

DRAFT PRINCIPLES & GUIDELINES FOR ENGAGEMENT WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

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Overview



- Background and Inputs
- Relevant GEF Policies and Processes
- GEF Principles & Guidelines for Engagement with Indigenous Peoples
- Mechanisms for Implementation

Background



- COP10: GEF CEO acknowledgement of a need to review and enhance engagement of indigenous peoples

- Consultation process initiated in Summer 2011 with funding support from Swiss Government
 - ▣ Establishment of Indigenous Peoples Task Force (ITPF) and series of workshops and consultations
 - ▣ Development of Issues Paper by Indigenous Peoples Task Force
 - ▣ Draft GEF Principles & Guidelines developed

Key takeaways from IPTF issues paper and Consultations

- Recognition of international obligations, including UNDRIP, Nagoya Protocol, etc.
- Incorporate best practice
 - ▣ Expanded indigenous peoples participation, including self-selection
 - ▣ FPIC
 - ▣ Land tenure
 - ▣ Resettlement
 - ▣ Traditional Knowledge and Access/Benefit Sharing
- Mechanisms for implementation

Indigenous issues in existing GEF Policies and Processes



- Environmental and Social Safeguards Policy and Minimum Standards
- Public Involvement Policy
- Policy on Fiduciary Standards
- PIF Process and accompanying Guidelines
- GEF Focal Area Strategies
- GEF Agency policies and guidelines
- Participation in relevant Committees and other GEF Processes

Principles



- Respect for Indigenous Peoples' and their members' dignity, human rights, and cultural uniqueness
- Engagement of indigenous peoples in the design, implementation and evaluation of project activities through formal and informal partnerships
- Adoption of a standard of free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) for GEF-financed projects for which FPIC is required by virtue of the relevant state's ratification of ILO Convention 169
- Availability of GEF Indigenous Peoples Focal point and the Conflict Resolution Commissioner

Guidelines



- Acknowledgement of UNDRIP and supports realization of its principles
- Recognition of indigenous peoples as stakeholders, partners and rights-holders
- Criterion for indigenous status, including self-identification
- Land-tenure and management
- FPIC
- No support for GEF-financed forced resettlement
- Recognition of existing traditional knowledge and access/benefit sharing mechanisms, Akwe: Kon, Nagoya, etc.
- Gender equality
- Accountability, Grievance, Conflict Resolution

Mechanisms



GEF Indigenous Peoples Focal Point

Strengthen Financial Mechanisms – SGP & CEPF

Coordination mechanism – enhance dialogue and participation of IPs

Capacity building and Information exchange – GEF staff

Afternoon Discussion



- Areas/issues overlooked in Guidelines
- Specific language concerns
- Mechanisms
- Breakout groups



Questions or Clarifications?

Next Steps



- March 7th: Revised draft to participants
- Now – end of March: IPTF outreach
- April 4th: Deadline for written inputs submitted to GEF Secretariat
- April 13th: Revised draft distributed
- April 30th-early May: CBD SBSTTA outreach
- May 1st: Document posted for GEF Council
- May 7-18th: UNPFII side event