

Climate Change Delegation to Nicaragua

Aug 3-12, 2014

Rich in natural resources, Nicaragua has one of the world's great stores of fresh water. It is also one of the countries most vulnerable to climate change. In recent decades some of its rivers have begun to dry up and its farmers lose crops to searing droughts, tremendous storms, and devastating floods. Its rivers have been polluted by industrial farming and maquiladora sweatshops, its lakes awash with plastic.



Highlights:

- Visits to regional projects coping with climate change, in Managua, Esteli, Somoto, Condega, and Leon.
- Visits to projects to conserve rain water, small scale hydro-electric plants, sustainable agricultural projects, and geothermal and wind energy programs.
- Time in Granada to learn about the proposed inter-oceanic canal and talk to people for and against it.
- A cultural night and a beach day will also be part of the itinerary.

Background:

Since the Sandinistas return to government in 2007 Nicaragua has become a country with a growing consciousness of its environmental treasures and that its future depends on preserving its forests and environment, as well as food sovereignty. Over 50% of Nicaragua's electricity is now generated from renewable sources. Global climate change will have its first and harshest effects on Nicaragua and other countries of the Global South. While the leaders of developed countries "fiddle while Rome burns", Nicaraguans are fully aware of the dangers of Climate Change and are experimenting with how to ameliorate its effects.

This delegation will be led by Nicaragua Network/Alliance for Global Justice National Co-Coordinator Chuck Kaufman, who has 27 years of Nicaragua solidarity experience, and Nicaragua resident Paul Baker-Hernandez, former Managua Coordinator of the Nicaragua Network and well-known environmental and peace activist. Paul is also a noted musician in Latin America's New Song tradition.

For Application & More Information:

Nicaragua Network or Alliance for Global Justice	
Contact:	Visit:
Chuck@AFGJ.org	AFGJ.org
202-540-8336 x1	NicaNet.org