

Statement on behalf of Indigenous Peoples to the FCPF PC-21, May 5, 2016

Distinguished Co-chairs, Participant Committee members and Observers,

I would like to take this opportunity to appreciate the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility for recognizing indigenous peoples as observers in the Participant Committee meetings and processes. This has made a fundamental difference in the REDD+ readiness work, but we now ask you to do more in the next phases of REDD+.

In particular, as the focus now shifts to the Carbon Fund, we would like to see expanded space of indigenous peoples' participation in all Carbon Fund processes. Currently there is limited participation of IPs in the Carbon Fund and we feel that the FCPF should strengthen its engagement with IPs with focus on Carbon fund countries, with emphasis on national and regional dialogues, and meaningful participation. We want to be part of the design, planning and implementation of the Results Based Financing phase (Carbon Fund). I would like to point out that we, the indigenous peoples have only one observer slot in the Carbon Fund meetings representing all the regions, which is too difficult for our representative to be able to reach out to all the countries in all regions. In the context of the growing numbers of Carbon Fund Participating countries, we therefore request the FCPF to enhance our engagement in the Carbon Fund processes.

We would also propose to have regional and national dialogue and consultations on the issues and work of the Carbon Fund as previously done with the Readiness Fund to further disseminate and entrench a more comprehensive approach.

In closing, we are confident that our culture, collective actions and shared values will be embedded in the development of ER-PDs so that we can continuously contribute to the achievement of common targets and goals through the global partnership envisioned by FCPF.

Thank you very much for your attention!