

Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF)

Capacity Building Program for Forest-Dependent People on REDD plus February 22, 2010

This note summarizes the progress of the FCPF Capacity Building Program for Forest Dependent People on REDD Plus. It provides an overview of the program objectives, the activities funded in FY09, and activities proposed for FY10. It also highlights some early lessons from the program.

Introduction

1. At regional consultations carried out prior to the operational start of the FCPF in Africa, Asia and Latin America, Indigenous Peoples (IPs) raised a number of concerns with respect to REDD in general and the FCPF in particular.¹ One of the key concerns was the lack of information on REDD in forest dependent communities. This resulted in a request from IP organizations and networks for a regional and national capacity building program to enhance their knowledge on climate change and the technicalities of REDD. This would enable them to play a more meaningful role in the design and implementation of REDD programs in their respective countries, and to be more effectively involved in the international discussions on REDD.

Objectives

2. As agreed by the FCPF Participants Committee in October 2008, the Readiness Fund of the FCPF is supporting a capacity building program for REDD that specifically targets forest dependent Indigenous Peoples (IPs) and other forest dwellers. The overall budget is US\$1,000,000 split evenly over five fiscal years. Thus, the budget allocated for this activity in fiscal year 2010 (which runs from July 1, 2009 till June 30, 2010) is US\$200,000.

3. Promoting the effective participation of IPs and other forest dwellers in REDD will take time and may not succeed unless a systematic, strategic and targeted effort is made to promote their participation and to ensure a highly responsive social and political environment. The program was conceived as demand-driven, in which IP and other forest dwellers' organizations make proposals to the FCPF based on their specific needs. The program attempts to provide support to the countries in which the FCPF finances a REDD Readiness program.

4. The objective of the capacity building program is to provide forest-dependent people information about REDD in order to enhance their awareness and understanding, and to allow them to engage more meaningfully in REDD activities. Key program objectives are as follows:

- a. Enhance IPs' and other forest dwellers' understanding of climate change and REDD.

¹ See more details on these consultations at <http://wbcarbonfinance.org/Router.cfm?Page=FCPF&FID=34267&ItemID=34267&ft=FeaturedResources&FeatResID=40587>

- b. Enable IPs' and other forest dwellers' active participation in the preparation of REDD+ strategies and the implementation of REDD programs within the context of their country policy and regulatory frameworks.
- c. Prepare IPs and other forest dwellers to participate effectively in, and contribute to, the international negotiations on the role of REDD+ in a post-2012 climate regime.
- d. Publicize and understand IPs' and other forest dwellers' views of REDD and the FCPF.

Selection Criteria

5. The FCPF Facility Management Team has adopted the following selection criteria to assess proposals submitted by organizations of forest dependent IPs and other forest dwellers. Programs should:
- a. Be proposed by networks or organizations of IPs and other forest dwellers, or be explicitly endorsed by relevant networks and organizations;
 - b. Prepare national and regional organizations of IPs and other forest dwellers for their national REDD readiness processes;
 - c. Include regional and/or national capacity building workshops and initiatives;
 - d. Emphasize the dissemination of capacity building benefits to local communities;
 - e. Encompass capacity building activities to be conducted in countries included in the FCPF Readiness Mechanism and reflect country-specific situations;
 - f. Deliver most outputs before September 30, 2010
 - g. Not exceed US\$80,000

Activities Funded in Fiscal Year 2009

6. In fiscal year 2009, the following organizations received support from the FCPF for capacity building: Coordinadora de las Organizaciones Indígenas de la Cuenca Amazónica (COICA), the Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordinating Committee (IPACC) and the Kuna Yala General Congress (Panama) on behalf of Coordinadora Nacional de Pueblos Indígenas de Panamá (COONAPIP).

Coordinadora de las Organizaciones Indígenas de la Cuenca Amazónica (COICA) - Amazon Basin. (Budget - \$49,950).

7. Objective: COICA is an umbrella organization of Indigenous Peoples representing 9 Latin American countries in the Amazon basin: Bolivia, Guyana, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Suriname, Venezuela, French Guyana and Peru. The objective of the grant was to conceive, write, design, edit and widely disseminate a basic document to serve as a guide and consultation platform on climate change management by the Indigenous Peoples of the Amazon Basin.

8. Results achieved: A guide to REDD was developed - The document "Mil y Unas Preguntas sobre la Gestión de los Pueblos Indígenas de la Cuenca Amazónica en Cambio Climático" (A Thousand and One Questions regarding Climate Change and the Dialogue of Indigenous Peoples of the Amazon Basin) was prepared and discussed during two major regional workshops held with the Indigenous Peoples organizations in the Amazon basin. The report highlights the role of Amazonian forests in climate change, and articulates the issues and concerns with respect to the implementation of REDD in Indigenous Peoples territories. The report makes a number of recommendations for the effective involvement and

participation of Indigenous Peoples in the formulation of the national REDD strategies, and highlights a series of specific measures with respect to land rights, traditional knowledge, benefit sharing etc.

