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UN-REDD Programme Operational Guidance on the Engagement on Indigenous Peoples and other Forest Dependent Communities

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Stakeholder Engagement in the UN-REDD Programme



1. UN-REDD Programme Operational Guidance on Engagement with Indigenous Peoples and other Forest Dependent Communities



2. UN-REDD Governance:
 1. Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples Representatives on the UN-REDD Programme Policy Board
 2. Independent Advisory Group on Rights, Forests, and Climate Change





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Operational Guidance on Engagement with Indigenous Peoples and Other Forest Dependent Communities

Developed to ensure that program design and implementation is participatory, transparent and respects the rights of stakeholders.

Has three substantive parts:

- 1) **Principles** - on the rights of Indigenous Peoples and other forest dependent communities
- 2) **Guidelines** - for the engagement of IP and other forest dependent communities
- 3) **Best Practice** - for consultation

--> Currently in the process of harmonizing the UN-REDD Guidance and FCPF Guidance Note on Stakeholder Engagement



Principles for Engagement

...to guide UN-REDD Programme activities that may impact the rights of Indigenous Peoples and other Forest Dependent Communities.

1. Programme activities follow a human rights based approach and must adhere to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
2. Free, prior, and informed consent shall be adhered to, and is essential to ensuring the full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples and other forest dependent communities in Programme activities.
3. The Programme shall ensure that there is broad representation of Indigenous Peoples, including women and youth, at all stages of its activities.



UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Article 19: “States shall consult and cooperate in good faith with the Indigenous Peoples concerned through their own representative institutions in order to obtain their *free, prior, and informed consent* before adopting and implementing legislative or administrative *measures that may affect them.*”

Article 32: “...States shall consult and cooperate in good faith with the Indigenous Peoples concerned through their *free, prior, and informed consent* prior to the approval of any project affecting their lands or territories and other *resources*, particularly in connection with the development, utilization or exploitation of water, mineral or other resources...”

Article 42: “The United Nations, its bodies, including the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, and specialized agencies, including at the country level, and States shall promote respect for and the full application of the provisions of the Declaration...”



IP & Forest Community Guidelines for UN-REDD Programme

Representation

- On Policy Board & National Committees
- Independent Civil Society Advisory Group

Transparency & Access to Information

- Access to reports & official documents
- Primers & guidance for IPs on REDD
- Participation in relevant IP-led conferences
- Consultation documents co-developed with IPs
- Distribution of annual reports to IP networks

Participation & Inclusion

- Fora for IP perspectives in REDD dialogue
- National participation & engagement strategy
- Activities & budget allocations in national programs
- Assessment of activity impact on IP rights

Accountability

- Concerns & complaints addressed through Secretariat and Resident Coordinator



Civil Society and IP Representation on the UN-REDD Policy Board

Civil Society:

- One full member that is nominated from a group of four observers: Representatives from each of the three regions and one 'northern' NGO.
- Identified via a self-selection process facilitated by the Rights and Resources Initiative on behalf of the Advisory Group on Rights, Forests and Climate Change

Indigenous Peoples & Forest Dependent Communities:

- One full member (Chair of UNPFII)
- Three observers (one from each region), selected by the regional caucuses to Indigenous Peoples' Global Summit on Climate Change, Alaska, Apr 09



Independent Advisory Group on Rights, Forests, & Climate Change

Established to provide independent advice and guidance to the UN-REDD Programme

Initial membership:

Organizing Committee of 'Conference on Rights, Forests and Climate', Oct 2008, (RRI, RFN, Tebtebba, FPP, ACICAFOC, Civic Response, etc).

Activities:

Presentations and advice to Policy Board; Counsel on policies and guidelines; Managed self-selection process for CSO reps to the Policy Board; Guidance on socio-economic aspects of REDD; Engagement in Chatham House dialogues

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Stakeholder Engagement in 2009

Stakeholder consultations are built into REDD readiness, within the National Programmes:

- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Panama
- Paraguay
- Tanzania
- Vietnam*
- Indonesia*

* Pilot FPIC process underway

On-going global and regional consultations:

- UN-REDD consultation with Indigenous Peoples at COP15 (Dec 09, Copenhagen)
- UN-REDD Regional Consultation for Asia/Pacific (Oct 09, Bangkok)
- Indigenous Peoples' Summit on Climate Change (Apr 09, Anchorage)
- 7th, 8th & 9th UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (May 08/09/10, NY)

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Free, Prior, and Informed Consent

Called upon by participating countries, indigenous peoples and other stakeholders to define how the principle of Free, Prior and Informed Consent will be applied to the UN-REDD Programme:

- Full report and advice from the Center for International Environmental Law
- Pilot FPIC processes underway in Viet Nam and Indonesia
- We have heard clearly that FPIC must be elaborated with full engagement of Indigenous Peoples so next step is regional workshops to focus on FPIC
- Participating in the recently convened The Forest Dialogue FPIC initiative
- Annex will be added to Operational Guidance giving guidelines on how free, prior, and informed consent applies to the UN-REDD Programme

This workshop is the first step in elaborating FPIC guidelines for UN-REDD!

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Establishing a Recourse Mechanism

UN-REDD is committed to establishing mechanisms to ensure accountability and provide proper recourse:

We have heard that complaints need to first be resolved at the most immediate level, i.e. provincial, national and in culturally appropriate ways.

In the interim, complaints to be submitted to the UN-REDD Secretariat and to the UN Resident Coordinator in pilot countries – to be reviewed by the UN-REDD Policy Board for decision.

Next step is to elaborate a proper mechanism via regional workshops with IP/CSOs and provide guidance to participating countries on how recourse will be provided within the scope of the UN-REDD Programme.

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Thank you!

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Progress in 2009

- Undertook consultation to articulate the Operational Guidelines on the Engagement of IPs and other forest dependent communities
- Established Operational Guidelines, including role for IPs and civil society on Policy Board
- Established formal relationship with Independent Advisory Group on Rights Forests & Climate Change
- Facilitated self-selection of IP and civil society Policy Board members
- Analysis of policy and technical implications of applying FPIC and recourse mechanisms
- Undertook coordination and harmonization exercise with FCPF
- Provided support to technical experts and national counterparts to establish stakeholder engagement within national program processes
- Participated in dialogues, consultations, and workshops focused on various aspects of IP & civil society participation in REDD.



Opportunities to Engage: Activities for 2010

1. Support implementation of the UN-REDD Programme Operational Guidance on Engagement of Indigenous Peoples and Other Forest Dependent Communities including the elaboration of FPIC
2. Establish Recourse Mechanism for UN-REDD Programme
3. Facilitate IP & CSO Engagement in National Programmes
4. Engage with Global and Regional IP & CSO Processes on REDD
5. Support IP & CSO Representation on UN-REDD Programme Policy Board
6. Communication & Outreach Strategy targeted at Indigenous Peoples & Civil Society Organizations
7. Training/Capacity Building on REDD
8. Research & Analysis of IP & CSO REDD Issues