

GLOBAL Dialogue with Indigenous Peoples

Brief update on the findings of the Dialogue

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Objectives of the Global Dialogue

- 1. Improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the safeguard policies
 - Policy Reform Aspects and
 - Policy Implementation Aspects

2. Strategies to address **broader development issues** of Indigenous Peoples

3. Enhance the **engagement process** with Indigenous Peoples

Timeline and Methodology



240 representatives of Indigenous Peoples participated in 7 global meetings:

- Russian Indigenous Peoples, Moscow, Russia, October 3-4, 2013
- Philippine Indigenous Peoples, Manila, Philippines, November 5, 2013
- Southeast Asian Indigenous Peoples, Manila, Philippines, November 6-7, 2013
- Chinese Ethnic Minorities, Beijing, China, November 12-13, 2013
- African Indigenous Peoples, Cape Town, South Africa, December 4-6, 2013
- Latin American Indigenous Peoples, Guna Yala, Panama, January 30-31, 2014
- Nepali Indigenous Peoples, Kathmandu, Nepal, March 20-21, 2014

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- Need for Indigenous Peoples to be considered at the center stage for Sustainable Development
- Why?
 - Persistently high poverty rates worldwide
 - High levels of marginalization and inequality
 - Yet on the other hand:
 - IP's are stewards and custodians of 80% of the planet's biodiversity
 - Owners and dwellers of substantial portions of lands, forests, rivers, mountains, oceans
 - Untapped knowledge in all fields of human activity and in the natural environment
 - A basic question of social justice and social inclusion

- To foster real sustainable development for Indigenous Peoples, what is needed is:
 - Substantial financial and technical resources targeted specifically for IP sustainable development
 - A true full and effective participation of IP's in the planning, decision-making, conceptualizing and implementation of programs and projects.
 - A **new concept of development** that is deeply rooted in the vision, reality, dreams and aspirations of IP's but that at the same time, nourishes from modern science and knowledge

- What do IP's think about current development efforts by the WB, governments and many international agencies:
 - An array of **relatively small, uncoordinated** programs and projects that address only narrow pieces of a greater jigsaw puzzle
 - Lack of an integrated, holistic approach for real IP sustainable development
 - Funds that are mainly channeled through government agencies that often do not reach communities nor cause a tangible lasting impact on the lives of IP's
 - IP's point to the FCPF and FIP programs as excellent models of how to engage IP's in the implementation of programs that directly affect them.

- What do IP's recommend to the WB, governments and development agencies going forward:
 - The WB and other agencies as catalysts and facilitators to improve communication, relationship and coordination with their national governments
 - Creation of a *Multi-Donor Trust Fund* to build the foundation and to lead the way for this new vision of development
 - A focus on four key thematic areas as building blocks for a sustainable development process:
 - Lands and Territories
 - Governance and Institutional strengthening of IPO's
 - Sustainable livelihoods and economic development
 - Public policies and country systems

- What do IP's recommend to the WB, governments and development agencies going forward (continued):
 - Funding and actual management of programs and projects to be entrusted directly to IPO's, at all levels, relying on the many IP experts, technicians, professionals and traditional leaders and authorities that are eager to be part of this pioneering effort.
 - Progressively more funding and technical resources dedicated to standalone, targeted programs and projects that address IP needs in an integrated, holistic way at the national and sub-national levels

Issues Recommended for Consideration in the Safeguard Policies Review

Adopt Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC)

 Harmonize with the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

Address human rights issues in the policy.

 Refrain from supporting projects that would lead to forced eviction of Indigenous Peoples.

Issues Recommended for Consideration in the Safeguard Policies Review

- While maintaining a global Indigenous Peoples Policy, flexible application of the policy should be allowed at the country level, including the use of an alternative terminology.
- Address the needs of other marginalized groups, which include Dalits in Casteism.
- Respect for Indigenous peoples in voluntary isolation provide protection for their autonomy and selfdetermination.

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