

# Final Report Group 4

When will it be necessary to apply FPIC to the national program activities under UN-REDD?

# Presentation

1. Component: “Training about REDD+ and consultation with all the players about UN-REDD.” A priority and the activities under this component should take place before implementing any other activity of the Program.
2. Activities that require the application of an FPIC or a consultation process

# Key Recommendations (1)

- In order to apply FPIC, existing consultation/participation mechanisms should be used/leveraged, provided they fulfill the requirements for the FPIC implementation:
  - In the event that these consultation/participation mechanisms do not fulfill the requirements for the FPIC implementation, the consultation mechanisms should be strengthened/amended;
  - In the event that multiple consultation mechanisms exist under a variety of initiatives, these mechanisms should be coordinated and duplications avoided;
  - If different consultation channels/mechanisms exist, how do we guarantee compliance with the FPIC? Should a list of minimal requirements exist?

# Questions for the group

- Who defines who is a part of the consultation mechanism?
- If it is the government, how do we ensure the selection is inclusive and democratic?
- How will UN-REDD seek to ensure these consultation mechanisms in each country are democratic and inclusive?

# Key Recommendations (2)

- The consultation mechanism should have a **structure, mandate and the decision-making power defined** to manage its decisions. Its integration should be inclusive and representative. Otherwise, it will only be a dialogue forum and there won't be a guarantee that it will truly be able to apply FPIC in this instance:
  - It will be essential to develop a **road map/identification of key players** and a **road map of the processes of existing consultations**;
  - The selection of the players that comprise the consultation mechanism should be done objectively and democratically;
  - UN-REDD should seek to ensure that these consultation mechanisms are the most democratic and inclusive possible at the national level.

# Key Recommendations (3)

- UN-REDD should give guidelines as to who should be considered as key players to integrate into this consultation mechanism so that the national government abides by them. As an example the following key players are recommended for consideration:
  - Players who are in the territory and have forest coverage;
  - Governmental players that affect decision-making processes regarding the environment-forestry-finance-land tenure;
  - Representatives of each indigenous people and indigenous organizations;
  - Civil society linked to the topic;
- If it is determined that someone was not included in the consultation mechanism (in good or bad faith), it shall be fundamental that this player later be integrated.
- If the work group/consultation mechanism complies with the guidelines provided by UN-REDD (those that have as objective that the work group was constituted democratically and is duly represented), they will be able to carry out consultation processes through this work group, as an example, presenting the document which will be presented to the Policy Board for validation purposes.

# Key Recommendations (4)

- It is essential that the players who are a part of the consultation/participation mechanism receive training, and this training should precede all consultation processes. These players should receive continuous training to guarantee their effective participation.
- It is recommended that **informational meetings be held about UN-REDD so that all the players understand what UN-REDD is in the preparation stage**, and jointly agree as to the time they will need to carry out the consultation processes to prepare the document.
- It is important that an understanding exist as to the national situation in order to train the players that comprise the consultation platform. Therefore, it is recommended that a **preliminary analysis** be completed on the national situation in a parallel manner to the integration of the consultation platform.
- What must be done to consider completion of the UN-REDD document? A consultation or consensus? Perhaps the initial **work group can initially define up to what point it is necessary to consult or if it is necessary to arrive at a consensus.**

# What activities require FPIC?

- In regards to the listed activities, which will need FPIC or a consultation mechanism?
- We'd like to highlight that it is difficult to determine what activities require FPIC or consultation, if we haven't yet defined FPIC...



# Key Recommendations

- Individual conditions for each country/UN-REDD should define what activities will be essential to have/obtain a FPIC; otherwise, the governments can bypass their obligations and choose a consultation process when what is appropriate is to obtain a FPIC. The remainder of the activities can be adapted to the national situation (a consultation process);
- Under the premise that the consultation mechanisms applied by each government are effective and abide by the UN-REDD requirements, and that FPIC should adapt to activities where there is a risk of considerable negative impact. For the following activities it is recommended that UN-REDD should require the FPIC...

# Overall Recommendations

- It is important to consider the differentiation between when it will be necessary to obtain a FPIC and when a consultation/participation process will be required. For both processes, minimal and generic guidelines will be necessary, to the end that the countries have a key direction and a certain degree of flexibility.
- These minimal requirements can help the country's accountability and to give the direction they need to comply with in order to carry out a consultation FPIC process.
- We do not go into detail in the definition of consultation or FPIC guidelines, because other work groups are discussing the content of defining FPIC.

# Overall Recommendations

- The process carried out in Vietnam cannot be applied to Latin America. Latin America already has its consultation mechanisms and those should be employed in order to familiarize the population with REDD and UN-REDD. However, **the topic of training is very important and should have its adequate place**. The message of REDD and climate change needs to be **uniform, unified and clear**.
- The timelines imposed by the financing mechanisms should not be a determining factor in order to implement adequate consultation processes! Countries need to be **stimulated to complete and present their plans with due process of consultation**.
- It will be necessary to clarify the nature of FPIC for UN-REDD and for each country...will it involve a process, tool, requirement, instrument, protocol?

# Members of Group 4: Thank you for your attention!!!

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# Questions?

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