





Ensuring Social Benefits from REDD:

Governance, Livelihoods, and Participation



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Rationale



Revenues from REDD have potential to act as a bridge towards new low-carbon alternative development paths (compensating lost 'opportunity costs' through REDD is not enough)



 Effective governance recognized as essential to sustainable development and achieving the MDGs, esp. poverty reduction



 The delivery of emission reductions will take place at the local level – issues of rights, participation and livelihoods are key





Ensuring Social Benefits: Overview



 Governance scope of work to assess legislative frameworks, tenure systems, payment & benefit sharing options, drivers of deforestation, and associated indicators



 Operational Guidance on the Engagement of Indigenous Peoples and Forest Dependent Communities – to ensure inclusiveness, transparency, and accountability of Programme



- Self-selection of IP and CSO representatives to the Policy Board
- Independent Civil Society Advisory Group











Scope of work for UN-REDD Programme

- Role of REDD in supporting low carbon, locallydriven development paths, and alignment/transformation of existing national development strategies
- 2. National legislative frameworks for REDD systems of forest governance, land tenure, and carbon rights:
 - Linkages to pro-poor, gender sensitive outcomes
 - Enabling the delivery of clear, enforceable and fair rights
 - Linkages between secure tenure with the principle of free prior and informed consent.





Scope of work for UN-REDD Programme (cont...)



 Governance of REDD payments – assessing REDD service delivery and benefit-sharing options



4. Socio-economic impacts of REDD policies and measures options on local forest-dependent and rural communities







Proposed Outputs



 Development of a Governance framework and indicators to assess UN-REDD interventions, and best practices on reporting and verification of these indicators



 A series of working papers that will provide detailed analyses and practical guidance



- Capacity building workshops and trainings
- Map and coordinate with other REDD/governance/livelihoods initiatives (esp. Norway-funded NGO initiatives, IUCN Pro-poor REDD project)









Ensuring Transparency, Participation & Accountability



Status of the Operational Guidance on the Engagement of Indigenous Peoples and other Forest Dependent Communities











Operational Guidance: Engagement of IPs & Forest Communities



Operational Guidance: Intended to inform the design, implementation, monitoring & evaluation of Programme activities at global & national level

The Operational Guidance has three substantive parts:



1) <u>Principles</u> - on the rights of IPs and other forest dependent communities

2) <u>Guidelines</u> - for the engagement of IP and other forest dependent communities



3) <u>Best Practice</u> - for consultation





UN Mandate to Engage with IPs



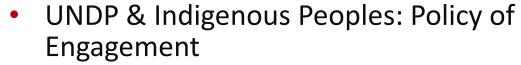
 Participation & inclusion are human rights principles reflected in the "UN Common Understanding on the Human Rights Based Approach to Development Cooperation"



• UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, i.e. Articles 32, 41 & 42



UNDG Guidelines on Indigenous Peoples' Issues







Principles for IP 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.





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
- 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 UN-REDD Co-chairs and UN Resident Coordinator





Ongoing Consultation

Guidance presented at:

- Indigenous Peoples' Global Summit on Climate Change, Alaska, April 2009
- UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, New York, May 2009
- UNFCCC SBSTA, Bonn, June 2009

Feedback received:

- Develop indicators to measure implementation of the Guidelines
- Clarify process for recourse mechanism
- Need for demonstration of Free, Prior, and Informed Consent for REDD Programmes
- Establish enforcement mechanism to ensure Guidelines are implemented
- Ensure that diverse views are represented by IP & CSO Policy Board members and observers
- Coordinate with other IP/REDD initiatives





Alignment of UN-REDD & FCPF Guidelines



Agreement to uphold the higher standard & coordinate consultation processes in country



 Draft of aligned Guidance adopts principles and guidelines of the UN-REDD Operational Guidance and maintains FCPF Practical Guidance to design and carry out consultations



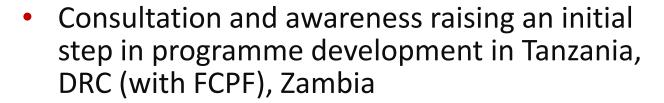
 Hold review meeting with FCPF colleagues to agree on common approach (including IPs & CSOs)





Guidance into Action: Examples from UN-REDD Pilot Countries







 Two National Joint Programmes approved by Policy Board pending full consultation: Indonesia & PNG



 Resources committed to stakeholder capacity building, participation and awareness activities in all draft National Programmes





Guidance into Action: UN-REDD Programme Governance



 Policy Board made up of participating countries, donors, agencies, Indigenous Peoples, CSOs & observers



 Policy Board decisions made by consensus among members



 Informed by Independent Civil Society Advisory Group





Civil Society & IPs on the Policy Board

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 – April 2009

Civil Society:

One full member

Three observers

Representatives will be from each of the three regions and one 'northern' NGO.

To be selected via a self selection process





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Next Steps: IP & CSO Engagement Strategy

- 1. Global Consultation with Indigenous Peoples and other Forest Dependent Communities on the UN-REDD Programme
- 2. Engagement with Global IP & CSO Processes on REDD
- Establish Recourse Mechanism for IP & CSO complaints regarding UN-REDD Programme activities
- 4. Support IP & CSO Representation on UN-REDD Programme Policy Board and outreach to constituencies
- 5. Facilitation of IP & CSO Engagement in National Programmes training and capacity building, awareness & outreach, consultations
- 6. Communication & Outreach Strategy targeted at Indigenous Peoples and Civil Society Organizations
- 7. Research & Analysis of IP & CSO REDD Issues (FPIC, tenure, traditional knowledge, benefit sharing)
- 8. Advisory Group on Forests, Rights, & Climate Change





Issues to Discuss

- 1. Walking the talk what is it going to take to fully implement the Guidelines as part of the National Joint Programmes?
- 2. How best to align with the FCPF on IP & CSO issues?
- 3. How to ensure that UN-REDD Programme pilot countries are exchanging experience and assisting each other?
- 4. How best to keep IPs & CSOs informed of UN-REDD's work to maintain open dialogue?
- 5. How should enforcement of Guidelines & recourse mechanisms operate in the UN-REDD Programme?
- 6. What does Free, Prior, and Informed Consent in REDD look like?
- 7. How best to ensure synergies with other IP/REDD initiatives while still delivering on UN-REDD Programme?





Advisory Group on Forests, Rights & Climate Change

Civil Society Advisory Group established to provide independent advice and guidance to the UN-REDD Programme in response to issues raised by civil society

Initial membership:

Committee of Conference on Rights, Forests and Climate - October 2008 (RRI, RFN, Tebtebba, Forest Peoples Prog, and others)

Activities:

Advice on self-selection process for civil society representatives to the policy board

Guidance on socio-economic aspects of REDD

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Thank you!



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