

**UN-REDD Programme:
The Engagement of
Indigenous Peoples & Other
Forest Dependent
Communities**
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on Climate Change**

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Purpose of Today's Presentation

- (1) To share information on a REDD pilot initiative: the 'UN-REDD Programme'
- (2) To describe the UN's mandate on engagement with Indigenous Peoples (IPs)
- (3) To review work done so far to engage IPs, including:
 - Preparation of 'Operational Guidance on Engaging IPs' and asking for your advice on how to improve it
 - Recent decisions by the UN-REDD Policy Board on IP representation and asking for help to ensure proper IP representation
- (4) To invite you to join us at Lunch time in Room B to discuss these further.



What is REDD?

REDD = Reducing Emissions from Deforestation & Forest Degradation (in Developing Countries)

- 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 is REDD important?

- Since deforestation results in ~20% of global greenhouse gas emissions, we can't prevent global temperature increases from going above 2 degrees C without slowing deforestation and forest degradation.



What is the UN-REDD Programme?

A partnership of FAO, UNDP & UNEP to:

1. Assist developing countries with capacity development, governance, and technical needs for effective participation in REDD
2. Support dialogue and build consensus for agreed methodologies for REDD on:
 - Monitoring, Reporting, Verification
 - Stakeholder Engagement
 - Multiple Benefits (livelihoods & BD)
 - Benefit Sharing
 - Payment Mechanisms



Dialogues to Date

- 7th UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (Apr 08, UN HQ)
- 16th UN Commission on Sustainable Development (May 08, UN HQ)
- Convention on Biological Diversity Conference of the Parties (May 08, Bonn)
- World Conservation Congress (Oct 08, Barcelona)
- Global Indigenous Peoples Consultation on REDD (Nov 08, Baguio City)
- Asia IP Summit on Climate Change (Feb 09, Bali)



Issues on REDD raised by Indigenous Peoples

- Need for access to more information
- Uncertainty around mechanisms for IP inclusion
- Fear of further marginalization (e.g. biofuels, little benefit from CDM)
- Cultural disconnect around monetization of nature
- Skepticism around market mechanism incentives
- Need for consideration of compensation for past and ongoing protection of forests



UN Mandate to Engage with IPs

- Participation and inclusion are human rights principles reflected in the “UN Common Understanding on the Human Rights Based Approach to Development Cooperation”
- UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, i.e. Articles 32, 41 & 42
- UNDG Guidelines on Indigenous Peoples’ Issues
- UNDP & Indigenous Peoples: Policy of Engagement



UN Mandate to Engage with IPs

UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Article 32: ...States shall consult...in good faith with the Indigenous Peoples concerned through their free and informed consent prior to the approval of any project affecting their lands or territories and other resources...

Article 41: ...[The] agencies of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental organizations shall contribute to the full realization of the provisions of this Declaration ... Ways and means of ensuring participation of indigenous peoples on issues affecting them shall be established.

Article 42: ...[The UN] specialized agencies, including at the country level, and States shall promote respect for and full application of the provisions of this Declaration and follow up the effectiveness of this Declaration.



‘Operational Guidance’ on Indigenous Peoples & Other Forest Dependent Communities

Intended to inform the design, implementation, monitoring & evaluation of UN-REDD Programme activities at global & national levels

It has 3 main parts:

1. Principles – to guide UN-REDD activities
2. Operational Guidelines – to tell us what we must do in UN-REDD activities
3. Best Practice – to share experience on how best to undertake consultations



Principles for IP Engagement

... should guide UN-REDD
Programme activities that may impact
the rights of Indigenous Peoples and
other Forest Dependent Communities.

1. Programme activities must follow a human rights based approach and must adhere to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
2. Free, prior, and informed consent must be adhered to, and is essential to ensuring the full and effective participation of IPs in Programme activities.
3. The Programme must ensure that there is broad representation of Indigenous Peoples, including women and youth, at all stages of its activities.



Operational Guidelines for IP Engagement

Representation

- IPs on Policy Board & National Committees
- Independent Civil Society Advisory Group

