

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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This newsletter provides the latest updates from the EnABLE trust fund and related social inclusion work.

This issue includes recent highlights from **October through December 2022**, as well as details of upcoming publications and events.

SPOTLIGHT

- EnABLE was presented jointly with the Scaling Climate Action by Lowering Emissions (SCALE) facility at COP27, by the World Bank President, David Malpass, on November 8, 2022.
- At the Biodiversity COP in December, Germany announced EUR 85 million support to boost the role of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in nature conservation, with part of this funding allocated to EnABLE.
- A Train-the-Trainer course, targeted at potential EnABLE country programming implementers, took place on October 10–14. The course provided training to civil society organizations (CSOs) on the essential skills and expertise that implementing agencies need to acquire in order to implement World Bank grants. These skills are a prerequisite for direct access to EnABLE programs.
- On October 17, the observers of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) Readiness Fund had a face-to-face meeting in Washington DC, prior to the FCPF's participants committee (PC) / participants assembly (PA) meeting. The meeting covered the latest progress of the EnABLE fund. Stakeholders of EnABLE were able to ask questions, as well as share their views and ideas, regarding the fund and its country programming.

The third webinar on the Social Inclusion Knowledge Series was held on December 7. Reaching over 150 attendees, the webinar presented the Social Inclusion Framework and discussed the four dimensions of social inclusion in the framework among panelists and participants.

UPCOMING ENABLE PUBLICATIONS, WEBINARS, AND EVENTS

- A training course on the fundamentals of project management, targeted at Indigenous Peoples organizations (IPOs) and CSOs based in Asia, will be conducted on February 6–10, 2023, in Bangkok, Thailand.
- Capacity Building Program (CBP) wrap-up meetings:
 - Asia-Pacific region: February 14–16, 2023, in Bangkok, Thailand
 - Latin-America & Caribbean region: January 30–February 2, 2023, in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
 - Africa Region: January 17–19, 2023, in Accra, Ghana
- Upcoming webinar on benefit sharing plans (BSP) in March 2023 (tentative).

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

There are currently 9 countries with ongoing EnABLE knowledge and capacity-building programming, with four of them preparing country projects. The EnABLE webpage features a dashboard, where you can find more information and resources on EnABLE's activities and emission reductions (ER) programs in each country.

Knowledge and Capacity Building (KCB) programming has yet to commence in Côte d'Ivoire, Dominican Republic, Chile, Fiji, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Republic of Congo.

REGION	COUNTRY	STATUS
Africa	Ghana	Country project under preparation
	Madagascar	KCB programming initiated
	Mozambique	Country project under preparation
East Asia and the Pacific	Indonesia	Country project under preparation
	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Country project under preparation
	Vietnam	KCB programming initiated
Latin America and the Caribbean	Costa Rica	KCB programming initiated
	Guatemala	KCB programming initiated
South Asia	Nepal	KCB programming initiated

SNAPSHOTS

The following comprises snapshots of progress:

- EnABLE was presented jointly with the SCALE facility at COP27, by the World Bank President, David Malpass, on November 8, 2022.
- EnABLE featured in the Global Landscape Forum at the COP27 side event.
- Germany committed EUR 85 million to boost the role of Indigenous peoples and local communities (IPLCs).
- Ghana received an EnABLE grant of USD3 million to build the capacity of local communities to engage in implementation of the Emission Reductions Program.
- The Training-of-Trainers on Fundamentals of Project Management course was delivered in Vienna, Austria, on October 10–14, 2022.
- Visual resources for reaching out to forest-dependent communities were developed in Nepal.
- Multistakeholder workshops on EnABLE in Indonesia were conducted.
- The Social Inclusion Framework Note workshops were conducted in Ghana and Guatemala.
- The Conference on Recognition of Customary Tenure for Asia and Pacific region was held in Vientiane, Lao PDR, on November 14–18, 2022.
- Consultations and stakeholder updates were held during September- October 2022.
- The webinar Towards Transformative Approaches: Social Inclusion in Climate Finance was conducted in December 2022.

ENABLE AND SCALE PRESENTED JOINTLY AT COP27

EnABLE was presented jointly with the SCALE facility at COP27, by the World Bank President, David Malpass, on November 8, 2022. More details can be found here: Remarks by WBG president at COP27.

