

This newsletter provides the latest updates from the EnABLE trust fund and related social inclusion work.

This issue includes recent highlights from January through March 2023, as well as details of upcoming publications and events.

## SNAPSHOTS

- EnABLE presented at the dialogue Defining the Path Forward: *Rights-Based Conservation and Climate Approaches in 2023 and Beyond*
- Training course on the fundamentals of project management, for Asia-based Indigenous Peoples' and civil society organizations
- Latin America and Caribbean Regional Closing Workshop on REDD+ for Indigenous Peoples, Civil Society and Local Communities in FCPF-CBP Phase III
- Asia-Pacific FCPF Capacity Building on REDD+ Project Regional Knowledge-Sharing Workshop
- Africa EnABLE Awareness and Regional IPLC-CBP on REDD+ Closing Workshop
- Results-Based Carbon and Climate Finance Training for Government of Vietnam
- Indonesia National Workshop on Accessing Carbon Markets and Results-Based Finance
- Nepal: Consultation and Workshop with IPLC stakeholders
- Mozambique: EnABLE Technical Meeting to collaborate with the Zambezia Integrated Landscape Management Project (ZILMP)
- Get REDDy translated into Nepali

## UPCOMING ENABLE PUBLICATIONS, WEBINARS, AND EVENTS

- Webinar on social inclusion in REDD+ in May 2023 (tentative).
- An e-learning course for IPLCs in EnABLE programs, with the first two modules set to launch in June 2023. Module 1 details the Monitoring and Evaluation under EnABLE, and Module 2 focuses on the social inclusion aspects of the REDD+ programs.
- EnABLE Steering Committee meeting will take place from June 1-2, 2023 in Rome, Italy, alongside meetings of the FCPF.

## ENABLE COUNTRY PROGRAMMING

There are nine countries with ongoing EnABLE knowledge and capacity-building programming, four of which are preparing country projects. The [EnABLE webpage](#) features a [dashboard](#) where you can find more information and resources on EnABLE's activities and emission reductions (ER) programs in each country. Knowledge and Capacity Building (KCB) programming has yet to commence in Côte d'Ivoire, Chile, Democratic Republic of Congo, Dominican Republic, Fiji, and Republic of Congo.

REGION	COUNTRY	STATUS
Africa	Ghana	Country project under preparation
	Madagascar	Country project proposal under development
	Mozambique	Country project initiated
East Asia and the Pacific	Indonesia	Country project under preparation
	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Country project under preparation
	Vietnam	Country project proposal under development
Latin America and the Caribbean	Costa Rica	Country project proposal under development
	Guatemala	KCB programming initiated
South Asia	Nepal	Country project proposal under development

## ENABLE PRESENTED AT THE DIALOGUE DEFINING THE PATH FORWARD: RIGHTS-BASED CONSERVATION AND CLIMATE APPROACHES IN 2023 AND BEYOND

EnABLE Fund Manager, Asyl Undeland, presented an overview of the fund at a dialogue hosted by the Rights and Resources Institute (RRI) and the Embassy of Sweden in the United States on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The [event](#), *Dialogue on Rights-Based Conservation and Climate Approaches in 2023 and Beyond*, brought together speakers and attendees from a wide range of backgrounds and countries, all working to achieve inclusive, rights-based conservation and development outcomes.



Cristián Samper (Bezos Earth Fund), Asyl Undeland (EnABLE), and Michele Zollinger (Nestlé) at the dialogue

Opening the event, Deputy Swedish Ambassador Ingrid Ask reflected on the long-time struggle of

Scandinavia's Sami people, the only recognized Indigenous Peoples in the European Union, to achieve full recognition of rights. Ms. Ask recognized that, while a truth commission was established in 2021 to address past violations against the Sami people by the state of Sweden, there is still work to do to address present inequities. Particularly in climate action, full recognition of Indigenous Peoples' rights relating to land, herding, and other important interests must be ensured.

Solange Bandiaky-Badji, RRI Coordinator and President of the Rights and Resources Group, echoed these comments noting that "major progress has been made in supporting the tenure rights agenda, and the need for rights-based approaches to climate and conservation action is now broadly recognized." At the same time, Ms. Bandiaky-Badji recognized that the involvement and engagement of Indigenous Peoples and local communities (IPLCs) in the design and decision-making processes of climate initiatives has lagged, with their voices often remaining peripheral.

The first panel, led by Cécile Ndjebet of Cameroon, discussed a vision for how communities can achieve more funding, recognition, autonomy, and self-determination. She was joined by other IPLCs leaders, including Stanley Kimaren Ole Riamit (Kenya), Gustavo Sánchez Valle (Mexico), and Archana Soreng (India). Cécile stressed that sustainable development cannot be achieved without women having direct access to resources: "Women have the capacity, the experience, and the know-how to care for mother earth, to care for our nature, and to keep our environment alive. What they are lacking is funding." The need for direct access to funding was echoed by other panelists, who underscored the importance for IPLCs to not merely be recipients or beneficiaries, but to be actively involved in designing climate initiatives to ensure their knowledge and experience is best utilized and their way of life is respected.

