

THE “LIMA CONSENSUS”

The signers of this agreement,

RECOGNIZING the substantial level of consensus that exists among standards and testing stakeholders gathered at the 2011 PCIA conference in Lima, Peru, in key areas of agreement;

COGNIZANT of critical hurdles that must be addressed for cookstove evaluation measures to become meaningful and useful;

ACKNOWLEDGING that much work will be required, beyond this document, before a comprehensive, consensus, and achievable global standard can be introduced, yet

DESIRING to record, for the Global Alliance Standards and Testing Working Group, this first step in creating a larger consensus around standards and testing.

WE RESOLVE THE FOLLOWING...

- 1. To adopt a temporary rating system that reflects varying tiers of performance in the areas of fuel efficiency, indoor air quality, emissions of particulate matter (PM) and carbon monoxide (CO), and safety. Each area will be ranked separately.**
- 2. That tiered ratings reflect a desired sequence of evolution within the stove industry.**

What It Is

- A statement that substantial agreement exists among people who are at this meeting.
- An immediate framework for:
 - A tiered rating system for four important areas
fuel efficiency; indoor air pollution; emissions; safety
 - Acceptable measurement practices
- A recognition that quality can be achieved only by:
 - Measuring performance
 - Building capacity
- A path-forward toward global yet flexible evaluation

What It Isn't

- Final: Divisions for each tier still need to be drawn
- Global: some governments have their own standards; this does not replace them
- Permanent: we need to move toward consensus and improve testing protocols

Invitations

- Document is open to read, inspect, and comment

We heard you

In addition to what we will offer ...

- You asked for performance measures that respect regional diversity
- You said that social impact and usability are important factors