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JANE GOODALL BRINGS HER MESSAGE TO COPENHAGEN

*Conservationist to Emphasize Importance of
Engaging Local Communities in the Efforts to Protect Forests*

**Scheduled to Participate in Events Hosted by Forest Trends/FAN,
Avoided Deforestation Partners and Support REDD**

(Toronto, ON) —Jane Goodall, Ph.D., DBE, founder of the Jane Goodall Institute and UN Messenger of Peace, has put her global tour on hold to travel to Copenhagen, Denmark, for the UN Climate Change Conference. Scheduled to appear at a number of side events later this week and next, Dr. Goodall will use the occasion to emphasize the importance of engaging local communities in efforts to protect tropical forests, the destruction of which is a major contributor to global warming.

According to Dr. Goodall, “Any agreement reached at Copenhagen should include direct funding to local communities to assist in protecting carbon-rich forests.” This support, she explained, can be achieved through the REDD (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation) financing mechanism to the benefit of both local communities and the goal of REDD to provide long-term protection of forests.

At Copenhagen, Dr. Goodall and Dr. Lilian Pintea, the Jane Goodall Institute’s director of conservation science, will demonstrate a pilot project that, with the aid of Google mobile and web-based mapping technologies, will enable local communities to provide accurate and timely forest monitoring data that is essential to meeting REDD’s goals. The project is a South-South partnership being carried out by the Surui Carbon project in Rondonia, Brazil, and by the Jane Goodall Institute in Uganda and Tanzania, along with Google.org, Google Earth Outreach, ACT Brazil, Forest Trends and the Woods Hole Research Center. The project will allow local communities in Tanzania and Uganda and indigenous Surui people in Brazil, along with their institutional partners, to exchange experiences and find ways to mutually support ongoing carbon/REDD project development efforts in these geographic areas.

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Dr. Goodall will elaborate on the project at her first public appearance in Copenhagen on **Saturday, December 12**. She is scheduled to present closing remarks titled *Making REDD Work for Communities and Conservation* at the **Forest Trends/FAN event, *Indigenous and Community Engagement in REDD: Experiences in Project Design and Monitoring/Reporting/Verification (MRV)***.

The following week, on **Wednesday, December 16**, Dr. Goodall will take part in a panel discussion at a conference hosted by **Avoided Deforestation Partners** called *Reducing Emissions from Deforestation: Opportunities for U.S. Initiatives in Support of a Global Framework*. The panel, titled *International Leaders and Innovators on Forests and Climate*, will be moderated by author and journalist, Thomas Friedman. Other participants include Sir Richard Branson; Wangari Maathai; the Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger, governor of California; and the Honorable Jens Stoltenberg, prime minister of Norway.

Later that evening, Dr. Goodall will attend the *Support REDD Event*, which is being hosted by four rainforest nation heads of state, including:

- Rt. Hon. Grand Chief Sir Michael Somare, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea;
- His Excellency Bharrat Jagdeo, President of Guyana;
- His Excellency, Ali Bongo Ondimba, President of Gabon; and
- His Excellency Joseph Kabila, President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

About the Jane Goodall Institute

Founded in 1977, the Jane Goodall Institute continues Dr. Goodall's pioneering research on chimpanzee behavior—research that transformed scientific perceptions of the relationship between humans and animals. Today, the Institute is a global leader in the effort to protect chimpanzees and their habitats. It also is widely recognized for establishing innovative community-centered conservation and development programs in Africa, and Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots, the global environmental and humanitarian youth program that has groups in more than 120 countries.

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