



UN-REDD's Work on 'Free, Prior and Informed Consent' (FPIC)



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Definition of Free, Prior and Informed Consent

- **FPIC** is the principle that a community has the right to give or withhold its consent to proposed projects that may affect the lands they customarily own, occupy or otherwise use



Significance of FPIC for REDD+

- Value of FPIC has been recognized for years by Indigenous Peoples, governments, CSOs, private sector
- UN commitment to FPIC (e.g. UN Declaration on Rights of Indigenous Peoples; UNDG IP Guidelines; FAO IP Policy)
- Challenges in implementation but recognition of significant benefits of FPIC and need to invest now in processes to support FPIC for REDD+



FPIC Guidelines: Consultation Process So Far

Jun 2010 – Jan 2011: 3 regional consultations with IPs & civil society in Vietnam (Jun 2010); Panama (Oct 2010); Tanzania (Jan 2011):

- Reps of 76 IP & civil society organizations from 32 countries
- Reps of 47 international & regional organizations
- UN-REDD country staff

Feb – Jul 2011: Synthesis of input into draft Guidelines

Aug – Nov 2011: Internal review by global & regional UN-REDD staff

Dec 2011 – Jan 2012: Public comment period

Feb 2012: 'Expert Workshop' to review FPIC Guidelines

March-May 2012: Revise Guidelines



FPIC Guidelines: Objective and Scope

Objective:

- To outline a normative, policy and operational framework for UN-REDD National Programmes to seek FPIC, as and when appropriate, as determined by National Programmes in consultation with indigenous rights-holders

Scope:

- Primary users of these Guidelines will be UN-REDD National Programmes
- Guidelines apply to national level activities supported by the UN-REDD Programme and activities supported by any of the three UN partner agencies to the UN-REDD Programme, including in their role as a Delivery Partner under FCPF



FPIC Guidelines: Content

The Guidelines provide information on:

1. Normative framework underpinning the UN's obligation to support the right to FPIC
2. Definitions of the elements of FPIC
3. UN-REDD Programme Policy on applying FPIC
4. Operational framework for seeking FPIC
5. Grievance and accountability framework



UN-REDD & FCPF Countries Engaged in FPIC

- **VIET NAM:** Has pioneered extensive FPIC for REDD+ work, including a rigorous evaluation process. Viet Nam will incorporate FPIC in Phase II work
- **INDONESIA:** Prepared province-level guidelines and national-level FPIC guidelines and policy
- **PARAGUAY:** Undertook extremely inclusive process for national program and developed protocol on IP consultation. Development of grievance mechanisms underway
- **DRC:** History of FPIC work and developed own FPIC guidelines for REDD
- **HONDURAS & PERU & OTHERS:**
Are planning FPIC activities



Expert Workshop, February 2012, Geneva

Workshop Focus: Who gives consent? When is FPIC required?
How is FPIC applied?

Revisions Agreed:

- Strengthen normative framework
- Provide clarity on who has a right to FPIC
- Elaborate on rights of other stakeholders
- Introduce ways to assess and manage human rights risks and impacts
- Explore whether or not FPIC can be sought at national level
- Review and revise Guidelines from a gender perspective
- Include additional tools and resources to support National Programs in applying the Guidelines



Next Steps

- Guidelines used to support UN-REDD National Programmes in the development of their own country methodologies for applying FPIC for:
 - Consultations with IPs/rights-holders in countries
 - Piloting in select provinces/territories
- FPIC Guidelines to guide stakeholder consultation plans in preparation of UN-REDD countries' R-PPs
- Guidelines are a “living document” and will be responsive to emerging needs and experiences from countries and stakeholders