## Framework for Global IP Programme

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**Vision**

To establish an enduring indigenous peoples-led programme that provides resources to indigenous peoples in developing countries to address climate change in the context of their own needs and sustainable development.[[1]](#footnote-1)

**Rational for the Green Climate Fund**

Indigenous Peoples play a key role in, and offer invaluable contributions to, increasing resilience to climate change with related mitigation co-benefits through indigenous peoples’ perspectives, traditional knowledge and sustainable resource management systems and practices, which are critical in achieving the goals of the Green Climate Fund (GCF).

Nevertheless, Indigenous Peoples are the most vulnerable to climate change and to the consequences of ill-conceived solutions to climate change and have the least capacity to realize this contribution. A lack of financial, technical and political support is a major factor limiting their role.

A global programme that can be directly accessed by multiple Indigenous communities around the world has the potential for considerable scale over time and for driving a transition to community-driven approaches to low emissions and climate resilient development*.*

Providing access to Indigenous communities also supports country ownership because it vests decision making at local and community levels.

**Objectives and Guiding Principles**

The Programme will **support indigenous peoples in developing countries** making a significant and ambitious contribution to addressing climate change.

The Programme will provide **simplified access to funding**, including direct access, to indigenous peoples particularly at a community level.

The Programme will pursue an **Indigenous Peoples-led approach**, including in decision-making arrangements at all levels and the full project/programme cycle.

The Programme will **promote and strengthen engagement** at all levels through effective involvement of relevant institutions and stakeholders.

The Programme will pursue holistic approaches, consistent with world views, values, cultures, knowledge, innovations, and governance of Indigenous Peoples.

In the context of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, the Programme will **support the paradigm shift towards low-emission and climate-resilient development pathways**

The Programme will provide an important contribution to **operationalizing the GCF Indigenous Peoples Policy**, other policies and goals of the GCF and other relevant international commitment such as United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the UNFCCC.

The Programme will operate in a **participatory**, **transparent and accountable** manner guided by equity, efficiency and effectiveness

The Programme will be flexible, giving primary consideration to indigenous peoples’ needs and priorities on climate change adaptation and mitigation within the framework of **Indigenous Peoples Sustainable Self-Determined Development**

The Programme will be **continuously learning** and can make a valuable contribution to broader knowledge sharing and management.

The Programme will take a **gender-responsive** approach.

The Programme should foster cooperation, unity and solidarity.

**Priority Activities**

Although the priorities of the Programme will be driven by local level needs, the Programme will likely focus on the following specific contributions to the goals of the GCF where Indigenous People have a proven record of contribution:

* Sustainable management [and use/access] of natural resources and landscapes
* Increased resilience of diverse ecosystems (i.e. forests; marine and coast; savannah; tundra, etc.) and ecosystems services, leading to increased resilience in health and well-being, food and water security, and sustainable livelihoods
* Access to community-owned renewable energy
* Strengthening of indigenous peoples’ traditional knowledge, practices and innovations to addressing and responding to climate change
* Platforms for indigenous peoples’ traditional knowledge-sharing and management

**Accredited Entity Criteria**

* Existence of an institutional IP policy, guidelines and principles, strong safeguards and accessible grievance mechanism Best practice with respects to IP policies, guidelines and principles (implementation)
* Commitment to equally partner and build capacity towards the goal of fully empowering indigenous people’ communities, based on mutual respect and trust
* Capacity/understanding of IP issues and will champion IP rights at all levels
* Consistency with supporting IP rights in their other projects
* Has the trust and confidence of indigenous peoples
* Facilitate payment of grants to IP organizations that don't have full legal status
* Able to provide support and guidance to the indigenous peoples’ governance mechanisms
* Commitment to build capacity of IP organizations to become executing and/or accredited entities and eventually to pass management of the programme to the IP organizations
* Financial and bureaucratic efficiency, accountability and transparency
* Track record in supporting IP or community-driven programmes and/or projects

**Pilot Country Criteria**

* Vulnerability of the IPs in the country
* Level of social and economic development of the country and IPs
* Current lack of alternative sources of financing for IPs (balance with potential for co-financing)
* Need for strengthening institutions and implementation capacity
* Objectives are in line with priorities in the country’s national climate strategy
* Engagement and consultation with IPs
* Supportiveness of the NDA to IPs
* Capacity of IP organisations and networks in the country
* Potential to contribute to GCF Investment Criteria
* Uniqueness of IP contribution
* Potential for co-financing or leveraging
* Presence of AEs in the country
* Responsiveness to GCF’s allocation criteria (e.g LDCs, SIDS, and Africa)

**An example of governance structure**

AE or EE Country Office

**GCF**

Accredited Entity(s)

Global Programme Support Unit (for coherence)

National Steering Committee

(IPs NDA, AE ....)

AE or EE Country Office

*Technical advisory support*

*To ensure high quality country programs*

*Country strategy, ownership*

*national expertise,*

*& Prioritization*

**Flow of funds**

National Steering Committee

(IPs NDA, AE…..)

AE or EE Country Office

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*Reporting on results/impacts*

1. While this program could be supported by any source of funding, the intention is to target current climate finance flows. These flows are meant to be channeled to action in developing countries only, hence the limitation in scope to developing countries. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)