

To: Ms. Inger Andersen
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Subject: *Request for Global Consultation Meetings between indigenous peoples and local communities and the World Bank on Forest Carbon Partnership Facility*

We, the participants of the World Bank sponsored global meeting of indigenous peoples and local communities currently being held in Bangkok from April 8-10 2011), wish to draw your attention to our continuing concerns relating to the World Bank administered Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF). We would like to thank the World Bank staff for organizing an information session on the FCPF in the above-mentioned FIP global meeting. The regional meetings (Africa, Asia and Latin America but, unfortunately, not Pacific) on FIP organized by the WB held in 2010/11 also included exchange of information on the FCPF.

The various FCPF proceedings of the above mentioned meetings note that the objectives of these meetings were to provide information to indigenous peoples on FCPF. These sessions were not organized as, and did not constitute as, consultation meetings between indigenous peoples and the World Bank on FCPF.

We therefore request the World Bank to conduct a separate global consultation meeting between indigenous peoples and the World Bank on the FCPF, and also a separate global consultation meeting between local communities and the World Bank. The indigenous peoples representatives to this consultation meeting shall come primarily from the FCPF member countries and shall be chosen based on self-selection process of indigenous peoples (similar to the self-selection mechanism followed by the World Bank for the FIP Dedicated Fund for indigenous peoples and local communities). We believe that the conduct of this global consultation meeting is a critical step in addressing the serious concerns of indigenous peoples towards the achievement of the goals of FCPF.

We also emphasize the importance of full, effective and continuous participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in FCPF processes.

In the above mentioned information sessions, indigenous peoples representatives have expressed their views, comments and concerns relating to FCPF. One of our key concerns is the role as well as obligation of FCPF relating to the REDD Plus Safeguards as provided in the REDD Plus Agreement as part of the Cancun Agreement of the UNFCCC (December 2010) as well as the compliance with the applicable World Bank safeguard policies. More specifically, we continue to remain seriously concerned in that the existing standard of the Free Prior and Informed Consent relating to indigenous peoples, a standard now widely recognized under the mandatory safeguard policies of key Multilateral Development Banks (ADB, IDB, EBRD, IFAD, etc.), may not be the benchmark safeguard standard under the FCPF. Further, we are very concerned regarding the lack of clarity on, and conflicting language in various draft versions regarding

the application of World Bank mandatory safeguard policies under the newly proposed multiple delivery partner mechanism for the FCPF.

We make this request in good faith, and we would like to thank you in advance.

Respectfully,

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