**(traduccion de reunion entre representantes indigenas y FIDA)**

**Reunion entre representantes de pueblos indigenas y la Division de Ambiente y Clima (ECD) sobre el Fondo Verde de Clima**

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**Antecedentes. Una de las recomendaciones de la tercera reunion global del Foro de Pueblos Indigenas al FIDA**  (Feb. 2017) es “establecer una asociacion con los pueblos indigenas para movilizar recursos a traves del Fondo de Clima Verde  *(GCF) que apoye las iniciativas de resiliencia y adaptacion de las comunidades, usando sus conocimientos tradicionales e innovaciones” Se organize una reunion entre representantes de pueblos indigenas y la*  ECD para explorar oportunidades para asociarse con organizaciones indigenas para movilizar recursos del GCF.

**El contexto. REpresentantes de organizaciones de pueblos indigenas han estado dialogando con el**  GCF para promover politicas especificas to advocate for developing a specific policy to drive the work of GCF with indigenous peoples and accessing resources at the country level for indigenous peoples’ communities to contribute to adaptation and mitigation strategies and initiatives to combat climate change. Representatives of indigenous peoples’ organizations present in Rome for the Forum requested a meeting with ECD and PTA to explore opportunities to work together with IFAD as a GCF implementing agency. ECD Staff shared with participants the main elements of the discussion they had recently had with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), one of the first organizations being accredited within GCF), and outlined the main requirements and framework for accessing funds. In particular:

* Access to GCF resources to undertake climate change projects and programmes is possible for accredited entities (AE) that can submit proposals to the Fund;
* An AE or an executing entity (i.e. project or programme sponsor) may submit a concept note to the Fund. The Fund evaluates the proposals which need to receive the non-objection of the National Designated Authority (NDAs);
* NDAs are chosen by governments to act as the interface between a developing country and the Fund. They are often located in national Ministries of Environment or of Finance.

**Sharing developments**. Representatives of indigenous peoples’ organizations shared the update information on the meetings within GCF and training underwent with the support of UNDP. In particular, the following main issues are being addressed: (i) advocacy action to propose to the Fund to adopt an indigenous peoples’ policy; (ii) Improving indigenous peoples’ relationship with the GCF board (e.g. through the appointment of a focal point for indigenous peoples and/or the establishment of an indigenous peoples’ advisory body to the board); (iii) access GCF’s financial resources for indigenous peoples’ communities; (iv) processes for accreditation of indigenous peoples’ organizations.

Also, they informed that indigenous peoples’ representatives had the opportunity to participate in a training in Bangkok on how to prepare project proposals to GCF. The training enabled them to get further information on the requirements for the submission of proposals. In particular, projects should: (i) be country specific; (ii) have a clear baseline; (iii) have a clear governance structure; (iv) show the additionality of the proposal (leverage aspect).

**Enabling indigenous peoples to access financial resources.** Participants explored opportunities and steps to enable indigenous peoples to access to GCF funds in partnership with IFAD. The following was discussed and agreed:

* As a first step, representatives of indigenous peoples’ organizations will identify one country per region to pilot projects based on their priorities and needs;
* The prioritization of countries should further match with additional criteria. In particular, selected countries should be those where: (i) NDAs are open to work with indigenous peoples; (ii) there are entry points enabling indigenous peoples to be seen as a resource to achieve strategies/plans/policies objectives at the country level - e.g. NDCs; (iii) IFAD is currently supporting indigenous peoples’ communities within its portfolio (leverage element); (iv) IFAD’s Country Programme Managers and Officers are willing to work with indigenous peoples’ communities in countries under their responsibilities.
* The methodology to be followed at the country level might be to replicate/mirror the one of the Indigenous Peoples’ Assistance Facility (IPAF), that is identifying an organization that can manage and channel resources to grassroots organizations, as it happens with the IPAF at the regional level

**Agreed actions and follow up.** Based on the discussion, it was agreed that, while representatives of indigenous peoples’ organizations will start selecting countries, IFAD will look at its portfolio to assess where there is an enabling environment in terms of the engagement with indigenous peoples and their communities, both in terms of NDAs open to work with indigenous peoples and on-going IFAD portfolio/projects. Once the countries are identified, a concept note should be prepared by the indigenous peoples’ organizations and submitted to IFAD (e.g. through a write-shop) that would include a preliminary baseline analysis of the communities and people the project will target.