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Consensus on FPIC Assures the Success of REDD+ Implementation in Indonesia

Jakarta, The National Forestry Board, with the support of UN-REDD Programme Indonesia holds a two-day workshop to discuss The Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) concept in Hotel Santika, Jakarta (11/01/11 – 12/01/11). The workshop was opened by Kuntoro Mangkusubroto as Head of REDD+ Task Force and Hadi Daryanto as the Secretary General of Government of Indonesia's (GoI) Ministry of Forestry. As Indonesia has been putting serious efforts to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, it has now become clearer that multi stakeholder process is the key element towards a REDD+ implementation that is transparent, equal and democratic.

The National Forestry Board as one of the commission bodies is responsible for the issue feels the need to listen to various parties who are affected by REDD+ implementation. For that reason, 5 (five) society chambers are invited for the two-day workshop, they are Local Communities, Government, Private Sector, NGO and International Cooperation, and Academicians. These chambers sit together, state their perspectives and share their inputs in order to reach a consensus on the best applicable FPIC concept for Indonesia, taking into consideration that Indonesia is a culturally diverse nation.

It is also with this understanding that the concept of FPIC should be agreed upon by synthesizing different chambers' experiences and expertise. "I fully support a workshop like this as I understand that we need to hear directly from the communities. They—especially those who live near and within forest area—are the ones who know the reality. They are the ones who know what they need, so we have to ask for their free, prior and informed consent before implementing any REDD+ projects," affirms Kuntoro in his keynote speech. Kuntoro adds that FPIC is an important element that assures the success of REDD+ implementation in Indonesia.

Participants from different chambers agree that FPIC is essential element as part of human rights application. Communities have the right to understand the situation that they are facing and to determine their fate by using the prior information. Moreover, the chambers gather in group discussions to share their best practices in order to formulate an FPIC concept that is comprehensible for the layman, and capable to avoid any potential future conflict between the communities and REDD+ projects initiators.



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The UN-REDD Programme Indonesia is a collaborative initiative between the Ministry of Forestry, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The programme aims to assist and support the GoI to timely develop a REDD+ architecture that will allow a fair, equitable and transparent REDD+ implementation, as well as to attain 'REDD-Readiness'". The UN agencies use a coordinated approach in the UN-REDD programme, drawing upon the competences of the various UN agencies, aiming to 'deliver as one'. UN-REDD Programme Indonesia held the Launching of its work in Central Sulawesi on 13 October 2010 after the province was chosen as the main Pilot Province based on Pilot Province Selection Criteria and multi stakeholder inputs.

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