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## Country Project Highlights



**Above:** Members of the Lapinha Quilombola community performing a traditional dance in Minas Gerais, Brazil  
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**Brazil** - DGM Brazil launched its second call for subproject proposals on August 30, 2017. Proposals are due by November 30. Visit [www.dgmbrasil.org.br](http://www.dgmbrasil.org.br) to learn more.

**Burkina Faso** - In June 2017, DGM Burkina Faso launched its second call for subproject proposals, and the project team is now reviewing all submissions.

**Democratic Republic of the Congo** - DGM DRC signed an agreement with the Network of Indigenous and Local Populations for the Sustainable Management of DRC Forest Ecosystems (REPALF) to develop and manage the project's Feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism.

**Indonesia** - After a successful project launch in March 2017, DGM Indonesia began planning its first call for subproject proposals, which was released in mid-August with an emphasis on strengthening legal recognition and land tenure for indigenous peoples and local communities. Proposals were due by the end of September, and DGM Indonesia is currently reviewing all submissions. Visit [www.dgmindonesia.id](http://www.dgmindonesia.id) to learn more.

**Mozambique** - In September 2017, DGM Mozambique selected the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) to serve as National Executing Agency (NEA) for the project. This will be WWF's second DGM country project, as they are also the NEA for DGM Peru.

**Peru** - From March through July 2017, DGM Peru received submissions in response to its second call for subproject proposals. By mid-September, the project announced the selection of 53 new subprojects, including 10 focusing on legal recognition for 120 communities, 12 supporting land titling for 82 communities, and 31 related to natural resource management, sustainable tourism, and agroforestry in 45 communities. Visit [www.mdesawetoperu.org](http://www.mdesawetoperu.org) to learn more.

## About

The **Dedicated Grant Mechanism for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (DGM)** of the Forest Investment Program (FIP) is designed to enhance the capacity and support the priorities of indigenous peoples and local communities (IPLCs) to strengthen their participation in the FIP and other initiatives related to the reduction of emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD+).

## Upcoming Events

DGM Global Exchange:  
November 1-3, 2017

UNFCCC COP 23:  
November 6-17, 2017

Look for a special edition of DGM Digest in early November to learn more about the program's involvement in the 23rd Conference of the Parties (COP 23) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

## Strengthening Networks

**Right:** Jagat Barm of NEFIN maps out the flow of information in their network at national and subnational scales in Nepal



Representatives of the Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP) and the Nepal Federation of Indigenous Nationalities (NEFIN) met in Chiang Mai, Thailand in late

September to conduct a participatory social network analysis of regional and national IPLC networks. This working session built on the lessons learned from the DGM Asia Regional Exchange held in February 2017, and it continues to advance the DGM goal of strengthening IPLC networks to give community members a better platform for engagement at the national and international levels.

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# Sharing Knowledge

One of the key purposes of the Global Learning and Knowledge Exchange Project (DGM Global) is to facilitate shared learning across the DGM and with external stakeholders. One of the many ways the project does this is by organizing and facilitating events that bring together key representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities (IPLCs) and related networks and organizations.

In June 2017, DGM Global completed its first year of DGM Learning Exchanges with the Latin America Regional Exchange held in Minas Gerais, Brazil. Topics discussed included the Paris Agreement, social and environmental safeguards, and the importance of land rights. The event included 24 IPLC participants from 10 countries, including representatives from 4 non-DGM countries. This event also featured the DGM's first cross-regional exchange participation with one representative invited from Mozambique to share his experiences with the Latin American participants and to bring their knowledge back with him to Africa. This cross-regional participation is planned as a feature in all future DGM Regional Exchanges.



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The second year of DGM exchanges began with the Africa Regional Exchange, which was held in Kumasi, Ghana in August 2017. Cocoa production is one of Ghana's largest drivers of deforestation, so the Forest Investment Program and the DGM are focusing on ways to produce cocoa more sustainably. Among other topics, exchange participants learned agroforestry techniques for growing "climate-smart" cocoa within forests, which could minimize future deforestation related to cocoa production. The 2017 Africa Regional Exchange had 34 IPLC participants from 10 countries, including one participant from Nepal to promote knowledge sharing across regions.

DGM Global also facilitates this exchange between the DGM's executing agencies, which are the organizations that were selected to implement DGM projects under the direction of their respective steering committees. In June, Conservation International, as the DGM Global Executing Agency, hosted a meeting with representatives of six National Executing Agencies and the Global Steering Committee. Participants learned from one another about the successes and challenges of each project and began to develop coordinated approaches to DGM monitoring, communications, and grievance redress.



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