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# The UN-REDD Programme: an Overview

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# What is the UN-REDD Programme?

Partnership of FAO, UNDP & UNEP to provide support for:

1. Support to National Programmes for effective participation in REDD
  - 9 countries currently, increasing demand
  - Technical and institutional capacity building for readiness
2. Global Activities: guidelines, advice, regional/international dialogue, analyses on:
  - Measurement, Reporting, Verification (MRV);
  - Stakeholder Engagement
  - Benefit Sharing
  - Carbon Accounting
  - Multiple Benefits
  - Payment Mechanisms analyses

⇒ that support country action

⇒ that support the UNFCCC process on a global scale

*UN-REDD supports countries in their “Readiness” capacity development efforts, upon request and in collaboration with other partners*

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## Status of National Programmes – “Quick Start” (1-2 years)

<b>Country</b>	<b>Initial Programme</b>	<b>Full Programme</b>
DRC	Signed, starting implementation	In planning
Tanzania		Being signed
Zambia	Scoping mission held, formulation mission end of September	
Indonesia		Being signed
PNG	Document finalised	In planning
Viet Nam		Signed, starting implementation
Bolivia		Formulation mission completed in August
Panama		Being finalized, funds earmarked
Paraguay		Being finalized



## Focus on Latin America and the Caribbean: Bolivia, Panama, and Paraguay

- **Bolivia:**
  - 2nd scoping mission completed in August
  - First draft of the NP to be completed by mid-November
  - Validation meeting to be held by end of December
  - NP to be submitted to first Policy Board meeting in 2010
- **Panama**
  - Draft National Programme available
  - National REDD stakeholder meeting on September 18
  - Upcoming validation meeting with IP stakeholders and government approval before National Programme is expected to be submitted to PB for approval end October
- **Paraguay**
  - Grupo Nacional Impulsor REDD is under consolidation
  - CAPI, SEAM and INFONA will carry out informative meetings with indigenous communities in October and November
  - Upcoming validation meeting with IP stakeholders and government approval before National Programme is expected to be submitted to PB for approval end October



## Activities: Measurement, Reporting, Verification, (MRV)

- Direct country capacity building and technical advice
  - National MRV system
  - National Forest Inventories, GHG Inventories
  - Reference Emission Levels (REL)
- Toolkit/guidance to develop national MRV systems
- Guidelines and training: national inventory systems; use of remote sensing; interpreting historical trends – connected to REDD implementation
- Technical papers (biomass, forest degradation, multiple benefits...)
- Support to Coalition of Rainforest Nations CD-REDD workshops
- Case studies on carbon assessment: Guyana, Suriname, Zambia



## Activities continued...

### Multiple Benefits

- Trade-off toolkit/standards to promote synergies between climate change goals and delivery of multiple benefits (such as livelihoods, biodiversity)
- UNEP/WCMC mapping of biodiversity and carbon priority areas

### Knowledge management, outreach, coordination

- Support to National Programme formulation
- Website, communication material, sharing of lessons learned
- Access to networks and information
- [www.UN-REDD.org](http://www.UN-REDD.org)



## Activities: Stakeholder Engagement

- While REDD activities are to be led by Governments, stakeholder engagement needs encouragement
- Stakeholder consultations required for REDD readiness as part of the National Programmes
- On-going global, regional and national consultations
- Integrate Indigenous Peoples' and other stakeholders' issues in the implementation of national REDD programmes – Operational Guidance



# Operational Guidance: Engagement of Indigenous Peoples & Forest Communities

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

The Operational Guidance 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

It is meant to be used by UN-REDD staff, UN Country Teams, national government and Civil society counterparts who are involved in any UN-REDD Programme activities that may impact upon the rights and livelihoods of Indigenous Peoples and other forest dependent communities





# 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.



# Indigenous Peoples & Forest Community Guidelines for the UN-REDD Programme: a Summary

## **Representation**

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

## **Transparency & Access to Information**

- Access to reports & official documents
- Primers & guidance for Indigenous Peoples on REDD
- Participation in relevant IP-led conferences
- Consultation documents co-developed with Indigenous Peoples
- 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



# Ongoing Consultation

**Operational Guidance was acknowledged by the Policy Board to be applied to National Programmes and was presented at:**

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

**Feedback received (which we are in the process of addressing):**

- 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
- Ensure that diverse views are represented by IP & CSO Policy Board members and observers
- Coordinate with other IP/REDD initiatives



# UN-REDD Programme Governance

- Unique composition among major multilateral programmes on REDD: the Policy Board is composed of participating countries, donors, agencies, Indigenous Peoples, CSOs & observers
- Policy Board decisions made by consensus among members
- Informed by Independent Advisory Group on Forests, Rights and Climate Change



# Civil Society & Indigenous Peoples on the Policy Board

## **Indigenous Peoples & Forest Dependent Communities:**

One full member (Chair of UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues )

Three observers (one from each region), selected by the regional caucuses at the Indigenous Peoples' Global Summit on Climate Change, Alaska, April 2009

## **Civil Society:**

One full member

Three observers

Representatives from each of the three regions and one developed country  
NGO

To be selected via a self selection process (under way now - please go to the website to cast your vote!)

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# Beyond Copenhagen...

- Better and more in-depth support to country activities on specific areas **as requested by countries**:
  - e.g. MRV, multiple benefits, stakeholder engagement, governance, etc.
- Close cooperation with FCPF
  - diverse but complementary approach
- Expected increase of number of partner countries
  - demand is high
  - subject to funding
- Strong role in supporting capacity development for REDD Readiness



# Upcoming Events

- UN Secretary-General is hosting a special REDD event on September 23 at UN HQ
  - Objective: to raise political commitment to include REDD in the post 2012 agreement
  - Demonstrate that REDD is a viable mitigation option
- Regional Indigenous Peoples consultation for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok, Thailand, October 1
- Participation in national-level workshops, such as those organized by Forum on Readiness (Bolivia, late October)
- Side events at World Forestry Congress (Argentina) and COP 15 focusing on IP/CSO Engagement



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