

# **QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER**

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#### **SPOTLIGHT**

- A <u>blog</u> from the World Bank Climate Change Global Director, Bernice van Bronkhorst, entitled "Empowering women to lead climate action will get us to a greener, more prosperous future sooner" was posted on March 4<sup>th</sup>.
- A <u>webinar</u> entitled "Women's Land Rights and Access to Results-Based Climate Finance in REDD+ Programs" was held on March 7<sup>th</sup>, in celebration of International Women's Day and as part of the Social Inclusion in Climate Finance Knowledge Series. A summary of the event's highlights can be found <u>here</u>.
- A <u>study</u> entitled "Gender Equity in Land and Forest Tenure in REDD+ Programming", financed by the FCPF and executed by Resource Equity, was published in March 2022.
- The <u>study</u> entitled "Good Practices of Gender Integration in DGM", financed by the FCPF, managed by the ENB GP, and implemented by CI, was published in March 2022.



In March, the EnABLE Secretariat held two consultation meetings with the gender, IP, and CSO observers of the FCPF. These meetings focused on the main principles of EnABLE, its components, and implementation modalities. Observers provided important feedback to the Secretariat and made suggestions on implementation at the country and global levels.

#### **UPCOMING PUBLICATIONS, WEBINARS AND EVENTS**

Publication of a Social Inclusion Strategy and Action Plan, developed jointly with CIFOR –
expected in June 2022. It is a strategic document that guides programming of EnABLE to
support social inclusion and gender equality under CERF's Pillar 1: Natural Climate Solutions.

• Diagnostics Toolkit "Behavioral Science Approach to Empowering Women in Forest Landscapes" (which was piloted in Nepal and Mozambique), financed by the FCPF, and conducted by the Poverty and Equity GP – expected in April 2022.

# ENABLE COUNTRY KNOWLEDGE AND CAPACITY-BUILDING PROGRAMMING: SUMMARY OF PROGRESS

REGION	COUNTRY	STATUS
Eastern and Southern Africa	Democratic Republic of Congo	KCB programming initiated
	Madagascar	KCB programming initiated
	Mozambique	KCB programming initiated
East Asia and Pacific	Indonesia	KCB programming initiated
	Lao People's Democratic Republic	KCB programming initiated
	Vietnam	KCB programming initiated
Latin America and the Caribbean	Chile	KCB programming initiated
	Costa Rica	KCB programming initiated
	Dominican Republic	KCB programming initiated
	Guatemala	KCB programming initiated
South Asia	Nepal	KCB programming initiated

There are currently 11 countries with ongoing EnABLE knowledge and capacity building programming. The <u>EnABLE webpage</u> features a new <u>dashboard</u> where you can find more information and resources about EnABLE activities and ER Programs in each country.

#### **SNAPSHOTS**

The following are snapshots of progress kindly provided by the EnABLE task teams in Nepal, Madagascar, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

# Planning implementation of EnABLE KCB Programming with Madagascar CSOs and the Madagascar REDD+ team

From January 24<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>, members of the EnABLE East Africa Social Sustainability and Inclusion GP task team met with the REDD+ team of Madagascar's Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MEDD) and representatives from two CSOs in the capital city, Antananarivo. The main goals of this round table meeting were to hold a consultation with local CSOs and to make plans for the implementation of EnABLE programming.

This discussion helped to ensure that the CSOs selected to carry out EnABLE activities would be able to do so in a way that is in synergy with the government's existing efforts and its social inclusion agenda. A strong relationship exists in Madagascar between the government and CSOs. At every step of the REDD+ process, from submission of the first proposal to implementing readiness and Emission Reductions Programs, the FCPF has facilitated effective engagement of CSOs in REDD+ and promoted dialogue and collaboration between CSOs and government.

Over the years, many activities to raise awareness of REDD+ and ER programs have been carried out in Madagascar, both by the World Bank and other partners. However, during discussions the team agreed that EnABLE activities should prioritize areas where outreach has historically been limited, such as geographically isolated areas. This plan has since been formally endorsed by the Minister

for Environment, Ecology & Forests, Dr. Johanita Ndahimananjara.

