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The EnABLE Quarterly Newsletter provides the latest updates from the EnABLE Trust Fund, and related work on social inclusion and gender equity. This issue presents highlights of activities from October through December, 2023, along with information on upcoming publications.

Day One of the *Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Global Dialogue on Climate Finance*

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## GERMANY SIGNS AGREEMENT COMMITTING AN ADDITIONAL €25 MILLION TO EnABLE

In November 2023, the German government through its Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) signed an agreement committing a further €25 million to the EnABLE Trust Fund, confirming its earlier announcement in December 2022 at the United Nations Biodiversity Conference (COP15).

While attending the *Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Global Dialogue on Climate Finance* in Costa Rica last November, Michael Lehmann, Senior Policy Officer with BMZ's Environmental Division, underscored the importance of participation by Indigenous Peoples (IPs) and local communities (LCs): "Indigenous and local knowledge is especially important in the process of incorporating what works, what doesn't work, and where improvement is needed." He also noted that the EnABLE Trust Fund is unique in its mission to ensure that IPs and LCs are able to participate fully in the design and implementation of emission reductions programs and have full access to the resulting benefits through inclusive benefit sharing arrangements.



Michael Lehmann, Senior Policy Officer, Environmental Division, BMZ

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## REPORT ON THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES GLOBAL DIALOGUE ON CLIMATE FINANCE

The *Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Global Dialogue on Climate Finance*, held in San José, Costa Rica, November 6–9, 2023, brought together more than 60 representatives of Indigenous Peoples (IPs) and local communities (LCs) from around the world. The objective of the Global Dialogue was to facilitate meaningful discourse by IPs and LCs on their engaging in and benefiting from results-based climate finance, including decision-making processes, implementation mechanisms, and access to benefits. Content and facilitation were led by a Steering Group, who not only moderated the event, but also prepared the discussion topics and selected the speakers and invitees.

The Global Dialogue was jointly organized by EnABLE, the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF), the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), and the German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ). Crucial support was also provided by the World Bank’s and BMZ’s local teams in Costa Rica, as well as by the Costa Rican government, which hosted the dialogue.

Over the course of the dialogue, participants explored three key themes selected by the Steering Group: (1) mechanisms to facilitate direct financing and benefit sharing; (2) direct representation and participation in consultations and decision making on payment initiatives; and (3) approaches to enhancing inclusion in climate resilience and results-based financing initiatives in response to underlying barriers and challenges. Each theme was covered through a panel discussion, regional discussion groups, presentations of regional findings, and further discussion and agreement on overarching implications.

Day Three involved field trips to the Cabécar de Chirripó Indigenous Reserve and the Cabécar Nairi Awari Indigenous territory. Day Four focused on consolidating discussions and findings. A “sounding board” session was held in the morning, with the Steering Group presenting the initial findings to a group of engaged and supportive external experts comprising representatives of the governments of Costa Rica, Germany, and Norway; the Tenure Facility; and World Bank management. Thereafter, participants further identified the dialogue’s key messages and discussed the path forward.

In the resulting [Outcome Statement](#), the IP and LC participants defined three strategic pathways for REDD+ and carbon crediting to go beyond merely mitigating risks and safeguarding IPs and LCs, to grounding their rights and inclusion as full partners.

*Reported by Bouke Berns of the EnABLE Secretariat*

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Global Dialogue Steering Group (left to right): Anne Samante, Kenya; Pablo Mis, Belize; Eileen Delia Mairena Cunningham, Nicaragua; and Helen Magata, the Philippines



Dolores de Jesus Cabnal Coc, Guatemala, leading the opening invocation



Africa regional discussion group on Day One



Louise Cord, Director of the World Bank’s Social Sustainability and Inclusion (SSI) Global Practice, and Maria Elena Herrera Ugalde, Head of the REDD+ Department, FONAFIFO, Costa Rica



EnABLE Fund Manager, Asyl Undeland



## LATIN AMERICAN INDIGENOUS LEADERS OFFER UNIQUE INSIGHTS AT REGIONAL ROUNDTABLE ON CLIMATE RESILIENCE

The “Latin America and the Caribbean Multistakeholder Roundtable on Indigenous Peoples’ Resilience to Climate Shocks” took place in Panama City, Panama, October 20–21, 2023. This event—which was supported by EnABLE, ProGreen, and the Human Rights, Inclusion and Empowerment Umbrella Trust Fund (HRIETF)—was a collaborative effort between the World Bank and the Fund for the Development of Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean (FILAC). The roundtable brought together 28 Indigenous leaders from 12 countries to discuss the key drivers and enablers of resilience to climate and other external shocks. The event will provide inputs into the World Bank’s global study, “Understanding and Building Indigenous Peoples’ Resilience to Climate Shocks.” It also contributed to the *Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Global Dialogue on Climate Finance* (see report on page 2).

