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Reminded of emails from the past....

From: Narendra Rajcoomar <Nrajcoomar@gmail.com>

Subject: LCDS Response

To: matrotz@yahoo.com

Date: Monday, August 24, 2009, 12:00 PM

Dear Ms Trotz,

Thank you for your general interest in the LCDS. Regarding your question, please note that the work of the Mc. Kinsey Group with the Government of Guyana received support from the Clinton Foundation.

—
M. Brotherson
Office of Climate Change

From: Maya Trotz [mailto:matrotz@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tue 25/08/2009 06:21 PM
To: Narendra Rajcoomar
Cc: CCI Info; Climate Positive Development Info; gvalentini@worldbank.org
Subject: McKinsey Report done for the Government of Guyana on a Low Carbon Development Strategy

Hello, I understand that the Clinton Foundation funded McKinsey to complete a project for the government of Guyana on its LCDS initiative. I have been trying to find out (1) how much McKinsey was paid for the project and (2) where I can find a copy of the project since it is being used as a basis for current public consultations in Guyana, however, the public lacks any details on how the calculations were made or work done.

I have already submitted an online request on the Clinton Foundation website and have yet to get a response. I am hoping that you can put me in touch with the ight person at your organization.

Thanks in advance,
Maya Trotz

From: CCI Info <climateinfo@clintonfoundation.org>
To: Maya Trotz <matrotz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tue, October 13, 2009 9:17:49 AM
Subject: CCI response

Dear Maya,

Thank you for contacting the Clinton Climate Initiative. We are always excited to hear from individuals who are interested in helping to combat climate change.

If you look at the McKinsey website I am sure that you will find a copy of the project.

Regards,

Information
Clinton Climate Initiative

From: Maya Trotz [mailto:matrotz@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tue 13/10/2009 06:42 PM
To: CCI Info
Subject: Re: CCI response

Thanks. I found their climate initiative page, but am not sure which one of the projects deals specifically with Guyana. Can you tell me please?
Thanks, Maya

4/1/22, 11:58 PM

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From: CCI Info <climateinfo@clintonfoundation.org>
To: Maya Trotz <matrotz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Fri, October 16, 2009 10:02:35 AM
Subject: CCI response
Dear Maya,

I would recommend that you call McKinsey and Company as regards this point. I apologise that I cannot be of more help

Thank you again for your interest and support.

Regards,

Information
Clinton Climate Initiative

From: Maya Trotz [mailto:matrotz@yahoo.com]
Sent: Fri 16/10/2009 03:07 PM
To: CCI Info
Subject: Re: CCI response

Thanks for responding. This is just great. The government of Guyana said I need to contact the Clinton Foundation for the information because you paid for the study. Now you say I must call McKinsey. Is this what transparency is all about? Hope you don't mind, but I plan to share all of these correspondences online.

Sincerely,
Dr. Maya Trotz

From: Jennifer Rockwitz <jrockwitz@clintonfoundation.org>
To: matrotz@yahoo.com
Sent: Mon, October 19, 2009 6:43:10 PM
Subject: FW: Guyana project query

Dear Dr. Trotz,

Below please find the link to the McKinsey report that you requested, Saving the World's Forests Today: Creating Incentives to Avoid Deforestation.
http://www.guyanacimatechange.gov.gy/attachments/071_Guyana%20Office%20of%20the%20President%20Avoiding%20Deforestation%20Paper.pdf
Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

All best,
Jennifer Rockwitz

From: Maya Trotz [mailto:matrotz@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2009 9:13 PM
To: Jennifer Rockwitz
Subject: Re: Guyana project query

Thank you Jennifer. Unfortunately the Government of Guyana (GoG) has named itself as the author of that paper, yet at national consultations they have referred people to the "McKinsey Report." I would think that if it were a McKinsey report, McKinsey would be listed as an author. In the exec. summary it states that the paper was written by the GoG based on an assessment by McKinsey which made folks, like me, believe that there was a separate McKinsey report. It's great to know that someone finally has an answer after 2 months of inquiry. You might want to let the Office of Climate Change in Guyana know that they should make it clear on their website and to the people of Guyana what really is being called the "McKinsey Report." If they do wish to call it the McKinsey report I would also suggest they make McKinsey an author on the title page to help lessen the confusion.

Which brings me to another question. How much did the Clinton Foundation pay for McKinsey's contribution to this 35 page document? What was McKinsey specifically asked to do? It's a bit troubling that this document would surface before consultations with local populations, especially forest populations. Hopefully I am mistaken on this latter point and the document was created after much public engagement.

Thanks,
Maya

— On Wed, 10/21/09, Jennifer Rockwitz <jrockwitz@clintonfoundation.org> wrote:

From: Jennifer Rockwitz <jrockwitz@clintonfoundation.org>
Subject: RE: Guyana project query
To: "Maya Trotz" <matrotz@yahoo.com>
Cc: "Sara Greenbaum" <sgreenbaum@clintonfoundation.org>, "Olivia Ross" <oross@clintonfoundation.org>, "Chris Johnson" <cjohnson@clintonfoundation.org>
Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2009, 5:04 PM

Dear Maya,

Thanks for your email.

CCI has, upon request, offered the Government of Guyana advice on how to incentivize and generate the investment needed to sustain a development strategy that seeks to preserve Guyana's forests and enhance community development, on a pro bono basis. CCI has at times worked in cooperation with McKinsey, as they engaged in similar activities. However, the Clinton Foundation is not a grant-making foundation, and CCI did not grant/donate its own funds to McKinsey for the study, Saving the World's Forests Today: Creating Incentives to Avoid Deforestation. Rather, upon request, we agreed to provide administrative support to "pass through" funding to McKinsey from third party donors at the donors' managerial direction.

Best wishes,
Jennifer

To Jennifer Rockwitz ariana.densham@greenpeace.org
CC Sara Greenbaum Olivia Ross Chris Johnson Dec 7, 2010
Ariana, Please see email thread below on CCI and McKinsey and the LCDS. McKinsey claims that the President should not have even used their name on the report and that I'd never find out who paid for their report or how much was paid.

As the email from CCI shows, they pretty much are as non transparent as McKinsey.

Guyana just received the first set of payments from Norway. It would be great if Greenpeace can follow up on this as we are asking communities to believe in these transparent processes when a very simple little question about who backed the initial study cannot be answered. I've heard some great rumors that it's Colombian drug dealers wishing to keep the Guyana forests. Imaginations can soar. And they should.

Maya

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About matrotz

Maya Trotz believes that we must innovate for society and be guided by the principles of sustainability. Those require multiple meaningful partnerships and tools to ensure equality so everyone's on the same page and respectful of each other. Originally from Guyana she is an Associate Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of South Florida.

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