Also at COP27, EnABLE manager Asyl Undeland presented the fund at an event sponsored by the Global Landscapes Forum (GLF). This event on 12 November, titled Towards transformative forest governance in meeting Climate Goals, provided the opportunity to reflect on lessons on good practices on transformative forest governance through the lens of rights, power and social justice and propose a future pathway to develop and implement effective, efficient, and equitable climate and forest policies.

Over at the Indigenous Peoples Pavilion, observers of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility, who are regularly consulted with regards to the EnABLE fund, held an event to discuss the lessons learned for EnABLE, ranging from direct access to finance, to governance, to benefit sharing, and land tenure securitization.

GERMANY COMMITTED EUR85 MILLION TO BOOST THE ROLE OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES



At the 15th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CDB COP15), held on December 15, 2022, in Montreal, Canada, the German Environment Minister and German Development Minister committed EUR85 million in new funding to boost the role of IPLCs. Part of this funding will be allocated to the EnABLE Fund, which promotes the equal access of IPLCs to biodiversity and climate finance. More details can be found on BMZ website.

GHANA RECEIVES ENABLE GRANT

An EnABLE grant of USD3 million was approved for Ghana to build the capacity of local communities affected by climate change. The Ghanaian president, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, announced the new program at COP27. More details can be found here: Graphic Online.

TRAINING-OF-TRAINERS ON FUNDAMENTALS OF PROJECT MANAGEMENT, OCTOBER 10–14, 2022, IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA

On October 10–14, 2022, a Training-of-Trainers on the Fundamentals of Project Management course, organized by EnABLE, was delivered to IPOs and CSOs.

A total of 35 participants from eight countries participated in the training. The participants included staff from intermediary organizations involved in the CBP of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility — a global partnership supporting REDD+ efforts, along with other CSOs from countries where EnABLE is expected to have country projects in FY23–24. More specifically, representatives from the following organizations took



part in the session: Asia Network for Sustainable Agriculture and Bioresources (ANSAB) of Nepal; Asociación Coordinadora Indígena y Campesina de Agroforestería Comunitaria Centroamericana (ACICAFOC) of Costa Rica; Asociacion Sotz'il of Guatemala; Gasy Youth-Up of Madagascar; Mainyoito Pastoralists Integrated Development Organization (MPIDO) of Kenya; Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) of Kenya; ReGeCom of Mozambique; TEBTEBBA of the Philippines; and Tropenbos of Ghana.



Most of the participating individuals and organizations are familiar with the World Bank requirements and procedures for implementing agencies. They are expected to serve as trainers, facilitators, or mentors in future programs. The training-of-trainer and mentorship approaches ensure that lessons learned from managing CBP activities can be passed onto the country-level CSOs. These organizations are expected to manage upcoming EnABLE programs. Furthermore, this training enables peer-to-peer learning and institutional coaching, as well as the bridging of CBP with EnABLE operations.

Based on participant assessments, the training was timely and essential for enabling CSOs to access various sources of external financing. Participants also provided two key recommendations. First, such capacity-building activities should be conducted in three languages (Spanish, English, and French) in the future. Second, trainers should provide more content related to sustainable forest management and result-based climate finance (RBCF). As a next step, the EnABLE team will make the training materials more interactive, participatory, and relevant to FCPF's ER programs and benefit-sharing arrangements. The next training-of-trainer course will be held on February 6-10, 2023, in Bangkok, Thailand, for IP organizations and CSOs from Asia-Pacific countries.

VISUAL RESOURCES FOR REACHING OUT TO FOREST-DEPENDENT COMMUNITIES

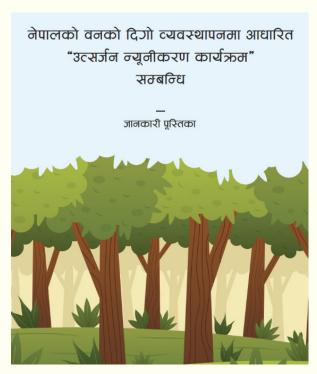
In Nepal, the EnABLE team is producing a series of visual resources aimed at expanding the knowledge of climate change, the role of forests in reducing carbon emissions, and the concept of climate financing among forest-dependent IPLC stakeholders. To date, two key visual products have been finalized.

