

# ***Biodiversity Safeguards of REDD-plus***

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## **Relevant Safeguards for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities**

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# *Indigenous Peoples' Territories, Livelihoods and Rights*





# *Indigenous Peoples Forests and other Ecosystems*



# *Indigenous Peoples and Forests*

- > Many of the remaining tropical forests in the world today are found in Indigenous Peoples' territories, with traditional knowledge and systems.**
- > Main reason: Indigenous Peoples regard the forests not only as a source of sustenance and livelihoods but the very basis of their identities, cultures and social organizations.**
- > Social, economic, cultural and spiritual relationships with forests are deeply entrenched; and many attempts to displace IPs are met with severe resistance, including drivers of deforestation.**



# Key Principles on Safeguards for Indigenous Peoples



**1. Overarching human rights-based approach to all processes in the REDD-plus mechanisms:**

**> The implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is key to delivering benefits from REDD-plus to indigenous peoples, including securing land tenure rights.**

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**3. Recognition/Integration and respect of collective rights / individual rights; and traditional knowledge and practices:**

- > on land tenure rights,**
- > on autonomy, self determination and representation**
- > on the exercise of customary laws, governance and customary land use principles on the control of territories and sustainable management of forests and resources**



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## 4. Customary governance and institutions:

- > **Respect and recognition of local and traditional knowledge and customary governance structures for the sustainable use, conservation and benefit sharing on the use of resources;**
- > **law enforcement and conflict resolution through traditional governance systems, with local monitoring and reporting of infringements**
- > **Indigenous systems on shifting cultivation should not be viewed as a driver of deforestation and degradation.**

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**5. Full and effective participation on decision-making on matters that affects Indigenous Peoples and local communities:**

**> For IPs/LCs to exercise their own decision-making processes with the right to say Yes or No; and/or to set their terms and conditions for partnership with other entities**

**> It is a substantive mechanism to ensure the respect and support of**



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## **6. Benefit Sharing and Governance:**

**> Indigenous peoples had been defending their forests from drivers of deforestation and practicing their traditional forest management strictly regulated by customary laws and governance.**

**> For IPs, REDD+ should not be financed by market-based mechanisms or subject to be used in carbon offsetting. Results-based payments should not be confined only to carbon values, but shall include broader ecosystem functions of forests.**

**> Adequate funding to strengthen capacities of IPs/LCs on all phases of REDD, with a dedicated fund for IPs/LCs to develop and implement their own activities and contributions to REDD+; and that these should reach sub-national/ local levels without vanishing due to corrupt practices.**

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**7. Recognition on the role of women in traditional resource management, and specific concerns of women, youth and children; and**

# *Conclusions...*

**> Indigenous peoples and local communities are RIGHTS holders and key stakeholders in the sustainable conservation and maintenance of biodiversity, diverse forests and other ecosystems; and in supporting the permanence of REDD-plus efforts with respect and compliance to relevant safeguards to IPs and LCs.**

**> Full and effective participation (with FPIC) of IPs and LCs in any REDD-plus design and implementation; and respecting and supporting them as equal partners is a prerequisite for success. It will enhance vital traditional and local knowledge, strengthen ownership and build essential local support for all projects and activities that affect them.**



## *Some Recommendations....*

- 1. Further capacity building for IPs to produce their own reports integrated into the information system of safeguards on REDD+**
- 2. Technical workshop under SBSTA to further elaborate on the modalities to provide information on how safeguards are respected/supported with the participation of IPs**
- 3. Access to adequate public financial resources for the implementation of safeguards and activities mentioned**
- 4. Information system produced by IPs on the application of safeguards be taken into account**



Thank you!!!

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