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To whom it may concern,

Cooperation between Germany and Colombia initiated more than 50 years ago. One of Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)'s projects and programs in Colombia on behalf of the German Federal Ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) priority areas is "Environmental policy and conservation: sustainable management of natural resources, climate change mitigation and adaptation, and prevention of natural disasters".

In 2017, Fundación Jardín Botánico "Guillermo Piñeres" successfully executed two projects implemented by GIZ and financed by BMU. Firstly, participatory construction of plant nurseries and training on how to manage a plant nursery, were provided to two educational institutions in Unidad Comunera de Gobierno 6 (UCG6), a sector of Cartagena with high poverty rates. Additionally, guidelines of restoration of mangrove and forests, as well as guidelines for plant propagation were developed and presented as a publication. Finally, a socialization of the results was conducted.

Secondly, two courses in botany and plant species identification as well as how to manage a plant nursery for native tree species were taught. These courses were guided to local leaders from the communities previously mentioned.

The results of the two projects surpassed our expectations in quality and positive impact in the communities. Fundación Jardín Botánico "Guillermo Piñeres" executed the activities with a high degree of professionalism showing their excellent capacity in providing services related to environmental policy and conservation.

Regards,


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