The EnABLE team selected the CSOs that will begin pilot activities for social inclusion designed to raise awareness of ER programs and set up community structures to prepare for activity implementation. One of the CSOs involved, *Gasy Youth Up*, is a youth-led organization that works to advocate for local communities, particularly women and girls, in the development of national REDD+ strategy and programming and encourages constituents to actively participate in program

implementation. The executive director of *Gasy* Youth Up, Lana Razafimanantsoa, said that the meeting promoted collaboration between key stakeholders "for the effective implementation of REDD+...for sustainable impacts built on ongoing efforts and best practices without losing sight of existing barriers". Razafimanantsoa said her organization was excited to be identifying pilot activities for social inclusion during the meeting and working towards "improving local communities' livelihoods through the EnABLE program".

#### Launch of the first World Bank Nepal IPLC Consultative Forum



Representatives of Indigenous and local communities met to participate in a consultative forum in Kathmandu. March 2022.

The World Bank in Nepal organized its first IPLC Consultative Forum in Kathmandu on March 14th, 2022. As a platform for open dialogue with IPLC groups, this first Forum

focused on the Bank's engagement in the forestry sector and introduced the EnABLE fund in Nepal.

25 participants from 13 IPLC groups, including Dalit and women organizations in the sector, attended the forestry forum. Discussions focused on how to support better synergy, coordination, and collaboration between programs and groups (particularly across World Bank supported programs), and how the Bank can ensure more systematic provision of relevant, actionable information to IPLC groups. Participants greatly welcomed the initiative and suggested that additional forums or consultations targeting specific groups would be useful. It is envisaged that the Consultative Forum will be held on a quarterly basis.

### **REPALEAC Annual Strategic Workshop**

From February 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, the annual strategic planning workshop of REPALEAC, the Network of Indigenous and Local Populations for the Sustainable Management of Forest Ecosystems in Central Africa, was held in Brazzaville. REPALEAC is a CSO which participates in the FCPF Readiness Fund as one of two observers for the Indigenous Peoples of Francophone Africa.

The workshop hosted several representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities of Central Africa as well as

research and development partners, including members of the EnABLE SSI East Africa task team.

The workshop was highly collaborative, with country-level group exercises and discussions contributing to the development of a strategic plan outlining socially inclusive climate change mitigation activities that REPALEAC would implement at the regional, national, and global levels. IPs representatives conveyed their support for the FCPF CBP, and for continued focus on

social inclusion initiatives by REPALEAC and the implementation of EnABLE programming

in the Republic of Congo and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

#### **Get REDDY**

On March 31<sup>st</sup>, the FCPF *Get REDDY* outreach program launched. The podcast is now available at <u>BuzzSprout</u> and streaming wherever you listen to your podcasts (<u>Spotify</u>, Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Stitcher etc.), and in video format on YouTube.

Available in English, French, and Spanish, *Get REDDY* is an outreach program by and for Indigenous Peoples and local communities that aims to provide them with accessible, easily understandable, and practical peer-to-peer information on core elements of REDD+. The three pilot episodes feature IPs leaders in FCPF countries who are engaged and experienced in REDD+, and who share this knowledge with their peers with the goal of enhancing the inclusion of IPLCs in FCPF ER Programs.

The first three episodes, 'Climate Change & REDD+', 'Land rights', and 'Benefit Sharing', will be disseminated over the



coming months across the 47 REDD+ country participants via podcast streaming platforms, social media, and local radio stations. Other episodes will be produced later, after the outreach of these three is assessed.

### Global Knowledge and Capacity Building Initiative

In February 2022, an EnABLE global capacity building initiative was launched. This initiative will provide training and mentoring designed to strengthen the capacities of IPs and local organizations and equip them to become implementing agencies for EnABLE

programming. The training program will cover topics such as financial management, procurement, environmental and social risk management, and monitoring and evaluation.

## **Acronyms Used**

CBP Capacity Building Program
CERF Climate Emissions Reduction Facility
CIFOR Center for International Forestry Research
CI Conservation International
CSO Civil Society Organization
DGM Dedicated Grant Mechanism
EnABLE Enhancing Access to Benefits while
Lowering Emissions
ENB Environment, Natural Resources & Blue
Economy
ER Emission Reductions

**ERP Emission Reductions Program FCPF** Forest Carbon Partnership Facility FY Fiscal Year GP **Global Practice** IP Indigenous People **IPLC** Indigenous People and Local Communities **REDD+** Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation, fostering conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest

carbon stocks.

REPALEAC Network of Indigenous and Local Populations for the Sustainable Management of Forest Ecosystems in Central Africa