These products are in response to a key priority of the EnABLE initiative in Nepal: to ensure adequate awareness and understanding of the ER Program among target beneficiaries.

- The first resource created in the format of a comic book is an information booklet about the ER
 program. Its aim is to explain the concept of climate change and climate financing, as well as provide
 basic information on Nepal's ER Program and its BSP.
- The second resource is a video series that will highlight community voices in order to deepen the understanding of sustainable forest management and the role that forests play in reducing carbon emissions.

Currently, the EnABLE team is also preparing a wider dissemination strategy to ensure the access of forest-dependent IPLCs to these resources.

Through these various engagement efforts involving IPLC organizations and forest-dependent communities in the 13 districts of the Terai Arc Landscape, the EnABLE Nepal initiative is supporting the



Cover page of Nepali-language booklet



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participation of IPLCs in the World Bank climate financing programs. A primary goal of the initiative is to enhance IPLC engagement in the ER Program so that the most marginalized forest-dependent communities can participate in the ER Program and access benefits outlined in its BSP.

While the EnABLE project in Nepal is in the design phase, the initiative is engaging IPLC stakeholders through ongoing climate financing projects, including the Dedicated Grant Mechanism (DGM) and the Forests for Prosperity Project (FFPP). The EnABLE team also took part in the W+ standard workshops organized by the Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and Natural Resources (WOCAN) in Lumbini, Madhesh Pradesh, and Kathmandu to develop a Gender Action Plan for the FFPP and the REDD Readiness Phase. The EnABLE team conducted a Capacity Needs Assessment to map the interventions needed to strengthen the IPLCs' role in sustainable forest management, as well as their capacity to access and utilize benefits provided by climate financing programs. The EnABLE team is preparing to conduct further capacity assessments to map the existing capacity of forest-dependent IPLC stakeholders in the ER Program districts.

MULTISTAKEHOLDER WORKSHOPS ON ENABLE IN INDONESIA



Signing of MoU between the EK Provincial Government and NGO KEMI-TRAAN. Photo credit: EnABLE Indonesia team.



Workshop participants. Photo credit: EnABLE Indonesia team.

A full-day workshop on EnABLE in Indonesia was held in Jakarta on December 8, 2022. After initial preparation work undertaken in 2022, a recipient-executed country program, valued at USD3 million, is currently being prepared. The non-governmental organization (NGO), KEMI-TRAAN, has been identified as the implementing partner of the project. The selection of the same NGO, which will also act as an intermediary agency, is expected to streamline coordination and engagement with government agencies and target villages, while promoting efficiency gains.

The workshop was attended by representatives of the East Kalimantan (EK) Provincial Government; the Ministry of Environment and Forestry (MoEF); NGO Bumi (implementer of EnABLE's preparatory work); NGO KEMITRAAN (identified implementer of the EnABLE program); and the World Bank task teams.

The objective of the workshop was two-fold. First, it aimed to take stock of the current status of the implementation of the BSP under EK's ER program. Second, it sought to define the scope of EnABLE's program activities and priorities, building on the current implementation in the preparatory phase.

During the workshop, a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the EK Provincial Government and NGO KEMITRAAN, as the Intermediary Agency for the BSP, was signed. The MoU will be valid for five years and serve as an overarching legal framework for future partnerships between the EK Provincial Government and NGO KEMITRAAN across climate change-related initiatives, including the forthcoming BSP under the ER Program and EnABLE.

The workshop participants agreed that the EnABLE program shall focus on two streams of interventions at the grassroot and subnational levels. For example, the intervention at the community level could include building the capacity of beneficiaries in proposal development and providing relevant communication and outreach materials to vulnerable and marginalized groups, while ensuring that such materials are accessible and inclusive.

At the subnational level, capacity building could be targeted at the subnational government agencies' performance of their roles in BSP implementation as one of the strategic areas of interventions, particularly with regard to inclusive outreach and community facilitation. Moreover, village governments are strategically placed for capacity strengthening, as they often serve as a bridge between subnational government agencies and communities.

The workshop also highlighted women's perspectives in benefit-sharing proposals, especially on livelihood activities, may be constrained by the limited understanding of their needs and roles, barriers to participation, and other systemic constraints. To do so, a contextual analysis of gender roles and barriers, along with relevant community facilitation to address such barriers, is critical; thus, it should be included as part of potential interventions under the EnABLE program.