The Latin American Indigenous leaders provided unique contributions. For example, Indigenous representatives from Oaxaca, Mexico, highlighted the importance of collective celebrations as a means to foster social cohesion, support socio-psychological resilience, and share important traditional values across generations. Participants from many countries highlighted the importance of the empowerment and participation of women and youth, and the role of intergenerational knowledge transfer as being critical for cultural identity and survival. Looking outward, they also noted the importance of permanent participatory spaces to facilitate dialogue with governmental entities, as exists in Panama with the National Council of Indigenous Peoples. Participants also highlighted the importance of culturally inclusive public policies and not only the adoption, but also

the implementation and monitoring of international rights frameworks for Indigenous Peoples (IPs) as a means of promoting and safeguarding resilience.

One of the key topics discussed was climate finance, where leaders highlighted the urgent need for direct access to financing in order to enable active participation in decision-making processes and help preserve Indigenous cultural and spiritual practices. Leaders called for improvement of their organizations’ project management capacities, while also emphasizing the need for climate finance mechanisms to be congruent with Indigenous knowledge and contributions. Participants advocated the establishment of funds managed by IPs and stressed the necessity of involving organizations with expertise in capacity building. Moreover, they requested the simplification of donor funding procedures.

The knowledge generated at the roundtable will inform World Bank financing and policy dialogue around building resilient societies and safeguarding against activities that could undermine that resilience. At the same time, the work is serving to enhance global public knowledge because it is among the first studies intended to define the drivers and enablers of resilience from the perspective of IPs.

*Reported by Mayra Lucia Hoyos Benitez and Dianna Pizarro of the Social Sustainability and Inclusion global team*

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## STATUS OF EnABLE's PROGRAMMING

With the recent initiation of EnABLE activities in the Dominican Republic in December 2023, EnABLE knowledge and capacity building programming is now ongoing in 10 of its 15 target countries, and country programs have been endorsed by the EnABLE Steering Committee in 6 of these countries (see table below).

Knowledge and capacity building programming activities have yet to commence in Chile, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Fiji, and the Republic of Congo. [EnABLE's webpage](#) features a [dashboard](#) where more information and resources can be found on the fund's activities and each country's emission reductions program.

REGION	COUNTRY	STATUS OF PROGRAMMING
Africa	Ghana	Country program in preparation
	Madagascar	Country program proposal in development
	Mozambique	Country program initiated
East Asia and Pacific	Indonesia	Country program in preparation
	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Country program in preparation
	Vietnam	Knowledge and capacity building programming initiated
Latin America and the Caribbean	Costa Rica	Country program in preparation
	Dominican Republic	Knowledge and capacity building programming initiated
	Guatemala	Knowledge and capacity building programming initiated
South Asia	Nepal	Country program in preparation

### Update on EnABLE's Programming in Costa Rica

From October 31 to November 3, 2023, the EnABLE task team for Latin America and the Caribbean visited Costa Rica to discuss objectives and components of EnABLE programming there with representatives of both the government and Indigenous Peoples (IPs). Activities included a two-day workshop to discuss arrangements for implementing the program, along with the best mechanism for selecting a steering committee.

As a result of the meetings, it was agreed that a sociocultural and institutional analysis should be carried out on several Indigenous territories for the purpose of (1) gaining further understanding of initial assessments of the Environmental, Territorial, and Forestry Plans created as a tool under the Costa Rican Emission Reductions Program; (2) conducting consultations with IPs on potential activities for inclusion under the country's EnABLE programming; and (3) confirming implementation arrangements for the program. Two IP experts subsequently conducted the analysis through field work across Costa Rica in November and early December 2023. As a next step, the team will validate the results of the analysis and incorporate the findings into ongoing program preparation.

*Reported by Rosa Maria Martinez of the EnABLE task team for the Latin American and Caribbean region*

### Consultations to Advance EnABLE's Programming in the Dominican Republic

During December 11–13, 2023, the EnABLE task team for Latin America and the Caribbean participated in exploratory activities to advance EnABLE programming in the Dominican Republic. This included (1) meeting with government representatives Cesar Abrill Cáceres and Juan Manuel Grillo of the REDD+ Coordination Office to discuss the EnABLE country program proposal and explore potential collaborations; (2) progress meetings with executing entities for the REDD+ benefit sharing plan; (3) site visits; and (4) meetings with Dominican civil society organizations working on forestry and climate change. The next step is to develop terms of reference for a consulting firm or organization to be chosen to develop and implement key components of capacity building programming for the country.

