

Updates from the UN-REDD Programme: Consultation on Community-Based REDD+ and Launch of the FPIC Guidelines and Legal Companion

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What is CBR+?

At a Glance:

- 1.CBR+ will activate and support community-based action and build capacities to improve implementation of REDD+ readiness
- 2.Grants for community-based projects that address: drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, improve the definition of land rights, explore mechanisms for benefit sharing, and advance the implementation of safeguards for REDD+
- 3.Funds could also support: awareness raising and information sharing, capacity building, network and institution building, policy advocacy and scaling up
- 4.Indigenous peoples organizations, community-based organizations and NGOs will receive grants and manage the project funds
- 5.To ensure a coherent approach, funded activities should align with national REDD+ strategies and priorities
- 6.Grants up to \$50,000



What's the rationale for CBR+?

1. Opportunity to tap into the capacity and local knowledge of indigenous peoples and other forest-dependent communities
2. CBR+ can help address IPs' concern over potential negative consequences on local rights, lands and livelihoods if REDD+ activities incorrectly designed or deployed
3. Recent UN-REDD Country Needs Assessments points to a need to strengthen the capacity of community groups and local NGOs to participate in REDD+
4. Opportunity to support “no-regret” or “win-win” activities that empower communities even if REDD+ implementation is delayed
5. Support countries to meet Cancun safeguards and UN-REDD guidelines on full, effective participation of indigenous peoples, civil society and marginalized groups such as women and the poor in REDD+





How will CBR+ work?

A joint initiative of the UN-REDD Programme and GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP)

1. Builds on UN-REDD's technical expertise and National Programmes, and on SGP's effective mechanism for delivering funds directly to the local level
2. Multiplies funds already available to communities for REDD-related activities through SGP
3. CBR+ will have a robust knowledge management system and emphasize local, national, regional and global sharing of lessons



What is the UNDP/GEF SGP?

- SGP stands for “Small Grants Programme” and it is implemented by UNDP and funded by the GEF
- SGP was launched in 1992 to support the access to GEF funds of poor and vulnerable communities in their sustainable development efforts and also to develop the capacity of local NGOs and CSOs.
- SGP now has 128 participating countries and had supported more than 16,000 community-based projects
- Each participating country has a National Steering Committee (NSC) that has majority non-governmental representation and which reviews and approves project proposals in a demand-driven as well as country-driven way
- Grants given at a maximum of \$50,000 per project



UNDP/GEF SGP Experience with CBR+

- SGP has already piloted some CBR+ related projects:
 - Much Kanan K'áax REDD+ project, Mexico
 - Participatory carbon accounting project, Ipetí Emberá, Panama
- SGP has supported many projects to strengthen the tenure rights of indigenous communities (i.e. ancestral domain claims) and has a priority for supporting work related to Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas and Territories (ICCAs)



How will CBR+ be managed?

National Level

CBR+ National Steering Committees (NSCs)

- 1.SGP NSCs are already in place in SGP countries
- 2.For CBR+ matters, these will be supplemented with a REDD+ sub-committee of IP, CSO, government, technical expertise and UN-REDD Programme representatives
- 3.CBR+ NSCs will select grantees, guided by a **CBR+ strategy** developed through participatory national workshops

Global Level

Global Level Steering Committee

A Working Group associated with the UN-REDD Policy Board, composed of representatives from IPs, CSOs, a programme country, donor, UN-REDD and SGP

Timescale for CBR+ Pilot

2013-2014	2015
6 countries	12 countries

The pilot countries will have:

- An established SGP programme
- An existing UN-REDD National Programme or else be a UN-REDD partner country with ongoing national REDD+ processes
- Strong potential for REDD+ impacts and benefits
- A range of geographical representation (e.g. sub-regions: Anglophone Africa, Francophone Africa, Latin America, Central America & the Caribbean, Asia, the Pacific)
- A range of countries in different phases of REDD+ development

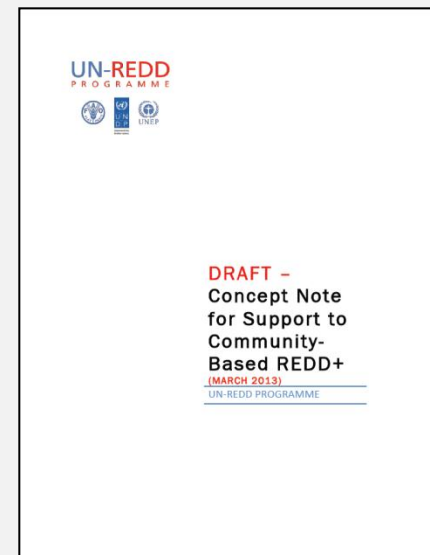


Current Status

February 2013: Draft concept note developed collaboratively between UN-REDD and SGP, including consultations in Doha (Dec 2012) and with UN-REDD IP and CSO Policy Board representatives

March 2013: Draft concept note circulated to UN-REDD Policy Board members for comments - feedback is generally very supportive of CBR+

June 2013: UN-REDD Policy Board to decide on the allocation of \$4 million to finance CBR+ (to be matched by \$4 million from SGP)



Next steps...

- Work with UN-REDD and SGP at the global and national levels to identify and launch pilots
- Convene REDD+ experts in selected countries from government, IPs, CSOs to form CBR+ NSCs
- Convene participatory national workshops to add a CBR+ components to the SGP country strategy

Your input

1. What types of activities should be eligible for funding?
 - For example, “no-regrets” or “win-win” activities that have benefits even if REDD+ implementation is delayed
2. What support can IPs be given to ensure they can fully engage with and participate in CBR+?
3. How can knowledge generated through CBR+ be shared effectively:
 - Between different indigenous groups and communities?
 - From the community level to national level to inform national level approaches?

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