The workshop participants agreed to reconvene in EK in early 2023 to finalize the EnABLE program design.

SOCIAL INCLUSION FRAMEWORK NOTE WORKSHOPS IN GHANA AND GUATEMALA

As part of the work to develop a Social Inclusion Framework Note that can help guide social inclusion efforts in results-based climate finance (RBCF), EnABLE contracted the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) to develop a social inclusion baseline methodology. The aim of this work is to offer a means for understanding the level of social inclusion in a specific context and how it changes over time as a result of EnABLE interventions. Possessing the means to understand the level of social inclusion in a context and to track how it changes over time is crucial for both identifying the best intervention and measuring its impact.



In developing the methodology, two workshops were held in Ghana and Guatemala — countries with ongoing Emission Reduction Payment Agreements (ERPAs). These workshops formed a crucial milestone in the process of developing a baseline methodology and proposals for monitoring, as they allowed for real-world testing of the methodology. Ultimately, a baseline methodology can support ongoing initiatives and country teams by providing them with the tools and measurement approaches to focus their activities on social inclusion. At the same time, it will also identify further opportunities for interventions that could help women, as well as IPLCs, to engage and participate in emission reduction (ER) activities and share in the benefits they yield.

In Ghana, a national-level workshop was held in December with government officials, the REDD+ Secretariat staff, CSOs, the World Bank staff, and other relevant actors. Follow-ups to this national-level workshop included smaller-scale workshops and conversations to obtain more detailed input and feedback on the methodology. A similar workshop was held in Guatemala in early January, which followed extensive conversations with relevant government staff and CSO representatives in November and December.

ASIA & PACIFIC CONFERENCE ON CUSTOMARY AND FOREST AREA TENURE, NOVEMBER 14–18, IN VIENTIANE, LAO PDR

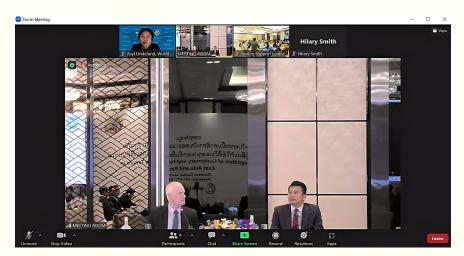
On November 14–18, 2022, the Government of Lao PDR, the World Bank, GIZ of Germany, and the FCPF organized the Conference on Recognition of Customary Tenure in Vientiane. Sixty government officials from the land, forest and Indigenous Peoples agencies of Laos, the Philippines, Indonesia, and Nepal, together with World Bank staff from country management units, land, social and environment teams,

and 40 participants representing development partners and international NGOs, were in attendance. The attendance at the conference reflected the strong interest of land and forest agencies in developing programs for capturing the learning on the recognition, formalization, and the registration of land rights in forest areas, as derived from regional and global best practices.

The conference featured international knowledge sharing. For example, EnABLE's fund manager, Asyl Undeland, presented the EnABLE fund to the participants. The conference also launched a process for developing county action plans on securing tenure in forests. Participating countries committed to preparing detailed action plans to attract policy decisions and funding for these programs.

In addition, the conference strengthened (1) intragovernmental relationships among the land and forest agencies of Lao PDR, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Nepal; (2) international relationships among the participating governments; and (3) relationships among the World Bank, development partners, and NGOs.

Finally, this conference is also related to the work that aims to develop procedures to recognize customary tenure in Lao PDR, which is supported by FCPF and EnABLE. Essentially, a World Bank team is working closely with the Government of Lao PDR to collect, assess, and summarize key information about customary tenure to support the updating and drafting of related regulatory documents. It is also supporting the government in consultations and the drafting / updating of regulatory documents related to customary tenure.



CONSULTATIONS AND STAKEHOLDER UPDATES

With the current EnABLE funding tightly linked to emission reduction (ER) programs under the FCPF, FCPF's participants committee and participants assembly (PC/PA) meetings in October provided a great opportunity for updating partners on developments in the EnABLE fund, as well as soliciting input and feedback from stakeholders.

The EnABLE Secretariat hosted FCPF, Indigenous peoples (IPs), CSOs, and gender observers for consultations. The session allowed the Secretariat to respond to queries on the general setup of the fund, present recent developments, and update the observers on country programming endorsed by the Steering Committee.

