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**In depth dialogue with UNDP**

**1. Role of UNDP in light of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples**

- a) In light of the adoption of the Declaration and the obligations of all UN agencies under articles 41 and 42, how has this impacted the work of UNDP?
- b) In your view, what is the niche of UNDP in the area of indigenous peoples' issues and promoting the rights of indigenous peoples?

**2. Policies and procedures**

- a) How do you foresee the Declaration impacting UNDP Policies and Procedures? And particularly, the principle of free, prior and informed consent and need for consultative and participatory mechanisms at the national and local levels?
- b) How does UNDP secure the implementation of free, prior and informed consent with partners at the national and local levels? What are some of the main challenges and opportunities in the implementation of FPIC?
- c) How is UNDP promoting and implementing the UNDG Guidelines on Indigenous Peoples' Issues?
- d) How are indigenous peoples included in UNDP's strategic plan for 2008-2011?
- e) With regards to the UNDP Policy of Engagement with Indigenous Peoples, what is the extent of awareness of UNDP staff, from headquarters to the country level, on this and how is this used to guide the work of the staff?

**3. Region/country specific initiatives**

- a) While recognizing the importance of RIPP, is UNDP developing other REGIONAL or GLOBAL programmes focused on indigenous peoples?
- b) In what countries/regions has UNDP been most effective in its work on indigenous peoples' issues? What have been the major substantive areas of cooperation?

c) What have been the main barriers to undertaking projects focused on indigenous peoples in other regions?

d) How does UNDP, in its partnership with governments and national programmes, contribute to the inclusion of indigenous issues and peoples into national policy processes?

e) What has been the impact of the inter-agency working groups and indigenous peoples' advisory committees in Bolivia and Kenya? Are these experiences likely to be replicated in other countries?

f) In countries where there are government agencies that are supposed to address the situation of indigenous peoples, what is the degree of participation of these government agencies in your programmes?

g) What is the extent of your involvement in the programs that you fund? Is it limited to funding, or does it extend to the determination on who are the beneficiaries and the partners involved, such as the IPOs and NGOs?

#### **4. Internal Capacity**

a) Is UNDP well equipped to work on indigenous peoples' issues? Is there sufficient expertise and/or UNDP staff members with the necessary understanding, knowledge and first-hand experience with indigenous communities?

b) What actions/initiatives can be taken to strengthen the capacity of UNDP to work in the area of indigenous peoples' issues more effectively and increase the number of specialists on indigenous peoples' issues among UNDP staff?

d) What has been the impact so far of the Indigenous Peoples-UNDP Liaison Committee in terms of strengthening internal capacity to better address indigenous peoples' issues at the corporate level and ensure greater synergies?

#### **5. MDG/HDR reports**

a) What actions can be pursued to ensure that indigenous peoples' issues are better addressed in Human Development Reports and National MDG reports and that they are consulted in the production of these reports?

#### **6. REDD**

a) What is UNDP's role in REDD and how does UNDP intend to apply the principles laid out in the Declaration and the recommendations of the Permanent Forum in this area?

b) What actions are being taken by UNDP to ensure that indigenous peoples are not alienated or negatively affected by the REDD programme?

c) Will the UN-REDD Programme Policy Board consider strategies to address the underlying causes of deforestation?

### **7. Global Environmental Facility**

a) What is the Small Grants Programme doing to enhance access to SGP funding by indigenous peoples? How successful was the effort to get video proposals from indigenous peoples? How many such proposals have been approved and what is the assessment in terms of how such projects are implemented?

Which projects are directly financing indigenous peoples, without NGO intermediation? How does the implementation methodology strengthen the economic, social, cultural and political/organizational capacities of indigenous peoples? Please cite specific examples.

b) Are there potential intellectual property issues around the development of appropriate mapping techniques (cyber-tracker tools, participatory Geographic Information System, participatory video) for the documentation of indigenous peoples' conservation areas?

### **8. Community-based Adaptation**

a) How UNDP can support indigenous peoples' efforts in community based adaptation to climate change.

b) What have been the impact and the main lessons learned/good practices from UNDP's community-based adaptation projects with indigenous peoples?

c) Paragraph 16 of the Report of UNDP mentions three projects on CBA (In Guatemala, Viet Nam and Bolivia). How are indigenous peoples participating in these projects? Are they being involved in the design and implementation of the processes and are their community organization systems being taken into account? Are their specialists on indigenous peoples' issues and/or indigenous professionals on the staff of these projects?

## **9. Inter-agency cooperation**

- a) How can UNDP and the UNPFII best collaborate to develop capacities in UN Country Teams and Offices and ensuring the implementation of the Declaration, and in particular Articles 41 and 42?
- b) How is UNDP contributing to inter-agency efforts to promote the rights on indigenous peoples and their mainstreaming within the UN system?
- c) As the UNDP acts as the Country Team Coordinator for the various UN agencies and bodies at the country level, how useful are the undg Guidelines on Indigenous Peoples' Issues in terms of uniting and collaborative work among the members?

## **10. Questions received from IPOs/NGOs**

- a) What is the UNDP doing about housing and poor social development in recognition of the huge impact these have on tuberculosis?
- b) What is UNDP doing to address the situation of urban indigenous peoples?