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# SURINAME AND THE PRINCIPLE OF FPIC

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# SURINAME

- ◉ Background information of Suriname
- ◉ Consultation of Indigenous people and Maroon Tribes
- ◉ National judicial framework
- ◉ Current state of FPIC implementation in Suriname
- ◉ Challenges and opportunities for Suriname



# SURINAME

## ○ Geography

- is a small country in the Caribbean that borders with Brazil, Guyana and French Guyana.

## ○ Population

- Indigenous peoples, descendants of slaves (tribal peoples- maroons), immigrants from India, Indonesia and China etc.

## ○ Indigenous and Tribal peoples

- Indigenous peoples (4 tribes) 3% of the population

Maroons (6 tribes) ....%

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# THE CONSULTATION OF INDIGENOUS AND TRIBAL PEOPLE

## How ?

- Through Traditional Authorities
- Through representatives appointed by Traditional Authority/Community (NGO's, CBO's)



# THE CONSULTATION

- Traditionally the Government involves the Indigenous people and Maroons through their conventional structures



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# THE CONSULTATION

- On a regular base consultation between the Government and these communities are taking place safeguarding local involvement in the formulation
  - of public policies on the use of resources,
  - development planning
  - potential relocation,among others, in areas traditionally inhabited by indigenous and tribal communities.



# THE CONSULTATION

## When?

- The Ministry of Regional Development has regular consultations whereby various developmental issues regarding the districts and the communities are being discussed based on partnership and consultation e.g.
  - Krutu at village/ community level
  - Gran krutu at tribal level



# NATIONAL JUDICIAL FRAMEWORK

- ◉ FPIC not embedded in the Law
- ◉ No laws or other legal instruments put in place for the consultation of indigenous and other tribal people



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# FPIC IMPLEMENTATION

- ◉ Engage in a process of developing a model according to international standards



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# CHALLENGES

- How to develop a bill or a protocol which meets international standards according national law (Lack of technical expert and experience)
- Develop an acceptable model for FPIC in Suriname



# OPPORTUNITIES

- Improved relationship between government and Indigenous and tribal People
- REDD+ to implement FPIC

