

# Knowledge exchange on experiences in applying the country approach to safeguards, including safeguard information systems

Indigenous Peoples, CSO, and LCs' engagement on the development, design and implementation of countries' approach to REDD+ safeguards

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# Background/experiences of IPs, CSOs, LCs on anchoring safeguards to national strategies/action plans and national programmes

- Global Partnership of Indigenous Peoples on Climate Change, Forests and Sustainable Development: with 17 partners in 13 countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America, other regional networks working on CC/REDD+, and observers to REDD+ bodies
- IPs/CSO leaders/representatives in National CC or REDD+ bodies, as members of technical working group/committees on developing guidelines in addressing safeguards, FPIC, MRVs, SIS, NCBs, among other thematic concerns related to REDD+. Some are members of government delegations to the UNFCCC; and work with subnational/national/global CSO/IPO networks on CC/REDD+
- Experiences range on enhancing capacities of IPOs/CSOs/LCs, on: mapping IP territories and resource inventories, strengthening customary governance, traditional knowledge and sustainable management systems on forests, resources and ecosystems; support to enhance diverse traditional, local livelihoods, strengthen gender and intergenerational approaches, integral to long-term sustainable self-determined development and poverty reduction
- Priorities for ensuring safeguards include full and effective participation of IPs/LCs, respect and fulfilment of rights, FPIC and traditional knowledge, and the development of measures and policy reforms on land tenure, recognition of customary forests, and traditional knowledge, conservation and protection of natural forests, sustainable management and use of natural resources, etc.

# Experiences of IPs/CSOs/LCs on clarifying/interpreting the Cancun safeguards in particular country contexts

- Conducting dialogues and consultations between IPs/CSOs/LCs and government ministries or national CC/REDD+ bodies to elaborate Cancun safeguards in national REDD+ strategies/action plans/ national programs to integrate the following:
- Ensuring meaningful/effective participation of IPs/CSOs in the development, design, implementation, monitoring and reporting on addressing Cancun safeguards
- Integration of contributions of time-tested indigenous/traditional knowledge, systems, innovations and expertise on sustainable management of forests and other resources; and customary use and sharing of benefits and resources in diverse ecosystems
- Measures and policy reforms on the recognition of land tenure rights, customary governance, and indigenous knowledge, technologies and systems that build up local ownership, support and empowerment of IPs /LCs to take local leadership on REDD+, linked to support sustainable livelihoods and poverty reduction
- Inclusion of community-based monitoring and information systems (CBMIS) on the implementation of safeguards, among other concerns, with clear baselines and indicators for monitoring over time

# Experiences and plans for assessing and strengthening institutional capacities to implement policies laws and regulations

- Meaningful and effective stakeholder engagement should not be limited to consultations and dialogues; but should be a mutually beneficial collaboration of governments, CSOs, IPs/LCs, and corporations especially on respecting and addressing REDD+ safeguards through:
- Sustained capacity building processes/readiness activities among various stakeholders defined in the national strategies, action plans and NPs.
- Integrated support for traditional and alternative livelihoods that are more sustainable and long-term to contribute to poverty alleviation
- More effective multi-stakeholders and rights holders' engagement and partnerships that support a broad ownership and participation on the implementation of REDD+, with clear policy reforms and measures
- Support for community-based monitoring and information systems (CBMIS), with already established baselines and agreed indicators for monitoring and reporting, to substantiate or contribute to national SIS, NCBs, fulfillment of rights for IPs/LCs, women and future generations.

# Thank you very much!

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