

Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

30th Participants Committee Meeting (PC30) and 14th Participants
Assembly Meeting (PA14)

Remarks by Indigenous Peoples Observers

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Appreciation

On behalf of IPs observers I we do relay our appreciation to the FMT for organizing and coordinating the 30th Participants Committee Meeting (PC30) and 14th Participants Assembly Meeting (PA14).

We also do appreciate all the PC members for fruitful and constructive engagements.

Key Remarks;

1. *Unadhered PC Resolutions for the extension of the CBP project for the period 2020-2022*

The IPs observers have noted with a lot of concern the failure for the FMT secretariat to fully adhere to the resolutions reached upon in the past PCs specifically during PC 28 as held in the Dominican Republic in Oct/Nov 2019 and the PC 29 held virtually in 2020. This is specifically with regards to the resolution to extent the Capacity Building Program(CBP) for 2 years i.e. 2020-2022. During the proposed extension period there was also a resolution to maintain the intermediary organizations and this has since not been realized especially for the Africa Region. From then to date nothing much has happened especially in Africa and Asia despite the fact the program was closed on time and final reports submitted and approved. The other regions seem to have progressed to a good extent and this raises another major concern as to why there is imbalance in the implementation of this resolution.

2. Lack of consultation and communication with IPs Observers on major issues.

There has not been consultations and good flow of communication between the World Bank and IPs observers on major issues including updates on the progress of the CBP project globally. Lack of consultation by the FCPF with IPs observers on certain critical decisions is not a good sign of a relationship that has been developed over time under that program. It is notable that IPs observers have been left in dark with no communication or any updates with regards to the project. Despite the fact that there's COVID 19, it also appears that most activities globally are moving on simply because COVID 19 is blind and deaf about climate change. It is therefore not fair if IPs who have really been feeling the impacts of climate change which has been worsened off by COVID 19 are left behind in the implementation of projects.

3. Enable Program

With the newly launched Enable project, IPs are really concerned about the design and especially governance structures of this project. Consultations and participation of IPs are completely missing in the design, governance and structure of this project. It is not known to IPs why they were not part of the process. This will no doubt undermine the good relationship and partnership between IPs and World Bank that has since been developed over time and we need to be careful so that we don't reverse the gains made during the implementation of the CBP project where we had sorted out the issue of mistrust and misunderstanding between the World bank and IPs. We as IPs are stressing that the Enable program should look beyond the carbon trading and also look into the non-carbon benefits into the IPs territories.