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UN-REDD Programme and Stakeholder Engagement

UN-REDD Programme and Indigenous Peoples
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Overview of the Presentation



- UN Mandate to Engage with Indigenous Peoples
- Operational Guidance on the Engagement of Indigenous Peoples and Forest Dependent Communities
- Alignment with the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility of the WB
- Ongoing Consultation on Operational Guidance
- Recourse Mechanism
- UN-REDD Programme Governance
- CSO Representatives Self-Selection Process
- Independent Advisory Group on Forests, Rights & Climate Change
- Beyond Copenhagen
- Next Steps in IP and CSO Engagement Strategy
- Issues to Discuss



UN Mandate to Engage with Indigenous Peoples

- Participation & inclusion are human rights principles reflected in the “UN Common Understanding on the Human Rights Based Approach to Development Cooperation”
- United Nations Development Group (UNDG) Guidelines on Indigenous Peoples’ Issues
- UNDP & Indigenous Peoples: Policy of Engagement
- UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, ie. Articles 32, 41 &42 (see next slide)



UN Mandate to Engage with IPs: The Declaration

UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Article 32: ...States shall consult...in good faith with the Indigenous Peoples concerned through their free and informed consent prior to the approval of any project affecting their lands or territories and other resources...

Article 41: ...[The] agencies of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental organizations shall contribute to the full realization of the provisions of this Declaration ... Ways and means of ensuring participation of indigenous peoples on issues affecting them shall be established.

Article 42: ...[The UN] specialized agencies, including at the country level, and States shall promote respect for and full application of the provisions of this Declaration and follow up the effectiveness of this Declaration.

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

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

3) Best Practice - for consultation





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 Dependent Communities Guidelines for the 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
- Consultation documents co-developed with IPs
- 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



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



Ongoing Consultation on Operational Guidance

Guidance 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, etc.

Feedback received:

- Develop indicators to measure implementation of the Guidelines
- Clarify process for recourse mechanism
- Need for demonstration of FPIC for REDD Programmes
- Establish enforcement mechanism to ensure Guidelines are implemented
- Coordinate with other IP/REDD initiatives

And we want your input as well!



Recourse Mechanism

UN-REDD Programme is committed to establishing a mechanism to ensure accountability and provide recourse:

- Complaints can be submitted to the UN-REDD Programme Secretariat and to the UN Resident Coordinator in UN-REDD 'Quick Start' Countries
- Complaints will be reviewed and decisions taken by the UN-REDD Programme Policy Board



UN-REDD Programme Governance

**1st Policy Board Meeting:
8–10 March 2009, Panama**

Decisions Taken:

- Agrees to full membership of IP rep and invites Chair of UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues to serve
- In addition, invites self-selection of 3 IP Observers to Policy Board
- Invites CSO full member on Board and 3 CSO Observers too
- Recognizes 'Guidance' and requests implementation and further consultation



UN-REDD Programme Governance

- Unique composition among major multilateral programmes on REDD: Policy Board made up 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
- Secretariat to ensure programme implementation, staffed by UN agencies



Civil Society & Indigenous Peoples 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



Indigenous Peoples Representatives

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Civil Society Representatives to the Policy Board: Self Selection Process

Call for Nominations for Representatives of CSOs from Africa, Asia & Pacific, Latin America & Caribbean, and 'Northern' countries was launched on August 17

Accepted nominations from 17 August – 11 September

Voting period from 14 – 28 September

Representatives announced 1 October 2009 - today!

Details available online @ www.un-redd.org



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 Programme, and others)

Activities:

Advice and coordination of self-selection process for civil society representatives to the policy board

Guidance on socio-economic aspects of REDD

www.rightsandclimate.org

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Beyond Copenhagen

- 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 the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) and the Forest Investment Program (FIP)
 - distinct but complementary approach
- Expected increase of number of partner countries
 - demand is high
 - subject to funding
- Strong role in supporting capacity development for and beyond REDD Readiness



Next Steps: IP & CSO Engagement Strategy

1. Engagement with Global IP & CSO Processes on REDD
2. Support IP & CSO Representation on UN-REDD Programme Policy Board and outreach to constituencies
3. Facilitation of IP & CSO Engagement in National Programmes – training and capacity building, awareness & outreach, consultations
4. Communication & Outreach Strategy targeted at Indigenous Peoples and Civil Society Organizations
5. Research & Analysis of IP & CSO REDD Issues (FPIC, tenure, traditional knowledge, benefit sharing)



Issues to Discuss

1. Walking the talk – what is it going to take to fully implement the Guidelines as part of the National 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?



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