

# Report on Latin American Regional Network Workshop Outcomes

GOFC-GOLD Latin America Land Cover Regional  
Network: Initial Discussion Meeting

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# [ Workshop ]

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- GOFC-GOLD: introduction to RN, Brady
- GOFC-GOLD RN case: NERIN, Csiszar
- RedLatif: the Lantin American and Caribbean Fire Network, Csiszar and Di Bella
- Amazon Remote Sensing Network

# [ GOFC-GOLD RN ]

- The regional networks provide
  - a forum for scientist, data providers and operational users to articulate information requirements and improve access to and use of the observations
  - Mechanism for calibrating, validating and improving methods and algorithms
  - A place to test integration of in-situ and remote sensing observations

# [ The role of GOFC-GOLD ]

- Provide support and resources
- Provide internationally accepted requirements to build a RN
- Facilitate the interaction with other networks
- Expectation for self-financial mechanisms to keep the LA RN activities
- Identify relevant problems and projects
- Peer review of proposals
- Write a report of the first workshop meeting

# ARS-Net Tasks: preliminary ideas

- Evaluate the status of land cover observation
- Organize and keep an updated metadata of the remote sensing and GIS products
- Integrate, harmonize and validate land cover change products
- Capacity building
- Mapping and monitoring land cover/land use change
- Facilitate access and dissemination of information through a GIS-oriented web server

# Amazon RN: next steps

- Identify individuals and organizations interested to build the network
- Write a proposal for the first workshop
- Contact potential sponsors to support the workshop activities
  - US Department of State
  - USAID
  - US Forest Service
  - ACTO
  - START
  - GBMF
  - Others?
- Run the first Amazon Basin RN Workshop

# [ Latin American RN ]

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- RedLaTif Expansion
  - Opportunity for continental scale mapping validation
  - Use existing resources
  - Coordination among networks
  - Southern cone network

# The Role of other organizations

- Facilitators and Partners
  - GOFC-GOLD, WRI, CI, WinRock International
- Potential sponsors
  - USAID
  - US Dept. of State
  - OTCA
  - GBMF
  - CYTED
- Space Agencies
  - CONAE
  - INPE