

Position statement

The following text is a brief summary of the shared positions among the participants of the first dialogue between the Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) working in the forests of the Monarch Butterfly Region, in order to sketch out a positive vision that will allow us to work together in the area.

The views expressed represent the opinions of all organizations present.

We are in the process of connecting, and creating a network willing to work together. We come to the working group in a spirit of collaboration, and with full willingness to join forces in favor of conservation of biodiversity and cultural diversity in the Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve (MBBR) and its area of influence.

We recognize and respect the authority of the MBBR and its guiding framework. Our working group will be inclusive and not exclusionary, consisting of active and constructive actors, who having defined a shared work plan, commit to working under consensus and through the appropriate institutions in order to identify strategies in the MBBR and its area of influence in order to promote:

- *Sustainable forest development* as a process of generating harmony and balance for the conservation of forests and promoting human dignity
- *Environmental education, capacity building and information dissemination* in order to promote conscious social movements
- *Applied research* as a tool to improve management decisions with the best information possible

We believe in the challenge of supporting processes concerning the real needs of the communities and ejidos, without considering subsidies as an imperative for the implementation of the project. We consider that there is enormous value in generating dialogues that include every sector – under a planning process – to follow up on current events and the establishment of comprehensive agreements and bilateral relationships in the MBBR and its surrounding area.

The work agreements of this dialogue are presented before the group and the following agree with this statement.

Sincerely,

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