



**IN RESPONSE TO THE OPEN LETTER SENT FROM CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS (CSOs) ON JULY 23, 2010
ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATIONS REGARDING IDB's CIVIL SOCIETY CONSULTING GROUPS (ConSocs)**

With regard to the inaccurate claim in your letter that the IDB is not fulfilling its commitment to establish Civil Society Consulting Groups (ConSoc) in its country offices, we would like to clarify that in a communication sent on July 7, 2010 to the Bank Information Center, with copy to Amazon Watch, FUNDAR, DAR, AIDA, Earth Justice, ILSA, CEDHA, Semillas, Cross-Cultural Bridges, and Item, the IDB provided an update on ConSoc implementation. This communication mentioned that as of June 30, 2010, approximately 20 country-specific ConSocs had been initiated, or were on the verge of having their first meeting. The email also informed that beginning in the months of July and August the IDB would be populating the [ConSoc webpage](#), with details including ConSoc membership lists and local operating guidelines for each ConSoc.

More specifically, we are pleased to share that FARN has recently accepted our invitation to join ConSoc Argentina; that ILSA has attended the launch of ConSoc Colombia; that Corporación Ecolex attended the launch of ConSoc Ecuador; that FUNDAR has been invited to be a member of ConSoc Mexico, and has participated in a ConSoc meeting; and that ECOA is a member of ConSoc Brazil. Additionally, our office in Peru continually interacts with many Peruvian CSOs, including DAR, which only this past July 21st participated in an informal round table on Climate Change in our Lima office. We thank these CSOs for their time and interest in the IDB's work in the region.

We welcome you to contact us in the future to reconfirm the facts before circulating and submitting inaccurate information. This will contribute to a relationship based on constructive collaboration and professionalism as we work toward our common goal of promoting social and economic development in Latin America and the Caribbean.