

**Results from Global Meeting of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities on the
Dedicated Grant Mechanism under the Forest Investment Program
Bangkok, Thailand, 3-5 April 2011**

The global meeting of indigenous peoples and local communities on the design of the *Dedicated Grant Mechanism under the Forest Investment Program* was held on April 3-5, 2011 in Bangkok, Thailand. IUCN provided logistical support to the CIF Administrative Unit and invited participants and observers.

The meeting was co-chaired by Ms. Joan Carling (Aisa Indigenous People (AIPP)) and Mr. Juan Carlos Jintiach (Coordinadora de Organizaciones Indigenas de la Cuenca Amazonica (COICA)). 35 representatives from indigenous peoples groups and local communities, self-selected during the regional caucuses, participated in the meeting. Seven additional organizations joined the meeting as observers. The Asian Development Bank and the World Bank observed the meeting on behalf of the Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs). The meeting was facilitated by Prof. James Radner, University of Toronto. The CIF Administrative Unit participated in an advisory capacity.

Participants reviewed the “Facilitator’s Preliminary Consolidated Draft” for the design of the dedicated grant mechanism that had been prepared taking into account the results of the four regional meetings. The draft was presented as a starting point for discussion, picking up to the extent possible consensus approaches to major elements of the design of the grant mechanism. Participants agreed that the Draft reflected considerable consensus, but that there remained important areas to be discussed.

The CIF Administrative Unit presented preliminary comments on the draft received from the MDBs, and informal suggestions from members of the FIP Sub-Committee. After discussion, the MDB representatives introduced options for the “financial intermediary” structure as resources will need to flow from the Trustee through one or more MDBs before disbursements can be made to indigenous peoples and local communities in the FIP pilot countries and for global knowledge sharing activities.

With this background information, participants broke into regional groups to review the draft and develop comments and proposals. Each group then presented its results, which served as a basis for a new, interim “consolidated” draft developed by the facilitator. Where there was a divergence of views, the text was placed in brackets. Where possible, bracketed text included suggested “middle ground” that might help the group move to consensus.

Recognizing the objective of having a design proposal submitted to the next meeting of the FIP Sub-Committee with a view to its approval, participants agreed that a smaller “working group” of indigenous peoples and local community representatives will meet to conclude the process.

The meeting developed more specific terms of reference, and self-selected membership of the working group on a regional basis.

Finally, the meeting discussed the process for self-selection by indigenous peoples for the observers (and alternates) to the FIP Sub-Committee and other CIF decision-making committees. Participants decided that the self-selection should take place on a regional basis at the forthcoming UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII), and that the approach should follow the methodology for regional selection in standard use at the Permanent Forum.

A meeting of the newly established working group is now planned for May 22-24, 2011, in Washington D.C. These dates were chosen to take advantage of the presence of most indigenous peoples representatives in the meeting of the UNPFII which will take place in New York on May 16-27, 2011.

Information on the participants and observers of the Bangkok meeting are posted on the FIP website
<http://www.climateinvestmentfunds.org/cif/node/1956>