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From:

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To:

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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock of Ecuador is interested in taking part as an active institutional participant in the **“Climate Change: The New Evolutionary Challenge for the Galapagos”** Program to be presented to the Green Climate Fund with CAF as Implementing Entity.

Within the national and regional plans of the Ministry it is a priority to promote and implement sustainable and climate resilient agriculture and livestock policies and practices to strengthen local production capacities and responsiveness to climate change. The Galápagos Islands located in the Pacific Ocean about six hundred miles from mainland Ecuador are highly vulnerable to climate change and extreme weather conditions like El Niño which in recent years substantially reduced food production and threatens food security. Likewise, sustainable and environmental friendly agriculture and livestock production has a positive impact on nature conservation through the control of invasive species by farmers, and by providing fresh food to the local market, thereby decreasing the ecological foot print from food imports from continental Ecuador and the accompanying risk of entry of new invasive species.

Therefore, this Ministry believes that support provided by the Program is very much aligned with our institutional goals related with climate change and our aspirations to develop a resilient and low carbon territory and rural sector in the Galápagos archipelago.

We would be glad to provide additional information if required.

Yours sincerely,



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