*Reported by Greta Granados De Orbegoso and Kenn Rapp of the EnABLE task team for the Latin American and Caribbean region*

### Update on EnABLE's Programming in Guatemala

During the second quarter of FY2024, Utz Che'—the network of community-based organizations selected to implement EnABLE's knowledge and capacity building activities in the departments of Huehuetenango, Quiché, and Totonicapán—continued to develop the capacity building curriculum. The network also launched the Community Forestry School and delivered the first three-module course to 50 young Indigenous leaders. The modules focused on natural resource management, climate change, community economic development, social auditing, and the use of technology to monitor local forests. This endeavor, cofinanced with the Global Partnership for Social Accountability (GPSA), aims to enhance the participation of Indigenous Peoples in climate action through policy dialogue and community investment.

*Reported by Kenn Rapp and Maria Carmen Albertos de Ceano-Vivas of the EnABLE task team for the Latin American and Caribbean region*



## REPORT FROM THE UNITED NATIONS YEARLY CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE—COP28



### OVERVIEW

*Carbon markets could be a game changer, but they have to be trustworthy, transparent, and benefit developing countries first. Getting them right is essential.*

The United Nations yearly climate change conference (COP28) was held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, November 30–December 12, 2023. The Global Dialogue Steering Group members Anne Samante (MPIDO, Kenya) and Pablo Mis (member of the Maya Q'eqchi community of Laguna, Belize) participated in the World Bank panel, “Trustworthy and Transparent Voluntary Carbon Markets: A Game Changer for Developing Countries,” the [replay of which is available online](#).



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Anne Samante moderated the panel, and Pablo Mis discussed the three strategic pathways enumerated in the [Outcome Statement of the Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Global Dialogue on Climate Finance](#). He spoke of the lessons learned through experiences with the REDD+ initiative under the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF), particularly the unique space for engagement and dialogue among forest sector constituencies—including Indigenous Peoples (IPs) and national governments—that had developed through the REDD+ process. He also affirmed the potential for EnABLE to support IPs and local communities (LCs) even more, highlighting the call from both IPs and LCs to scale and develop the fund’s reach.

The panel also comprised Alex van Trotsenburg, Senior Managing Director of the World Bank’s Development Policy and Partnerships, who noted the challenges associated with replicating the experience of the forestry sector much faster and on a much larger scale; Mary Grady, President and CEO of the Environmental Resources Trust and ARC Executive Director, who stated, “What we need to build confidence in carbon markets are global [and] harmonized measurement, monitoring, reporting, and verification standards that are rigorous, but. . .also. . .practical and implementable”; and Samuel Abu Jinapor, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Ghana, who highlighted “the challenge of putting in place the necessary institutional, policy, and legal frameworks to make sure that carbon markets serve the purpose for which they were created.”

Reported by Asyl Undeland, EnABLE Fund Manager



COP28  
UAE

### Sponsorship of Civil Society Organization and Indigenous Peoples Observers

EnABLE and the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) cosponsored the participation of several civil society organization observers and two members of the Global Dialogue’s Steering Group at COP28 to let their voices be heard at the international climate conference:

- ✓ Sergio Guzman of the Association of Forest Communities of Petén (ACOFOP), Guatemala
- ✓ Dil Raj Khanal of the Federation of Community Forest Users of Nepal (FECOFAN)
- ✓ Joseph Ole Simel of the Mainyoto Pastoralists Integrated Development Organization (MPIDO), Kenya
- ✓ Anne Samante of MPIDO, Kenya, and Global Dialogue Steering Group member
- ✓ Pablo Mis, member of the Maya Q'eqchi community of Laguna, Belize, and Global Dialogue Steering Group member

### Dissemination of the Outcome Statement from the Global Dialogue

To facilitate dissemination of the results of the *Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Global Dialogue on Climate Finance*, EnABLE produced a flyer and postcard for distribution at COP28. The materials provided a QR code for easy online access to the newly released Outcome Statement of the Global Dialogue.







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## NEWLY RELEASED AND UPCOMING EnABLE PUBLICATIONS

- ✓ [Outcome Statement of the Global Dialogue](#), “Enabling Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities to Engage in and Benefit from Results-Based Climate Finance”
  - [ENGLISH](#) • [FRENCH](#) • [SPANISH](#)
- ✓ World Bank blog “[Indigenous Peoples and local communities hold the key to successful high-integrity carbon markets](#),” by Pablo Mis, Jennifer J. Sara, and Asyl Undeland
- ✓ The full report on the *Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Global Dialogue on Climate Finance* is currently in preparation and, once released, will be available at the [Global Dialogue web page](#) in English, French, and Spanish

## UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- ✓ [World Bank Group/International Monetary Fund Spring Meetings](#) will be held in Washington, DC, April 19–21, 2024.
- ✓ The [19th Session of the United Nations Forum on Forests](#) (UNFF 19) will be held in New York, NY, May 6–10, 2024.

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