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Narrative report

ACTIVITIES <i>Corresponds to section 2, E</i>	ACTIVITY INDICATORS WHAT MEASURES WILL YOU USE TO TRACK YOUR ACTIVITIES? <i>Corresponds to section 2, E</i>	OUTCOMES <i>Corresponds to section 2, D</i>	OUTCOME INDICATORS WHAT MEASURES WILL YOU USE TO TRACK PROGRESS TOWARD YOUR OUTCOMES? <i>Corresponds to section 2, K</i>	ACTUAL PROGRESS WHAT PROGRESS HAS YOUR WORK COMPLETED SINCE YOUR LAST REPORT?
UCCS Institutional strengthening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 10 persons of the staff was trained ▪ We have now five active working groups functioning well. ▪ We have generated three dossiers, a data-base for the SOCIO-ENV observatory 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We have competent staff and leaders of each working group • We have achieved operational rules and manuals • We have an effective scientist network active in the working groups (see prev) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We have completed planned projects to a 85% ▪ We have completed tool development to 70% ▪ We have generated 80% of the reliable information planned for 2009. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1.- Competent staff = (90) 95% ▪ 2.- Operational systems in place = (50) 85 % ▪ Reliable information, bioinformatics tool = (20) 55% ▪ Reliable information generated = (40) 70%
Development of UCCS Strategic Planning Process and specific	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We have developed effective policies for collaboration between 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We achieved a strategic plan for UCCS ▪ We have achieved five 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All strategic programs have a scientific and an executive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A concerted Strategic plan = 80% ▪ Concerted Strategic Programs =

<p>projects within its Programs</p>	<p>affiliates & within the five working groups it is already functioning very well</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Workshops consultancies, and office work 	<p>strategic Programs with specific objectives and resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We have articulated communication and administration programs that serve all strategic programs 	<p>coordinator and have achieved expected results to 85% of expected results.</p>	<p>33%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Concerted Annual Operational Programs = 80%. ▪ We held a total of 25 workshops in our different strategic programs, gave over 100 consultancies to different NGOs, Government offices, and particular entities or universities, achieved all office work successfully.
<p>Development of collaborative mechanisms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Establish strategic partnerships, alliances and networks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We established partnerships and alliances with six Mexican NGOs in related themes to those of our strategic programs, and with three international networks of scientists working on linking science to society and aimed at solving or preventing environmental problems, with whom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We achieved more than expected concerning alliances and partnerships, and we are planning on new future work with the networks of scientists from Europe and the United States. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We held three joint meetings, achieved a joint position paper with one of them, exchanged contributions for our respective bulletins, and exchanged numerous documents and information on three of our strategic programs. We have now some joint plans for this and future

		we have subscribed statements, planned new approaches for science and society, and shared experiences in several Intl meetings.		years.
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In the last column of this table we have put in parenthesis the percentage progress in each item by the end of our last report, and outside parenthesis the progress after 2009.

During 2009 UCCS has been able to successfully establish an operational mechanisms that will reduce administration costs and enhance effectiveness. To this end we are establishing formal collaboration programs with several Universities and research institutes in Mexico.

UCCS has been able also to establish five active working groups, each one of them with first-rate and active scientists devoted to the collective discussion of critical environmental and social problems in which science has a particular role. Three of these programs have produced dossiers that will be formally published within 2010. The other programs have established the basic data-bases and tools to fulfill their objectives. The five UCCS programs are coordinated by an expert scientist, as well as by an executive person who is in charge of making sure that the work planned is completed.

We have established a communication strategic plan for UCCS that concerns both, internal and external communication mechanisms. We have been able to have a continuous presence and say in the Mexican press and sometimes in the International media, concerning the main themes and problems worked within UCCS.

Alma Piñeyro, as a representative of UCCS, attended the founding European meeting of concerned scientists, held in Berlin, Germany, on December 11th and 12th, 2008. This meeting had as a central objective, to discuss and establish the aims, scope and mission statement of a new civil organization, inspired on UCCS (Mexico), UCS (USA), as well as from experiences by local European organizations like EcoNexus, Sciences Citoyennes (France) but that would function as an multinational, multidisciplinary group of scientists that could address specific issues related with science and society in the European context. This new organization was formally established on August 2009.

UCCS is now recognized as one of the main networks of independent scientists critically looking at technological, environmental and social issues in which science has an important impact. UCCS was invited as an exemplary scientific NGO in order to discuss critical issues on ethics and science in Argentina during 2009, to attend the Second Regional Science, Technologies and Innovation Policies Forum in Latin America and the Caribbean. This Forum took place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from September 23 to 25, 2009. This event sponsored by the UNESCO and the Argentine

government, gathered ministers of science and education from several Latin-American governments, as well as civil organizations and education specialists. Dr. Jorge Linares from UCCS, attended this meeting where the Budapest Declaration (1999) from the International Council for Science was revised and updated.

UCCS scientists have become an important reference for social discussions concerning virtuous and conflictive technological developments. UCCS has established links with the main networks of independent scientists networks looking at environmental and social issues in Europe and the United States.

UCCS has also provided information and guidance to six important NGOs in Mexico working on related themes and is planning to establish a network with all of them that implies a continuous and effective flow of information that NGOs require for their campaigns. With them we have also held workshops and meetings to achieve a deep exchange of knowledge and experiences. UCCS scientists have provided numerous consultancies to Government offices, to research Institutions and particular entities, as well.

The main challenge of our organization remains to be an effective financial strategy that allows us to work sustainably with as little as possible dependency from external funds. To this end, we have started a program that aims to support our work mostly with the donations from UCCS affiliates that have continued to increase.

More detail on our achievements and organization structure are found in our website which is also an important achievement and means of communication at:

www.unionccs.net or www.unionccs.org