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DGM Highlight on COP21 Events

The Dedicated Grant Mechanism for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities will participate in a number of events at the upcoming United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change 21st Conference of the Parties (UNFCCC COP21) in Paris this December. Members of the DGM Global Steering Committee from Brazil, Burkina Faso, Democratic Republic of Congo, Indonesia, and Peru will speak on panels at two DGM Side Events organized by the DGM Global Executing Agency, Conservation International. The DGM will also be present at a number of partner events.

Where to find the DGM at COP21:

**Information
Sharing Session with
Indigenous Peoples**
Nov 29, Indigenous Global
Caucus
Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle

Abya Yala Side Event
Dec 7, Indigenous Peoples Pavilion

DGM Side Event, Focus on Activities
Dec 7, Indigenous Peoples Pavilion

**DGM Side Event, Focus on
Governance**
Dec 10, IUCN Pavilion

DGM: Bolstering the Work of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities to Develop and Share Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies

*December 7, Indigenous Peoples Pavilion Main Events
13:15 – 14:45 (blue zone)*

There is strong evidence that indigenous peoples and local communities manage forests in a way that both provides livelihoods for forest dwellers and conserves the forest. While IPLCs are included in REDD+ project-level efforts, they have not been fully included in REDD+ policy and strategy arenas, despite their key role as forest stewards. At this side event, DGM Global Steering Committee representatives will discuss how community-based organizations and civil society involved in climate change mitigation projects can benefit from the DGM. The side event will be in a panel format, and DGM representatives from Brazil, Burkina Faso, Democratic Republic of Congo, Indonesia, Peru, and the Global Project will speak about their ongoing efforts to implement the DGM as a meaningful direct access alternative.

DGM: Building a Governance Structure where Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Directly Access REDD+ Financing

December 10, IUCN Pavilion, 15:45 – 17:15 (red zone)

The DGM creates a governance model for REDD+ where IPLC representatives come together to directly manage REDD+ funds. Unlike governments, for whom existing representation is already in place, IPLC leaders in many countries must first establish National Steering Committees to manage DGM funds. Five DGM countries have already accomplished this large task through extensive stakeholder consultations and partnership-building activities. This side event will give DGM Steering Committee Members from Brazil, Burkina Faso, Democratic Republic of Congo, Indonesia, and Peru a chance to share their specific country experiences. The DGM Global Steering Committee member from the Philippines and a representative of the World Bank will also participate.

DGM Recommends: *“The Economic Costs and Benefits of Securing Community Forest Tenure: Evidence from Brazil and Guatemala”* by the World Resources Institute

“Our benefit-costs analyses of Brazil’s Indigenous Territories and the community concessions in Guatemala’s Maya Biosphere Reserve suggest that securing community forest tenure is a low-cost, high-benefit investment that benefits communities, countries, and global society.”

Gray, E. et. al. 2015. “The Economic Costs and Benefits of Securing Community Forest Tenure: Evidence from Brazil and Guatemala,” Working Paper, World Resources Institute, Washington, D.C., USA, 40pp. Available from http://www.wri.org/sites/default/files/15_WP_CLUA_Forest_Tenure.pdf [19 November 2015].

Process to Establish DGM National Steering Committees Advances

Important groundwork for DGM implementation and future REDD+ funding is being laid in the original group of eight DGM countries. DGM National Steering Committees, who direct all aspects of DGM funds in each of the DGM countries, have currently been established in Brazil, Burkina Faso, Democratic Republic of Congo, Indonesia, and Peru. In Ghana and Mexico, formation of the Committees is well underway following the processes identified in each country. A majority of members on both National Steering Committees and the Global Steering Committee are representatives from Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, selected through wide stakeholder consultation and partnership-building processes. The DGM Global Project is currently collecting shared experiences on the process of establishing National Steering Committees to share with other DGM countries and stakeholders.

National Executing Agencies are beginning implementation in several DGM Countries

In January 2016, National Executing Agencies (in-country organizations selected by each National Steering Committee to implement the DGM) from Brazil, Burkina Faso, DRC, Indonesia, and Peru will convene in Arlington, Virginia (USA) at the invitation of the DGM Global Executing Agency, Conservation International. The Global Executing Agency carries out the decisions of the Global Steering Committee and implements the DGM Global Project. The meeting will focus on identifying synergies across the country projects, establishing unified reporting and communications across the projects, and collecting country experiences on DGM implementation that can be shared with networks of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in other countries.



Photo contributed by the DGM Peru Country Project where a National Steering Committee, Executing Agency and Country Project are established.

For updates on the DGM see our website: www.dgmglobal.org

Of Interest: CIF Trust Fund Committee Meetings Reinforce Focus on Gender in Review of Portfolio

In the CIF semi-annual meeting (Nov. 9-13), the results of a gender analysis of the CIF portfolio were shared. The full portfolio review was undertaken in the first half of 2015 across all four CIF programs at investment plan and project levels to identify baseline and program progress figures on gender “quality at entry” at design stage. FIP performance on the presence of gender analysis at the investment plan and project level and other gender indicators in the July 1-December 31, 2014 period improved, with the FIP project approved in that period scoring positively on all three indicators.

About the DGM

The DGM is a global initiative with \$80 million dollars in financing dedicated to enabling the full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in the global effort to reduce deforestation and forest degradation. As a special window under the Climate Investment Fund’s (CIF) Forest Investment Program (FIP), the DGM places climate financing directly in the hands of the people who simultaneously depend on and protect forests. The World Bank established, finances, and oversees implementation of the DGM.

Through the DGM, mitigation and adaptation solutions established by forest communities will be supported, shared, and elevated to the global policy arena. To do this, the DGM has two linked components: 1) Individual Country Projects managed by Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in 14 FIP pilot countries, and 2) a Global Learning and Knowledge Exchange Project. Governance for the DGM takes place at the country and global levels.

DGM Country Projects: Brazil, Burkina Faso, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Mexico, and Peru (countries approved 2011); Congo Republic, Côte d’Ivoire, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mozambique, and Nepal (countries approved May 2015).

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