

DGM advances dialogue on direct access for IPLCs at World Conservation Congress

The DGM joined the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the GEF Small Grants Programme (GEF SGP), and the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF), as well as several foundations, at a roundtable focused on financing options for indigenous peoples and local communities, and how financing opportunities can be expanded, increased and enhanced to better target IPLC needs and aspirations.

Members of the DGM Global Steering Committee also led a Knowledge Cafe session called “Providing Indigenous Peoples with Direct Access to Climate Funds to Strengthen Conservation Initiatives within their Territories and Communities.” Representatives of the DGM Global Executing Agency and DGM Mexico, Burkina Faso, and Brazil and Knowledge Cafe Participants shared experiences and lessons learned on topics including: existing opportunities for IPLCs to access direct funds, barriers to accessing them, and IPLC capacity strengthening needs for receiving and managing funds.

First DGM Regional Training held in Burkina Faso from 19-23 July

The DGM’s first Africa Regional Workshop was held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, in July 2016. Thirty-four participants representing 12 African countries and three African IPLC regional networks attended the training, which focused on strengthening networks and partnerships within and across the region to enhance their representation in regional and global policy fora. During the workshop, IPLC leaders focused on improving their negotiation skills and used a participatory social network analysis exercise to better understand how information and resources move through networks of individuals and institutions in the region. The event also included a field visit with provincial government officials to the local community of Sapouy (about 100 km south of Ouagadougou) where participants to learn more about sustainable forest management techniques being utilized there.



Photo: Workshop participants in Sapouy, Burkina Faso

DGM Side Event at the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Indigenous peoples at the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues attended a side event hosted by the DGM called “Illustrating how direct funds governed by IPLCs can contribute to adaptation, mitigation, and conflict resolution” at the UN Headquarters in New York City on May 13, 2016.

DGM Global Steering Committee Co-Chair Grace Balawag was present alongside one of the DGM Peru representative Marilen Puquio, and the DGM Global Executing Agency (GEA) Technical Director. Together, the three presented the objectives and status of the DGM at the international level and at the country level through the example of Peru.

Upcoming events and announcements

- **Global exchange on IPLC engagement in climate finance:** Twenty-two IPLC leaders from 15 countries throughout Asia, Latin America and Africa will participate in a Global Exchange on Climate Finance from November 2 to November 4, 2016 in Marrakesh, Morocco. The objectives of the workshop are to strengthen the capacities in topics related to UNFCCC, Paris Agreement, NDCs, Climate Finance and the Green Climate Fund and strengthen the networks and alliances of IPLC organizations in order to enhance their contribution toward defining policies, guidelines and implementation in the climate finance arena.
- **DGM at COP22:** IPLC leaders from DRC, Peru, Indonesia, Ghana, Burkina Faso, Philippines and Brazil will engage in the UNFCCC COP22/CMP12/SBI45/SBSTA45/APA1-2 negotiations and will share the progress and achievements of DGM in their countries at the following side events:
 - **Nov 7, IP Pavilion:** *The Benefits of Global Climate Funds and the Engagement of IPLCs in Climate Action*, with case studies from the DGM and the Capacity Building Program of the FCPF in Africa, with partner MPIDO
 - **Nov 8, Blue Zone:** Traditional indigenous peoples knowledge as a viable way for climate change adaptation. With partners IWGIA, MPIDO, AIPP, CMA
 - **Nov 14, IP Pavilion:** DGM: Capacity building for IPLCs to engage in adaptation and mitigation activities
- **Mexico has launched a call for proposals to select a National Executing Agency!** The National Steering Committee of DGM Mexico is inviting interested institutions to apply to become the DGM National Executing Agency. The request for

DGM Global Steering Committee members and FIP National Focal Points speak at FIP Country Pilot Meeting



Photo: Panel participants included representatives of the DGM Global Steering Committee and National FIP Focal Points.

As part of the 2016 FIP Pilot Country Meeting in Oaxaca, Mexico, DGM representatives participated in a panel on Monday, June 13, highlighting the “Implementation of the DGM in FIP Pilot Countries.” Moderated by Vince McElhinny from Conservation International, the DGM Global Executing Agency, the panel brought together stakeholders involved in the design and implementation of the DGM at the national and global levels. The exchange focused on the

role of IPLCs in the sustainable management and conservation of forests, particularly in within the FIP investment plan. Speakers discussed progress in establishing the DGM at the national and global levels, the first projects financed by the DGM in Peru and Brazil, and opportunities for collaboration/coordination between the DGM and other FIP-funded projects.

Update on sub-project granting: Brazil, Peru, and Burkina Faso

One hundred fifty proposals received in Brazil: DGM Brazil, the first country project to be approved, opened its first call for proposals from January to April 2016, supporting natural resource management, market oriented-projects, and projects that respond to immediate threats in the Brazilian Cerrado biome. From the 158 applications they received, the NSC has pre-selected 40 proposals according to the following core criteria: alignment with DGM and FIP core objectives, socio-environmental and cultural relevance; community support for the project; and project sustainability. The NEA is now doing site visits to evaluate the proposals.

Sub-projects on community recognition, land titling and community forest management in Peru: Local representatives of 18 regional indigenous organizations and federations within the project intervention areas were invited to submit “master proposals” to the NSC, and received technical assistance from the NEA to prepare them. In May and June, the Peru NSC met to evaluate and approve proposals. Within the 18 master projects, 33 “sub-projects” were proposed: 13 on obtaining legal recognition for currently un-recognized communities—which is necessary to obtain in order to pursue title to their land, 10 on land titling, and 10 on community forest management. The project has funding specifically dedicated for sub-projects proposed by or primarily managed by women. Sub-project implementation will begin in the coming year of the DGM Peru project.

Burkina Faso opens first call for proposals: Following regional and local workshops in the project intervention areas to introduce the DGM to communities and partners, DGM Burkina Faso launched its first call for proposals in June. At the application closing in July, 600 proposals for sub-projects had been received. Proposals will be rated according to key social and environmental criteria, and field visits will be conducted to verify feasibility. Sub-projects will be selected by the end of August 2016, with grant disbursement and project implementation anticipated to begin in September.

proposal requirements are available [here](#). Please send all inquiries to DGM Mexico.

- **Grievance Redress Mechanism is active**
The Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM), which was approved at the 2016 meeting of the DGM Global Steering Committee, is one of the DGM Global Project’s core accountability measures, and the GSC will implement the mechanism in close coordination with NSCs in each country. By operating the Grievance Redress Mechanism in a way that incorporates customary decision-making and conflict resolution procedures already existing in most indigenous territories, the GSC will set an important precedent that will serve as an emerging good- practice example for grievance redress led by indigenous peoples, and ideally, will influence the design of further project-level mechanisms elsewhere.

In the role of Global Executing Agency for the DGM, Conservation International (CI) will facilitate the GRM operation on behalf of the GSC, with Johnson Cerda, the DGM Technical Director, as the primary GEA contact for the receipt of any complaints. Complaints may be submitted by telephone, email, regular mail, text or in person, after which the GEA will follow-up in a timely manner. Eligibility is limited to IPLCs living in regions of tropical forest country that are targeted by the DGM projects in those countries. Complaints related to the country projects may be addressed to the NEA for each country.

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