While observers expressed some concerns on the governance arrangement prior to the full launch of the new SCALE partnership, with which EnABLE is affiliated, there was general satisfaction with developments on country programming. Furthermore, observers expressed their desire for scaling-up programs and hope that programs can be undertaken in all 15 Carbon Fund countries. At the same time, they understood the presence of budgetary limitations and the need for additional funding for realizing such a vision.

During the PC/PA meetings, EnABLE representatives updated attendees, including recipient and contributing country representatives, on developments in the fund. They include country programming, the Get REDDy outreach program, capacity development, and the Train-the-Trainer program for IP organizations and CSOs on the essential skills to qualify as implementers of World Bank grants. These activities are much supported by participants, as they plug several gaps that have hitherto remained unaddressed.

Finally, EnABLE representatives attended a webinar organized by the <u>African Centre for Climate Actions</u> and <u>Rural Development</u> (ACCARD) Initiative and <u>We Don't Have Time</u>.

The event allowed for a presentation of the EnABLE fund and an exchange of views on the priorities, country targeting, and needs of IPLCs — the fund's primary beneficiaries. The webinar series is designed to bring together CSOs and practitioners. The direct outreach to the people on the ground, as well as the frank and constructive exchange of views, was received with appreciation by attendees.

WEBINAR — TOWARDS TRANSFORMATIVE APPROACHES: SOCIAL INCLUSION IN CLIMATE FINANCE

On Wednesday, December 7, the EnABLE Secretariat hosted the third webinar in the Social Inclusion Knowledge Series. After previously exploring collective land tenure (<u>recording</u>) and gender equity in land and forest tenure (<u>recording</u>), this session focused on the upcoming EnABLE Social Inclusion Framework that is being developed in collaboration with the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR).

The webinar was organized in a participatory style, with discussants actively contributing and responding to the presentation in a conversational style. This approach allowed for a smooth connection of the theoretical aspects of the Social Inclusion Framework with the practical experience and insights of the discussants.

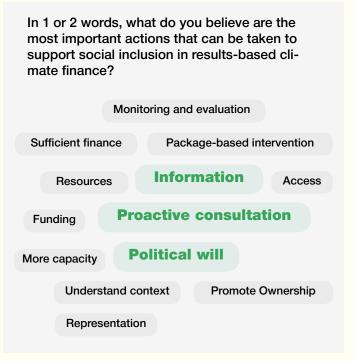
Designed around the four dimensions of the Social Inclusion Framework — land and resource tenure security; governance, participation, and decision-making; distribution of benefits and costs; and knowledge, capacity development, and monitoring, the webinar featured practitioners from across EnABLE and FCPF countries. Their involvement added depth to the exploration of the most persistent challenges and barriers, along with the sharing of real-life efforts to overcome them.

Over 150 attendees were reached through the webinar, with participants joining from IPOs, CSOs, recipient and contributing country representatives, along with practitioners from international and local organizations.

The EnABLE Secretariat is grateful for the participation of discussants Margaret Rugadya of the Tenure Facility; Roselyn Adjei of the Ghana REDD+ office; Pham Thu Thuy of CIFOR-ICRAF (International Council for Research in Agroforestry); and Caroline Sage of the World Bank. The recordings of the webinar are available in English, French, and Spanish.



EnABLE manager Asyl Undeland addressing the webinar attendees.



Attendees' input during webinar on actions to take to enhance social inclusion in results-based climate finance (RBCF).

OTHER UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- Climate Investment Funds (CIF) Trust Fund Committee Meetings, January 31–February 2, 2023, in Washington DC, USA
- The World Bank Group / International Monetary Fund Spring Meetings, April 21–23, 2023, in Washington DC, USA
- The BioCarbon Fund Initiative for Sustainable Forest Landscapes (ISFL) 2023 Mid-Year Meeting, May 2–4, 2023 (tentative), in Vienna, Austria
- 18th Session of the UN Forum on Forests (UNFF 18), May 8–12, 2023, in New York City, USA
- Global Forest Observations Initiative (GFOI) Plenary meeting, May 9–11, 2023, in Rome, Italy
- The FCPF 26th Carbon Fund Meeting (CF26), May 22–26, 2023 (tentative), in East Kalimantan, Indonesia