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# Comentarios a los documentos sobre EAE y biocombustibles

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# Memoria del Secretariado de la NCEA

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## 1. Introducción

El Viceministerio de Vivienda, Ambiente y Desarrollo Territorial en Colombia solicitó comentarios sobre documentos sobre Evaluación Ambiental Estratégica y biocombustibles en Colombia, presentado por el Instituto von Humboldt.

## 2. Observaciones generales

The information is very complete and useful. Unfortunately, the NCEA did not have the time to read everything in detail given the time constraints for sending comments and moreover, NCEA lacks sufficient knowledge of Colombian specific circumstances to be able to give a judgement on the quality of the information.

Having a look again at the ToR for this EAE, and especially under 4. Alcance del convenio, nrs. 1 to 7, NCEA is of the opinion that they have covered all subjects very comprehensively.

It would be helpful to also have a summary of all this documentation, referring to the results of each of the nrs. 1 to 7 (probably this will be done before or as a result of the national workshop). E.g. the nr. 7 part can not be found as a separate document:

- Formular recomendaciones para la planificación estratégica de mediano y largo plazo de planes y programas públicos de promoción de biocombustibles y lineamientos para la formulación de una política pública nacional sostenible de producción y uso de biocombustibles y las recomendaciones para su implementación.

From the documents it seems that this EAE is not specifically linked to one PPP in particular, because there are numerous plan processes ongoing related to biocombustibles. But looking at it from an SEA perspective (an instrument to inform planning and decision-making), it would be helpful to categorize which kind of information gathered in this SEA can be used in which plan process and who would be the respective owner/responsible agency? Otherwise there is a lot of valuable information which may not be used in planning for biocombustibles. So it is recommended to make sure that there is a link between this SEA and specific plan and decision making processes. The attached CONPES document is very clear and of good quality. I would be good to decide on how this SEA can help in implementing the CONPES recommendations.

Another observation is that the process part of the SEA is not receiving much attention (although this was not specifically asked for in the ToR). The emphasis is very much on information (the SEA is actually undertaken by the Von Humbolt institute, which guarantees probably sound information of good (cientific) quality), but has there been e.g. intermediate debate on preliminary findings with main stakeholders? In other words, what makes this SEA a real SEA and not just an very good strategic environmental study?