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Dear Armand,

It was a pleasure to meet you at this year's European Tropical Forestry Advisors Group (ETFAG). I found the RVR-CFC Concept to be innovative, with considerable potential for climate change mitigation as well as benefits for biodiversity, water and employment. The *Helsinki Forest Criteria*, which you used for the *Clean Forest Parks*, also provides a good foundation for the *RVR-CFC Concept*. I hope that your urban forestry project in cooperation with Jürgen Blaser at Bern University will be approved by the Swiss government, as there is certainly vast potential for reforestation in urban areas.

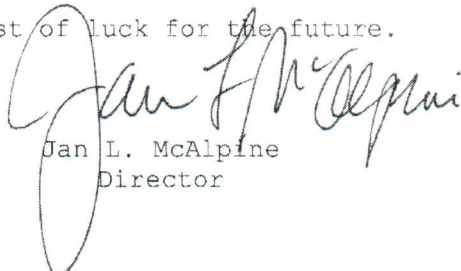
On a more personal note, having grown up in Africa, I am especially pleased that you have decided to invest 6000 trees in the *Green Belt Movement (Forest for the People)*.

As discussed, I would be happy to forward your *RVR-CFC Concept* as a potential head-start for your concept here in the US. I would also suggest that the concept could be applied in China and would be happy to provide you with a few contacts in that regard. Please find here also a link for the International Day of Forests logo Guidelines for your convenience:

[http://www.un.org/esa/forests/pdf/idf/IDF Logo Guidelines Waiver.pdf](http://www.un.org/esa/forests/pdf/idf/IDF%20Logo%20Guidelines%20Waiver.pdf)

It was a pleasure to meet you and best of luck for the future.

Sincerely,

  
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