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Engagement of Indigenous Peoples in the UN-REDD Programme

Regional Consultation between Indigenous Peoples
and Forest-Dependent Communities from Africa and
the UN-REDD Programme on FPIC and Recourse
Mechanisms

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Presentation Overview

1. UN-REDD and the UN Human Rights Based Approach
2. Governance of UN-REDD: The Policy Board
3. Operational Guidance on Engagement of IPs & CS:
Alignment of UN-REDD and FCPF Approaches
4. Free Prior & Informed Consent (FPIC) and Recourse
Mechanisms
5. Emerging Good Practice for Consultation: Paraguay



1. UN Human Rights Based Approach

- UN Agencies have adopted the Human Rights Based Approach to development meaning that all policies and programmes should further the realisation of human rights
- Based on advocacy for the vulnerable and building capacity for inclusion and engagement and 'do no harm' / risk assessment perspective
- The Human Rights Based Approach is supported by other UN instruments:
 - UN Charter & Universal Declaration of Human Rights
 - UN Common Understanding of the Human Rights Based Approach to Development
 - **The UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples**
 - UN Development Group Guidelines on Indigenous Peoples Issues
 - UN Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
 - UN High Commission on Human Rights
 - **ILO Convention 169 on Indigenous & Tribal Peoples**



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...”



2. Governance of the UN-REDD Programme: The Policy Board



- Composed of participating countries, donors, agencies, Indigenous Peoples, CSOs & observers
- Decisions made by consensus among members
- Informed by Independent Advisory Group on Forests, Rights and Climate Change





Civil Society and IP Representation on the UN-REDD 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, Apr 09

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



Independent Advisory Group on Forests, Rights & 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, WRI, 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 dialogues

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3. 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) Principles - on the rights of IPs and other forest dependent communities

1) Guidelines - for the engagement of IP and other forest dependent communities



1) Best Practice - for consultation



Principles:

- Follow a **human rights based approach** and must adhere to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)



- **Free, prior, and informed consent (FPIC)** shall be adhered to
- Ensure there is **broad representation** of Indigenous Peoples, including women and youth, **at all stages of its activities.**

Guidelines:

- Representation
- Transparency & Access to Information
- Participation & Inclusion
- Accountability





Harmonization with FCPF

**FCPF Guidance Note on Stakeholder Engagement
R-PP template with integrated Strategic Environmental and Social
Assessment (SESA) and Operational Safeguards (e.g., OS 4.10)**

- + UN-REDD Programme Operational Guidance on the
Engagement of IPs & Forest Dependent Communities**
- = Harmonized Guidance on Stakeholder Engagement**



4. UN-REDD Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) and Recourse Guidelines

In response to the request of the Policy Board:

To develop a set of concrete guidelines on how to implement FPIC and provide effective recourse mechanisms within the context of the UN-REDD Programme, so that we can build a body of knowledge and experience to inform FPIC processes and recourse mechanisms for REDD+ in the future.

Three regional consultations:

Asia Regional Consultation – Hanoi, Vietnam – June 2010

Latin America Consultation – Panama City, Panama – October 2010

Africa Regional Consultation – Arusha, Tanzania – January 2011



5. Emerging Good Practice for Consultation: Paraguay



- Key government agencies and UN agencies worked closely with the Coordinating Committee for Indigenous Peoples (CAPI) and other civil society organisations to develop National Programme Document (NPD)



- Close adherence to the Operational Guidance on IPs/Forest Dependent communities



- CAPI facilitated workshops with IP stakeholders to develop specific guidance for REDD+ activities

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Emerging Good Practice for Consultation: Paraguay



- High IP ownership of NPD and process
- Chapter 3 specifically looks at the implementation of the National Programme in Indigenous Peoples' Territories



- Presents 14 guiding points including the need to carry out FPIC before any activity on IP territories is carried out



- Approved at the 5th meeting of the UN-REDD Policy Board



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Thank you!

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