UN-REDD Programme:
Operational Guidance on the Engagement of Indigenous Peoples and other Forest Dependent Communities

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Indigenous Peoples & Other Forest Dependent 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

UN Mandate to Engage with IPs

- Participation & inclusion are human rights principles reflected in the "UN Common Understanding on the Human Rights Based Approach to Development Cooperation"

- UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, ie. Articles 32, 41 &42

- UNDG Guidelines on Indigenous Peoples' Issues

- UNDP & Indigenous Peoples: Policy of Engagement

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Principles for IP 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.

IP Guidelines for UN-REDD Programme

Representation

- On Policy Board & National Committees
- Independent Civil Society Advisory Group
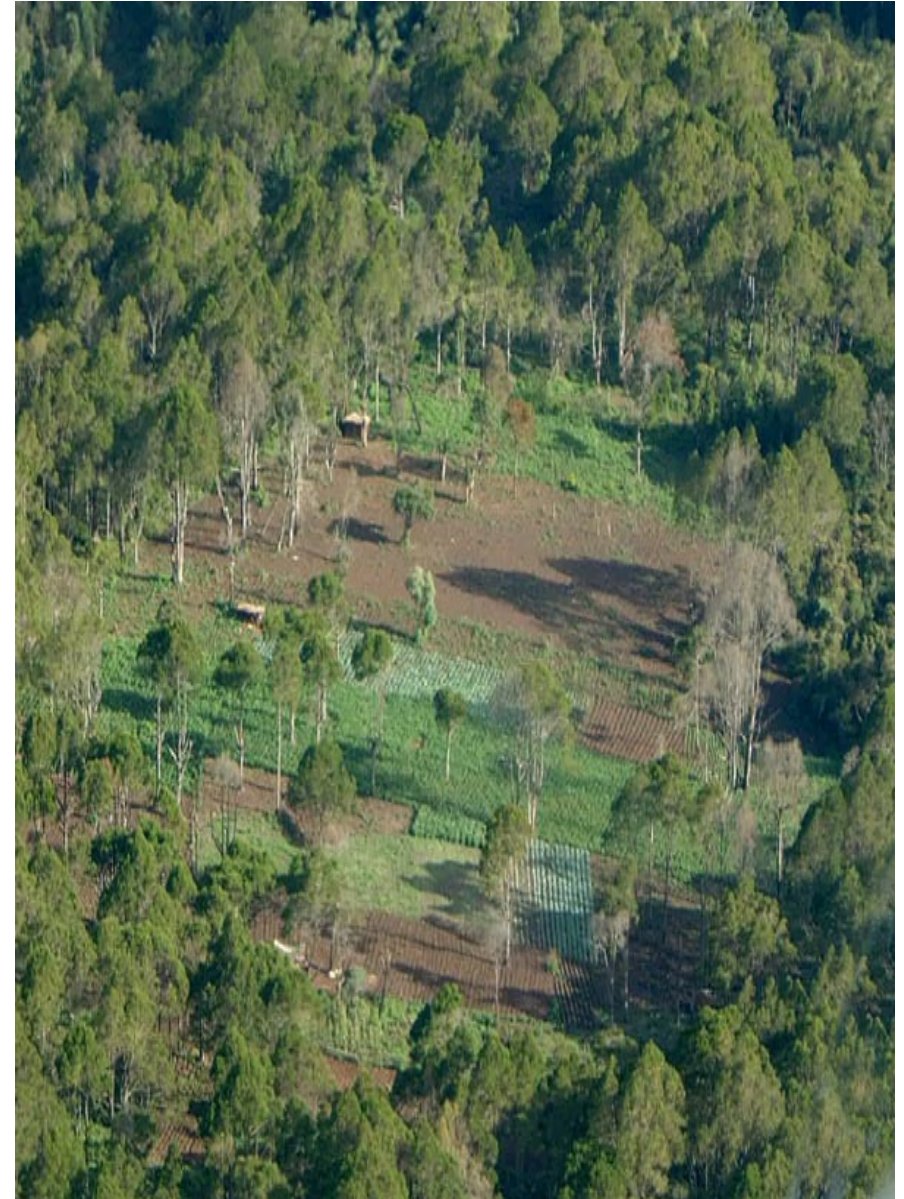
Transparency & Access to Information

- 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

Guidance in Action: Examples from Pilot Countries

- Consultation and awareness raising an initial step in programme development in Tanzania, DRC (with FCPF), Zambia

- Two National Joint Programmes approved by Policy Board pending proper consultation: Indonesia & PNG

- Resources committed to stakeholder capacity building, participation and awareness activities in all draft National Programmes

Guidance in Action: UN-REDD Programme Governance

- Policy Board made up of participating countries, donors, agencies, Indigenous Peoples, CSOs & observers

- Policy Board decisions made by consensus among members

- Informed by Independent Civil Society Advisory Group

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Thank you!

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