

## Plan of Personal Commitment and Action- María Eugenia Di Paola

### *Concrete Activities Planned*

Based on my position as Executive Director of FARN and my ongoing involvement in the management and oversight of our multiple projects, I plan to undertake the following actions in order to increase the impact of the Forum and strengthen the global network of international environmental leaders:

- Through direct download and training of Program Directors and Staff, I plan to immediately share the knowledge gained at the Global Environmental Governance Forum and discuss the potential integration of results into existing FARN projects. Measure of success based on completion of half-day training.
- Through FARN's website (1,000 hits per day), bi-monthly newsletter (5,000 recipients), its bi-annual Environmental Law supplement, and its annual Status of the Environment in Argentina Report, I plan to disseminate the results of the Forum and any specific documents generated by the emerging environmental leaders in attendance. Measure of success based on the successful upload of information online, digital copies of the FARN e-bulletin, articles addresses environmental governance issues in the Law Supplement and the Annual Report.
- Through FARN's environmental law library, I plan to make the publications I receive at the Forum available for consultation by FARN's students and other independent researchers free of charge. Measure of success based on the existence of new publications related to international environmental governance in the online, searchable library catalogue.
- Through my relationship with mass media and frequent television and radio appearances, I plan to draw public attention to the principal challenges for effective global environmental governance and the concrete reforms needed at a national level. Measure of success based on the number and type of television, radio, and newspaper appearances.
- Through participation in online networks, I plan to maintain contact with participants from the Forum and send any information, publications, or case studies requested by them, in order to promote information-sharing and best practices in the reform of national and regional strategies. I also intend to seek financing to organize at least one high-level conference on global environmental governance for public sector and academic leaders of Argentina and to bring one or more international expert to Buenos Aires to participate. Measure of success based on my active participation in the online networks established, the securing of funds for the conference and its successful implementation in 2009/ 2010.
- Through my existing relationships with formal and informal networks, I plan to share the information and the perspectives gleaned at the Forum, searching for ways to make good on Argentina's international commitments and improve national compliance. With NGO and public sector colleagues, I plan to integrate international debates into the design of local projects and make presentations before relevant executive, legislative and judicial authorities, especially the COFEMA, Argentina's National Environmental Body, where I am asked to speak

on a regular basis. Measure of success based on the quantity and quality of specific public and private meetings held, formal presentations executed, policy-recommendations generated, and measurable policy changes achieved.

- Through participation in the COP15 (Copenhagen 2009), I plan to represent Argentina and the Emerging Leaders Forum in civil society discussions regarding global climate change. Measure of success based on quality of participation in the event.