Transparency & Access to Information

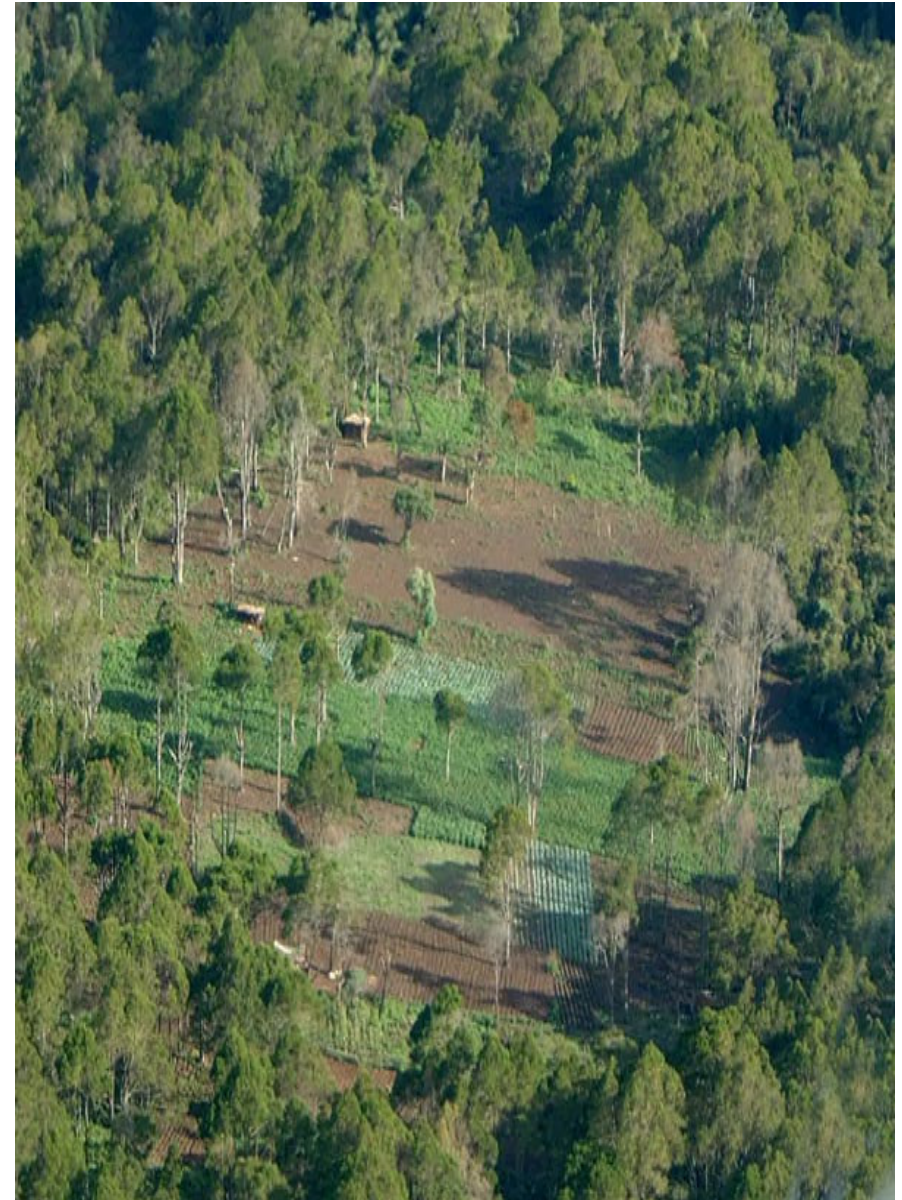
- Access to reports & official documents
- Primers & guidance for IPs on REDD
- Participation in relevant IP-led conferences
- Consultation documents co-developed with IPs
- Distribution of annual reports to IP networks

Participation & Inclusion

- Fora for IP perspectives in REDD dialogue
- National participation & engagement strategy
- Activities & budget allocations in national programs
- Assessment of activity impact on IP rights

Accountability & Recourse

- Concerns & complaints to be addressed through Secretariat and Resident Coordinator



UN-REDD Programme Governance

- Policy Board: the decision-making body made up of participating countries, donors, civil society, UN agencies & Observers
- Policy Board decisions made by consensus among members
- Informed by Independent Civil Society Advisory Group
- Secretariat to ensure programme implementation, staffed by UN agencies



UN-REDD Programme Governance

1st Policy Board Meeting:
8–10 March 2009, Panama

Decisions Taken:

- Agrees to full membership of IP rep and invites Chair of UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues to serve
- In addition, invites self-selection of 3 IP Observers to Policy Board
- Invites CSO full member on Board and 3 CSO Observers too
- Recognizes 'Guidance' and requests implementation and further consultation



Next Steps

- Nomination and selection of IP Observers to Policy Board: Please advise us
- Receive and incorporate input on 'Guidance on IP Engagement' from participants here in IP Global Summit on Climate Change
- Align the 'Guidance on IP Engagement' of UN-REDD and World Bank FCPF
- Presentation of revised 'Guidance' at UNPFII, May 2009 and at next Policy Board meeting, June 2009



Thank you!

(Please join us
during Lunch
today in the Lunch
Room for further
information and
discussion)

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