

Towards Full and Effective Participation of Indigenous Peoples in REDD+

Update from the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

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FCPF and Indigenous Peoples: Policy Background

- Requirement that Indigenous Peoples be consulted and participate in FCPF operations:
 - World Bank Policy on Indigenous Peoples
 - Joint Guidelines on Stakeholder Engagement
 - Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment
 - Readiness Preparation Proposal
- Proposed opening of the Readiness Fund to "Delivery Partners" other than the World Bank (e.g., UNDP, IDB) → Task Force is developing a common approach to environmental and social safeguards, disclosure and accountability
 - Indigenous Peoples represented in Task Force

Indigenous Peoples in the FCPF Facility

Rights and responsibilities:

- Full participation in meetings as observers (decisions by consensus)
- Full access to information prior to meetings
- Costs of attending meetings covered for 1 person
- Average of 3 persons represented at meetings
- Budget for organizing 'input-output' process between Indigenous Peoples and FCPF: \$75,000 /year (e.g., travel, information sharing, staff?)

Self-selection:

- FCPF Charter: one observer for forest-dependent Indigenous Peoples and other forest dwellers
- FCPF has supported 1-3 representatives per meeting (more present at each meeting)
- Currently in process of working with regional Indigenous Caucuses (Africa, Asia, Latin America) to finalize self-selection process in FCPF meetings

Progress at the Country Level

- Intense efforts by FCPF and World Bank staff to work with government and Indigenous Peoples representatives in about 20 countries:
 - Consultation design and implementation
 - Creation of inclusive REDD+ management committees
 - Early discussion on REDD+ strategy options (e.g., benefit sharing)

Indigenous Peoples' Capacity Building Program

- Overall objective: Provide forest-dependent people information about REDD+ in order to enhance their awareness and understanding, allow them to engage more meaningfully in REDD+ activities, and increase understanding of Indigenous views on REDD+
- Dedicated program started in 2009: \$1 million (about \$200,000 per year)
- Programs funded so far:

Panama: Kuna Institute and COONAPIP

- Africa: IPACC,

Amazonia: COICA

DRC : Groupe de travail REDD

Indonesia: TelapakColombia: OPIAC

Argentina: ONPIA

Independent evaluation appreciated contribution of the program and recommended expansion