

**Statement by Indigenous Peoples Observer to the FCPF on the  
status of Kenya REDD+ funding during the Seventeenth  
Meeting of the Participants Committee**

**Lima Peru, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2014.**

**Mr. Co- Chair, thank you for the opportunity.**

**The Indigenous Peoples of Kenya would like to express their disappointment to this PC on the delayed transmission of REDD+ Readiness Funds to Kenya despite the fulfillment of requisite steps including the full and comprehensive engagement and participation of IPs of Kenya in the process.**

**We would like to inform this PC that IPs in Kenya fully support the REDD+ Readiness work in Kenya as highlighted in an earlier letter to the WB and FMT dated 18th October, 2012, which specifically asked the WB to expedite the signing of the grant agreement, while observing their unique interest, through safeguards. This letter came after our first ever National Dialogue between IPs and the Government of Kenya on REDD+.**

**IPs have been in the front seat of the REDD+ process in Kenya, and have been sufficiently included in ALL Technical Working Groups and Task Forces including SESA. It is therefore clear that IPs have been an integral part of the REDD+ Readiness process in Kenya and will continue being a key stakeholder and partner, given their primary role/interest in forest conservation, protection and preservation.**

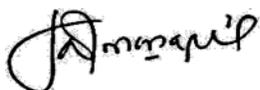
**It is on this basis therefore, that we ask this PC to note and make an intervention on behalf of Kenya to ensure the smooth transmission of Funds from the World Bank as our DP for Readiness work in Kenya. Further delays of the Funds in what has been misconstrued as outstanding IPs issues, is not a fair representation of our concerns by the WB. We risk losing momentum, and the WB is abdicating its clearly established procedures and keeping an entire country and its constituencies in limbo unnecessarily.**

**Mr. Co-Chair this delay is suspicious, not in good taste and faith, non-transparent and highly unacceptable!**

**We therefore encourage the finalization of the transmission process as soon as possible. There is a very supportive legal and policy environment in Kenya, and good faith and spirit for implementing REDD+ in Kenya from ALL stakeholder, including IPs.**

**In the same vein, we therefore request that the WB comes out clear with the reasons for the delay in order for Kenya to make an informed conclusion and determine its next course of action.**

**Thank You**



**DANIEL OLE SAPIT**

**FCPF and Carbon Fund IPs Observer for Anglophone Africa**