Indigenous Peoples of Africa Co-ordinating Committee (IPACC) - Africa (Budget -\$69,246)

9. Objective: IPACC seeks to empower and train a group of 12 trainers from Kenya, Uganda, Gabon, Cameroon, DR Congo, Burundi and the Republic of Congo to facilitate consensus building amongs affected indigenous peoples in their respective countries and sub-regions concerning the development of Readiness Preparation Plans (R-PPs) and the role of forest-dependent communities in REDD.

10. Results achieved: (i) Conducted a *Train the Trainers* workshop in South Africa - A team of 12 indigenous activists from the seven participating countries were selected for REDD training by the IPACC Executive. The team spent 5 days learning core competencies related to carbon cycles, carbon sequestration, REDD, carbon financing, national policy making on adaptation & mitigation and relevant approaches to land tenure and community managed protected areas. Follow-up workshops were held in Kenya, Uganda, Madagascar, and Gabon. The workshops focused on the development of national REDD plans in the respective countries. (ii) Developed a REDD training kit- IPACC produced a training kit to help communities understand climate change and climate mitigation, the goals of REDD, and the role of local communities and indigenous peoples in REDD. The national level workshops have provided useful entry points for IP engagement in REDD Readiness processes. For example, the knowledge gleaned from the Kenya workshop was used by the National Indigenous Peoples Steering Committee Group to prepare a strategic plan on how best IPs could be engaged in Adaptation and Mitigation programs including REDD. This plan includes activities IPs would like to see reflected in Kenya's R-PP.

Coordinadora Nacional de Pueblos Indígenas de Panamá (COONAPIP) - Panama (Budget - \$62,048)

11. Objective: The project aimed to disseminate information on climate change and REDD, and facilitate dialogue on the role of indigenous communities in Panama's REDD strategy.

12. Results achieved: A total of 10 community workshops and two discussion meetings were held throughout Panama. The objective was to disseminate information and hold a general discussion on the impacts of climate change and REDD among Indigenous Peoples. The specific topics of discussion were: (i) the concept of REDD; (ii) information on the FCPF Program; (iii) information on the Panama R-PP; (iv) discussion on carbon ownership; and (v) COONAPIP's participation in the national discussion on REDD.

Proposed Activities for Fiscal Year 2010

13. Telepak - Indonesia. Telepak will document the existence of Indigenous Peoples in Indonesia and their problems in managing the customary forest territory in preparation for Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Processes. They will conduct participatory mapping of IP territories, document their socio-economic and poverty profiles, scope out their land territories as it relates to rights and livelihoods, and conduct a risk analysis of the implications of REDD. Telepak will work in collaboration with other networks of IPs such as

the Alliance of Archipelagic Indigenous People (AMAN) and other NGO institutions in data collection, analysis, and dissemination.

14. Groupe de Travail Climat REDD de la Societe Civile - DRC. The project will focus on building awareness on REDD and climate change among the forest dwellers of the Congo Basin. The project will take place in those provinces that have a large concentration of IPs, with an emphasis on the Pygmies who are the primary inhabitants of the forests. The project will seek to build understanding of REDD and climate change, and enhance capacity of forest dependent population including IPs to participate effectively in consultations on the national REDD strategy. It is important to note that this proposal is an integral part of the overall REDD Readiness activities being implemented by the national government, in close partnership with the Civil Society Working Group on Climate and REDD.

The primary activities will include dissemination of information material and local workshops in multiple provinces.

15. ONPIA (Organización de Pueblos y Naciones Indígenas en Argentina)- Argentina. A total of six regional workshops and two dialogue meetings are proposed to be carried out this calendar year in nine provinces of Argentina. The workshops will focus on information dissemination on topics such as climate change, deforestation, reduction of emissions, basic concepts of the R-PP, forest management, and the concept of the UNFCCC. Staff from the Secretary of Sustainable Environment and Social Development will provide the technical support towards the understanding of issues of climate change and REDD during the workshops.

Early lessons from the Capacity Building Program for IPs and Forest Dependent People on REDD

16. Direct financial support for capacity-building of Indigenous Peoples on REDD through this program has been critical in:

- a. Disseminating information on climate change and REDD in a manner that is easily accessible to local communities and indigenous peoples;
- b. Facilitating informed dialogue and discussion on REDD in FCPF countries
- c. Setting the stage for participatory consultations with local stakeholders in the context of REDD Readiness. Specifically, these activities provided the space for discussion on the following topics:
 - (i) Articulation of issues and concerns of IP's regarding climate change;
 - (ii) Impacts of climate change on traditional livelihoods;
 - (iii) Implications of REDD on land tenure and use of natural resources;
 - (iv) Carbon ownership;
 - (v) Benefit-sharing mechanisms;
 - (vi) Larger national policy and legislation regarding forests and natural resources