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Stakeholder Engagement in the UN-REDD Programme

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Presentation Overview

1. What is REDD?
2. What is the UN-REDD Programme?
3. Stakeholder Engagement in the UN-REDD Programme
 - A. Programme Governance and Representation
 - B. Operational Guidance on Engagement and Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) and Stakeholder Engagement
 - C. Consultations with IPs/CSOs



What is REDD?

REDD = Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and (forest) Degradation:

- * *An international financial mechanism providing payments for reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with deforestation and degradation (currently under discussion in the UNFCCC)*
- * REDD+ includes the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks.

How?

- Incentives to be provided to developing countries to slow down rates of deforestation and forest degradation to reduce GHG emissions
- Industrialized countries to make financial transfers to developing countries to compensate them for costs of avoiding deforestation

Why?

- reduce app. 17% of current annual GHG emissions
- needed to stabilize temperatures within 2 degrees C
- possibly least expensive way to reduce emissions

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What is the UN-REDD Programme?

- Established in 2008 by FAO, UNDP & UNEP in response to UNFCCC Bali Action Plan
- Offers Joint Programming & Delivering as One UN
- Collaborates with World Bank hosted FCPF, FIP and other institutions working on REDD+ activities, such as GEF, UNFCCC Secretariat and CBD

- Two components:

1. National Programmes

- Capacity building for REDD+ readiness
- 35 partner countries, 13 receiving direct support:
 - **Africa:** DRC, Tanzania, Zambia;
 - **Asia & Pacific:** Cambodia, Indonesia, Philippines, PNG, Solomon Islands, Vietnam;
 - **LA & Caribbean:** Bolivia, Ecuador, Panama, Paraguay

2. Global Programme

- Guidelines, advice, regional/ international dialogue, analyses on
 - Monitoring, Reporting, Verification (MRV)
 - Stakeholder Engagement
 - Benefit Sharing
 - Multiple Benefit

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Stakeholders

Issues on REDD+ raised by Indigenous Peoples

- Need for access to information
- Uncertainty around mechanisms for IP inclusion
- Fear of further marginalization (e.g. biofuels, little benefit from CDM)
- Cultural disconnect around placing value on natural resources
- Skepticism around market mechanism incentives
- Need for non-market-based REDD+ mechanisms
- Need for consideration of retroactive benefits.





Civil Society and IP Representation on the UN-REDD Policy Board

Civil Society:

- One full member that is nominated from a group of four observers: Representatives from each of the three regions and one 'northern' NGO.
- Identified via a self-selection process facilitated by the Rights and Resources Initiative on behalf of the Advisory Group on Rights, Forests and Climate Change

Indigenous Peoples & Forest Dependent Communities:

- One full member (Chair of UNPFII)
- Three observers (one from each region), selected by the regional caucuses to Indigenous Peoples' Global Summit on Climate Change, Alaska, Apr 09



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 the National Implementing Partner (NIP) in consultation with relevant rights-holders

Scope:

- Primary users of these Guidelines will be National Implementing Partner (ie, government)
- 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 in their role as a Delivery Partner under FCPF



FPIC Guidelines: Consultation Process to date

Jun 2010 – Jan 2011: Three regional consultations with indigenous peoples and civil society in Vietnam (June 2010); Panama (October 2010); Tanzania (January 2011):

- 76 indigenous & civil society representatives from 32 countries
- 47 international and regional organisations represented
- UN-REDD country staff

Feb – Aug 2011: Synthesis of input into draft Guidelines and expert input

Aug – Oct 2011: Internal review by global and regional UN-REDD staff and UN legal advisors.



FPIC Guidelines: Content

The Guidelines provide information on:

- 1.** The 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: who seeks and who gives consent
- 4.** Operational framework for seeking FPIC
- 5.** Grievance and accountability framework



FPIC Guidelines: Next Steps

Nov 2011 – Jan 2012: Six-week public review process will be carried out to receive inputs from a broad range of governmental, non-governmental, indigenous peoples and other community stakeholders

Feb 2012: Revision and finalization

Mar/Apr 2012: Present revised Guidelines to Policy Board 8

May 2012 onwards: National workshops to build the capacity of the NIP to apply the FPIC Guidelines

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Key Questions and Challenges

- Who does FPIC apply to - indigenous peoples only or local communities as well?
- Which activities require FPIC and which require consultation?
- How to ensure government buy-in and compliance with duty to seek FPIC?
Seeking examples of international obligations such as UNDRIP translated into national law (example of Republic of Congo)



National, Regional and Global Consultations with IPs/CSOs on REDD+

- Stakeholder consultations are built into REDD+ readiness within the National Programmes
- Regional consultations with Indigenous Peoples to define principles of Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) and recourse mechanism
 - Asia/Pacific region: Viet Nam, June 2010
 - Latin America/Caribbean: Panama, October 2010
 - Africa: Tanzania, January 2011
- Other global and regional consultations:
 - UN-REDD consultation with Indigenous Peoples at COP15 (Dec 09, Copenhagen)
 - UN-REDD Regional Consultation for Asia/Pacific (Oct 09, Bangkok)
 - 8th and 7th UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (May 09 and Apr 08, New York)
 - Indigenous Peoples' Summit on Climate Change (Apr 09, Anchorage)
 - Global IP Consultation on REDD+ (Nov 08, Baguio City, Philippines)



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Thank you!

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