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Guatemala Sugar Producers Association (ASAZGUA) and UN Sustainability Developments Goals 6 and 7

The Executive Director would like to inform Members and contacts of a great effort to address the compliance of Sustainability Development Goals (SDG) 6 and 7. The Guatemala Sugar Producers Association (ASAZGUA) has established itself as a founding member of the UN Global Network: Sustainable Water & Energy Practices, and thus reaffirms the leadership role of the sugar sector in contributing to a true sustainable development at a global scale.

Please see below a summary of this tremendous achievement and prioritize your actions in your respective countries towards this direction.

The Guatemalan Sugar Sector Joins the United Nations Efforts to Promote Global Water and Energy Sustainable Practices

The Guatemalan Sugar Producers Association – ASAZGUA, is one of the founding members of the United Nations Global Network: Sustainable Water and Energy Practices”. This initiative, which was activated last March, seeks to promote compliance of Sustainable Development Goals 6 and 7 (water and energy respectively), during an initial period of four years.

Asazgua will share knowledge with the support of the Guatemalan Institute for Research on Climate Change (ICC), mainly due to the production of renewable energy from sugarcane biomass, linked to the correct and efficient use of water in the Guatemalan Sugar Industry.

“Through this platform, we will not only be able to share better practices, but also propose solutions based on technical knowledge and experience from all over the world. Both of which, in this case, are broadened tremendously due to the rich participation in this group of:

Governments, Multilateral Organizations, other UN Agencies, Academia and the Private Sector”, said Luis Miguel Paiz, General Manager of ASAZGUA.

Capacity building, dialogue and cooperation will be the way to address water and energy stakes to achieve sustainable development. Barriers and opportunities will be identified, to therefore propose key actions, as well as the implementation of specific and innovative measures.

Other activities will include an inventory of priority needs, already-existing efforts from the members, workshops to develop projects, policies, financing, innovation, technology and monitoring.

“We firmly believe that Water and Energy are essential for Development and that by working together, we can achieve greater results”, added Luis Miguel Paiz.

