
CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS ON THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' PLATFORM

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[...] Parties and relevant organizations are invited to submit their views on the purpose, content and structure of the platform by 31 March 2017.

To be send to secretariat@unfccc.int

On behalf of Aquaverde, Metareilá and independent consultant
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The organizations in a nutshell

METAREILA

The METAREILA Association is an indigenous representation association from the Paiter Surui ethnies in Brazil. Among the various purposes foreseen in its statute, the Metareilá Association has as its objectives, related to the environmental area:

- To design and execute projects that promote the sustainable development of the natural resources and material culture of the Paiter people, which will enable the manufacture and marketing of products;
- To promote the protection of the environment and guarantee the conservation and preservation of biodiversity, as well as to defend sustainable development in the Sete de Setembro Indigenous Land;
- Promote actions for the reforestation of the degraded area and forest enrichment of the Sete de Setembro Indigenous Land;
- Develop studies, surveys and diagnosis of indigenous lands and conservation units.

Notably, the Metareilá association is one of the very few fully indigenous initiatives to have developed a REDD+ voluntary certified project (The Surui Forest Carbon Project).

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AQUAVERDE

The association AQUAVERDE is a non-profit association founded in 2002 and based in Geneva. Its mission is to protect the tropical forest from destruction and promote solutions that integrate sustainable management of the environment and human development, respecting the cultures and dignity of indigenous peoples.

The purpose of Aquaverde is to help ensure that the majority of indigenous peoples in the Brazilian Amazon understand the value of reforestation, education and training of young people, as well as their economy. After decades of collaboration with the Paiter Surui people, they have witnessed the sustainability and cost-effectiveness of the sustainable development path, convinced that there is a viable alternative, economically and culturally acceptable to deforestation and other destructive practices.

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Through the present document we would like to express our views on the purpose, content and structure of the local communities and indigenous peoples' platform. Please see below:

Preamble

According to the FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1, notably on paragraph 135, Parties acknowledge the participation of Non-Parties stakeholders, more specifically:

[...] 135. Recognizes the need to strengthen knowledge, technologies, practices and efforts of local communities and indigenous peoples related to addressing and responding to climate change, and establishes a platform for the exchange of experiences and sharing of best practices on mitigation and adaptation in a holistic and integrated manner; [...]

Add to previous decisions regarding REDD+ safeguards, as well as the sustainability of on the ground MRV mechanisms and grievance mechanisms that would have been helpful for the CDM implementation and robustness.

Finally, also following other correlated conventions related to identity, rights and participation as the C169 - Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169) from ILO Art. 06, 08, 13, 14, 15 and 17; and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Art. 18 and 19.

In that sense, deeply engaged in the need for participatory process within the Convention, as well as the urgent need for recognition of human rights from indigenous people, our organizations' present the propositions described below for the establishment of such a platform.

Purpose

- Ensure that local and indigenous communities are part of the implementation process and have recognized rights to benefit from financial support of the flexibility mechanism Post-2020;
- Ensure that the instruments agreed by Parties from UNFCCC and Kyoto have enough room for the formal participation of communities leaders and any kind of customary representatives and that their participation is facilitated with proper communication process having other languages than English;
- The Convention should invite Parties to formally have channels of communication and give financial support to representatives and traditional communities and indigenous people organizations so that they can be present in such arenas;
- Consider the fact that such populations are often based in remote and isolated areas, and therefore include modern internet mechanisms to allow a real participation.
- Provide additional resources to meet the adaptation needs of indigenous peoples through bilateral and multilateral funding mechanisms on an exclusive and reliable basis.
- Ensure the communication in between other instances as the UNDRIP.

Content

- Identify current climate, environmental and human risks and threats and potential to populations regarding the implementation of the NDCs and any other climate policy instruments;
- Provide pedagogical material to stakeholders to understand the UNFCCC stakes and decisions;
- Promote positive lists of activities as agroforestry and correlated initiatives relevant for food and nutritional security and adaptation of indigenous peoples to climate change.

- Provide additional resources to meet the adaptation needs of indigenous peoples through bilateral and multilateral funding mechanisms on an exclusive and reliable basis.
- Promote participation through social networks and other modern tools.

Proposed structure

