

Focus on Burkina Faso: Local Forest Communities Support Project Launch

The National Steering Committee (NSC) for the DGM country project in Burkina Faso held its first meeting in Koudougou, Burkina Faso on March 2nd, officially launching the country project. In attendance were 20 NSC members representing local populations in the Forest Investment Program (FIP) target areas, government, civil society, private sector actors, regional authorities, technical and financial partners, and IUCN Burkina Faso, which serves as the National Executing Agency (NEA).

At the meeting the Local Forest Communities Support Project was presented, and NSC Members discussed and adopted several key documents, including the 2016 Workplan and Budget, the NSC Rules and Procedures, and a 2016 NSC Road Map. Members affirmed their commitment to the project, calling upon all actors involved to play their role in the success of the project. A technical workshop introducing the project was held the following day with a launch ceremony presided over by the Minister of Environment, Green Economy, and Climate Change. Over 80 participants from various stakeholder groups were in attendance for the exchanges about the project's objectives and approach.

The DGM in Burkina Faso aims to strengthen the capacity of targeted local communities in the targeted regions of Burkina Faso to participate in REDD+ programs at local, national, and global levels. Led by local community leaders, the project will work in 12 provinces and 32 targeted communes prioritized in the FIP investment plan.



Photo: National Steering Committee Members meet in Koudougou, Burkina Faso as part of the DGM country project launch.

Democratic Republic of Congo holds ceremony announcing the DGM country project

At a ceremony held in Kinshasa on April 25, the DRC Chief of the Cabinet of the Minister of Environment, Conservation of Nature, and Sustainable Development was present alongside DGM Global Steering Committee (GSC) members to announce and voice support for the DGM country project in DRC. The GSC Co-Chair from DRC presented the project to a group of roughly 40 stakeholders, including representatives from 4 government ministries. The following day, the World Bank Country Director joined Caritas DRC to sign a grant agreement establishing Caritas' role as NEA.

The objective of the DRC country project is to strengthen the capacity of targeted indigenous peoples and local communities (IPLCs) in selected territories and at the national level to participate in REDD+ oriented land and forest management activities.



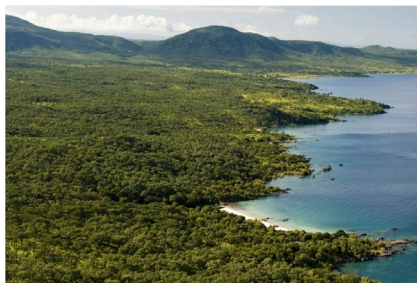
Photo: Attendees at the opening ceremony for the DGM DRC Country Project.

Updates

- **Burkina Faso country project launched March 2nd**
- **Ceremony and NEA signing for Democratic Republic of Congo country project held April 25-26**
- **Mozambique Interim Steering Committee meeting held March 30**
- **2nd Annual Global Steering Committee Meeting held April 25-27**

Mozambique makes headway in the process to establish a National Steering Committee and country project

Seventeen representatives from Mozambique's civil society gathered in the northern city of Pemba from March 30-31 for the second meeting of the country's Interim National Steering Committee. The intense two-day workshop included discussions on the desired objectives of the DGM in Mozambique as well as considerations for how to establish the final NSC within the next six months and select an NEA.



The Interim NSC includes 15 representatives from the three regions of the country—North, Center, and South, and is comprised primarily of civil society organizations who work

closely with local communities. Government, private sector, the World Bank, and FIP representatives were present as observers. The Committee was formed following a three-month regional and national consultation process in which more than 270 stakeholders from 10 of Mozambique's 11 provinces participated. Launch of the NSC is currently anticipated for September 2016.

In May 2016, three members from the Interim NSC will travel to Brazil for a south-south exchange with the DGM Brazil country project. The exchange will cover a range of topics including multi-stakeholder engagement and elements of designing and implementing the DGM.

Second Annual DGM Global Steering Committee Meeting held in Kinshasa, DRC

Committee Members from 9 countries convened for the Second Annual Global Steering Committee (GSC) meeting held in Kinshasa, DRC from April 25-27. Members from Burkina Faso, DRC, Ghana, Indonesia, Mexico, and Philippines were joined by observers from the DGM in Côte d'Ivoire, Mozambique, and Republic of Congo. The World Bank, Forest Investment Program, and Caritas as the NEA in DRC also attended as observers, and Conservation International, as the Global Executing Agency, organized the meeting.

During the sessions, each DGM country project and the global project provided status updates on implementation, and Members approved the global project Year 2 Workplan and Budget and a common monitoring and reporting framework for the program. The Committee voted to form three sub-committees: a Workplan and Budget Sub-Committee; a Grievance Redress Mechanism Sub-Committee; and a Communications, Advocacy, and Outreach Subcommittee.

Upcoming DGM Events

UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

DGM GEA will host a side event (May 13, New York)

DGM South-South Exchange

DGM Brazil will host representatives from DGM Mozambique (May 9-13, Brasilia & Montes Claros)

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The GEA and GSC Co-Chairs will attend (May 16-26, Bonn)

FIP Annual Sub-Committee Meeting

DGM GSC Members are invited by the FIP to attend (June 11, Oaxaca)

1st DGM Africa Regional Training

GEA will conduct training on REDD+ with regional IPLC representatives (July, Burkina Faso)

About the DGM

The Dedicated Grant Mechanism is a global initiative that supports the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in the effort to reduce deforestation and forest degradation. As a special window under the Climate Investment Funds' Forest Investment Program, the DGM places \$80 million dollars directly in the hands of the people who simultaneously depend on and protect forests.

The DGM includes country projects in 14 pilot countries and a Global Learning and Knowledge Exchange Project. The governance and implementation of the project are led by the representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities, and the World Bank serves as a trustee and supports oversight. Through the DGM, mitigation and adaptation solutions led by indigenous peoples and local communities will be supported, shared, and elevated to the global policy arena, enhancing the success of efforts to protect forests.

15 DGM Projects: Brazil, Burkina Faso, Congo Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ecuador, Ghana, Guatemala, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Mexico, Mozambique, Nepal, Peru, and the Global Project.

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