

**6th Meeting of the Participants Committee (PC6) of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF)
Georgetown, Guyana, June 30, 2010**

**Response from the World Bank Latin America and Caribbean Region Task Team to AIDSESEP Letter to
World Bank (dated June 22, 2010) and AIDSESEP Statement made on June 30, 2010**

We would like to thank AIDSESEP (*Asociacion Interetnica de Desarrollo de la Selva Peruana*) for its Letter addressed to the World Bank and the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) dated June 22, 2010 and its Statement at the 6th Meeting of the Participants Committee (PC6) on June 30, 2010.

We note that AIDSESEP has raised a range of issues concerning Indigenous Peoples within the context of the REDD+ process in Peru. It has raised issues concerning (i) land tenure and land rights; (ii) traditional use of natural resources; (iii) consultation and participation; (iv) capacity-building of stakeholders; and (v) multi-sector coordination in Peru's overall development strategy. We also note that many of the issues raised by AIDSESEP were reflected in the Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) of the FCPF's informal report on the first draft of the R-PP submitted by the Government of Peru (GOP) to the PC on April 2010 and presented at PC6.

We also note that the current version of Peru's R-PP has not been submitted for formal assessment by the FCPF Participants Committee at the PC6 meeting, but rather as a draft for discussion and feedback. In this spirit, the note from AIDSESEP is well received as input for improving Peru's R-PP in the future.

The World Bank is currently in its early phase of providing technical assistance to the GoP with regards to the REDD+ readiness process recently initiated in this country. In an initial World Bank mission to Peru conducted on February 8-12, 2010 to work with the GoP in the preparation and information sharing of the REDD+ readiness process with a variety of stakeholder groups, the Bank witnessed actions already initiated by the Government to engage with a variety of such stakeholders. These actions include the creation of a multi stakeholder National REDD working group with a wide range of Peruvian actors linked to REDD+. During this mission, the Bank also met with AIDSESEP to learn about their interest and initial positions related to REDD+ and the readiness process. Representatives of the GoP also participated in this meeting, where a preliminary agreement was reached to continue to share information between the Government, AIDSESEP, as well as with other indigenous peoples organizations. The World Bank has noted the TAP Review statements that the "draft R-PP does yet not provide a sufficiently solid basis for the Peruvian government to move into the direction to implementing readiness activities" (p. 3) and "does not present any documents to account for any specific consultation in relation to the Readiness development undertaken so far or being planned" (p. 7).

The World Bank Task Team plans to meet with representatives of Indigenous Peoples organizations and indigenous communities of Peru, including AIDSESEP, during its future field missions.

The World Bank is fully committed to assisting the Government of Peru comply with FCPF standards and World Bank social and environmental safeguard policies (e.g. Indigenous Peoples Operational Policy 4.10) as part of Peru's efforts to design and implement a REDD+ national strategy. In this same context, the World Bank notes that Peru has ratified ILO Convention 169 on Indigenous and Tribal Peoples and that the country has endorsed the adoption of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Thank you.