uk or telephone 08457 484 950.

By Coach/Bus: Buses travelling past Pollock Halls (stopping at the Royal Commonwealth Pool) from the city centre include the 30, 33, 2, 14 and 86. A single ticket costs £1.20 (correct change only on buses).

By car: Take the Edinburgh City by-pass (A720). Exit at Sheriffhall Roundabout, take the A7 towards the city centre. The A7 becomes Dalkeith Road. Turn right at the Royal Commonwealth Pool onto Holyrood Park Road (approximately 4 miles), the entrance to Pollock Halls is on the right.

Parking: Parking at Pollock Halls is free and is allocated on a first come first served basis.

Enquiries

Please direct all general enquiries to Alexa Morrison

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For more information on Plan Vivo visit www.planvivo.org

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