

DGM Country in Focus: Brazil

The DGM Brazil invests resources in the Cerrado Biome, a global biodiversity hotspot and important watershed system that is the site of heavily advancing deforestation and environmental degradation. The Cerrado is home to 41 indigenous peoples and a multitude of traditional communities, including maroon communities (Quilombolas), who both rely on and serve as guardians for the Cerrado's remaining natural resources. DGM Brazil works with these communities and their representatives to provide sub-grants for initiatives that promote sustainability and adaptation, and to provide capacity building on REDD+ topics and institutional strengthening. The DGM Brazil Project has three components:

1. **Three types of grants** for Indigenous Peoples and Traditional Communities' initiatives on sustainability and adaptation: i) natural resource management; ii) responses to immediate threats; and iii) market-oriented production.
2. **Capacity building and institutional strengthening** for organizations representing Indigenous Peoples and Traditional Communities in the Cerrado, including: i) training in key thematic areas related to REDD+; and ii) technical and management training.
3. **Management, communications, monitoring, and evaluation** for the project, including Secretariat services to the Brazil DGM National Steering Committee.

The DGM Brazil Project became effective on June 29, 2015, and the *Centro de Agricultura Alternativa do Norte de Minas* (CCA/NM) serves as the NEA. The 1st Brazil National Steering Committee (NSC) Meeting was held from January 13-14, 2016 in Montes Claros, Minas Gerais. Having laid the groundwork for project implementation and governance, DGM Brazil is now launching a host of activities including the first call for proposals for grants (see right).

Current and Upcoming DGM Brazil Events

- **3 regional workshops** - Cuiabá, Imperatriz and Brasília - are being held in February/March to publicize the DGM and provide information on REDD+ topics.
- **The First Call for Proposals** for grants was announced January 25. The NEA will receive proposals until April 25th, with selection of grantees planned for June 2016.
- **DGM Mozambique** will visit DGM Brazil to exchange lessons and experiences in May 2016.

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Photo: Exchange with the Xakriabá indigenous community, in São João das Missões, Minas Gerais, January 15, 2016 following the DGM Brazil National Steering Committee Meeting.

DGM Ghana establishes the Ghana National Steering Committee

On February 24 and 25, the first meeting of the DGM Ghana National Steering Committee (NSC) was held in Accra, Ghana. Thirteen representatives for local communities in the DGM project areas were introduced as members of the DGM Ghana NSC. Sixteen civil society organizations, the World Bank, the DGM GEA, and representatives from the Government of Ghana also attended. DGM Ghana will take place in two of the Forest Investment Program regions: the Western Region and Brong-Ahafo Region, both on the border with Côte d'Ivoire. Ghana NSC members were selected through a consultation process that was launched in November 2015 and included wide coordination with communities. DGM Ghana will address deforestation resulting from cocoa production in the Western Region and forest fires and the shortage of land for planting in the Brong-Ahafo Region. Next steps in the country include selecting a National Executing Agency, which the NSC hopes to do in the first half of 2016.

DGM implementing agencies from 5 countries convene in Washington DC to discuss planning and coordination

The DGM Global Executing Agency (GEA), Conservation International, hosted a Planning and Coordination meeting in Washington, DC with the DGM National Executing Agencies (NEA) from Brazil, Burkina Faso, Democratic Republic of Congo, Indonesia, and Peru from January 25-27, 2016. The DGM Global Steering Committee Co-Chair from the Philippines also participated. The DGM is a historic opportunity to demonstrate how direct access to climate funding by IPLCs can work, and the meeting provided a first opportunity to discuss how the DGM global and country components can work together to deliver on this opportunity. Conversations saw strong common interest in key topics: implementation of the grievance redress mechanism, tools for participatory monitoring, application of World Bank safeguards, and approaches to addressing land conflict in project areas. The meeting made clear that the NEAs hold a wealth of knowledge that should be shared through ongoing exchanges.

Upcoming DGM Global Events:

- Global Steering Committee Meeting: April 25-27, 2016, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo
- UN Permanent Forum of Indigenous Peoples: May 9-20, New York, USA
- Africa Regional Training: Mid 2016, Burkina Faso

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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. The DGM is governed by a Global Steering Committee and National Steering Committees.

DGM Country Projects: Brazil, Burkina Faso, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Mexico, and Peru (initial 8 FIP pilot countries), Congo Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mozambique, and Nepal (additional FIP countries identified in May 2015).

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Photo: DGM GSC Member from Burkina Faso speaks to participants at the first DGM Ghana National Steering Committee meeting February 24 and 25 in Accra, Ghana.