The second panel considered how donors can ensure that communities' voices are heard, and included EnABLE Fund Manager Asyl Undeland as well as Johnson Cerda (Conservation International), Michele Zollinger (Nestlé), and Cristián Samper (Bezos Earth Fund). Asyl the need to start engaging IPs and local communities more practically in the results-based climate finance activities: "We now need more capacities for these communities to get into the policymaking, into the decision-making, and to be leading members of the climate



and conservation movement in their countries.” Asyl explained that part of the EnABLE fund’s approach to achieving this inclusion is that local Indigenous Peoples Organizations (IPOs) and civil society organizations (CSOs) implement programs and manage the resources directly, allowing them to become equal and active members of country climate partnerships and part of the continuous stream of results-based climate finance.

During the event RRI presented the [Blue Skies](#) report – a compilation of 100 interviews with leaders representing networks of Indigenous Peoples, Afro-Descendant Peoples and Local Communities’ Territorial Rightsholders. You can find more information about the event and the Blue Skies report on the [RRI website](#).

## TRAINING COURSE ON THE FUNDAMENTALS OF PROJECT MANAGEMENT FOR IP ORGANIZATIONS AND CSOS

From February 6-10 in Bangkok, Thailand, EnABLE held a training course for Asia-based IPOs and CSOs on the Fundamentals of Project Management.

There was a total of 34 participants from six organizations: ANSAB (Nepal), RECOFTC (Lao PDR and Thailand), FECOFUN (Nepal), NEFIN (Nepal), KEMITRAAN (Indonesia), and RDN (Nepal). These are all organizations that are expected to engage in EnABLE country programs in the coming year. Among the facilitators and participants were representatives of intermediary organizations of the [Forest Carbon Partnership Facility \(FCPF\) Capacity Building Program \(CBP\)](#), such as MPIDO, ACICAFOC, ANSAB, FECOFUN, Tebtebba and NEFIN.



Participants of the Fundamentals of Project Management training course in Bangkok, Thailand

The course consisted of five introductory modules: 1) Social Inclusion in Results-Based Climate Finance (RBCF) 2) Environmental and Social Framework, 3) Project Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting 4) Financial Management, and 5) Procurement.

Participants found the training useful for enhancing their understanding of how to implement Bank-financed projects and connecting with other organizations in the region. They were enthusiastic about participating in future training opportunities.



## AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN REGIONAL CLOSING WORKSHOP ON REDD+ FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES, CIVIL SOCIETY AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN FCPF-CBP PHASE III

The FCPF CBP Phase III project in the Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) region held a closing regional workshop in the Dominican Republic from January 30-31st. The workshop served as a capstone on the CBP overall and marked the impending closure of its third phase at the end of February 2023. The workshop was designed to provide:

- A space for regional knowledge sharing.
- An opportunity for reflection on findings and lessons learned from the Phase III project and the overall FCPF CBP in LAC.
- A bridge to future REDD+-related capacity building activities to be undertaken with the support of other initiatives, such as the EnABLE fund.

The two IOs, ACICAFOC and Sotz'il, along with 89 representatives from beneficiary organizations in 12 countries, presented the main outcomes of the Phase III project and the overall FCPF-CBP in LAC. One of the results reported was reaching a remarkable number of beneficiaries at over 14,000 – almost four times the original target. Of the beneficiaries reached, there was participation from 86% of forest-dependent peoples' and southern CSOs' engagement in REDD+ processes at the local, national, and regional levels. The project also achieved target composition of direct beneficiaries, with women making up 46% and Afro-descendants making up 5%. Overall, the Phase III project elevated the essential role of women as resource stewards in local and IP communities. It also created opportunities to involve Afro-descendants through trainings, dissemination of information at the grassroots level, and, in certain cases such as Panama, dialogues with government representatives.

The workshop used a roundtable discussions format for the presentation of subproject outcomes. As an example of these, many beneficiary organizations were able to leverage additional funding, obtain governmental support, and create partnerships with academic institutions. The project reported the creation of 54 networking collaborations with its participants. Seventy-nine percent of the participant organizations were found to have made new alliances to develop or continue REDD+ activities. For example, a Colombian subproject led by a group of women known as the "Guardians of the Water" managed to obtain an academic endorsement and technical support to deliver a diploma (certificate) program for local-level women on REDD+ topics, most of which were focused on water and forest conservation.

Key results from the CBP in LAC for IPLCs and in-country CSOs during the Phase III project included increased knowledge and understanding of REDD+ and its processes at the local level. This was accomplished through trainings and the dissemination of information at the grassroots level. The project also emphasized the involvement of women in decision-making processes, the representation of IPLCs and Afro-descendants in authoritative REDD+ bodies at the national and sub-national levels, and the development of partnerships among REDD+ stakeholders.



A local TV station [reported](#) on the workshop.



## ASIA-PACIFIC CAPACITY BUILDING ON REDD+ PROJECT REGIONAL KNOWLEDGE-SHARING WORKSHOP

A regional knowledge-sharing workshop was held on February 12-14 in Bangkok, Thailand, following the closing of the FCPF-CBP in the East Asia and Pacific region. The workshop was delivered jointly by the implementing organizations, ANSAB (Asia Network for Sustainable Agriculture and Bioresources) and Tebtebba (Indigenous Peoples' International Centre for Policy Research and Education). The workshop gathered 65 representatives from the 10 FCPF countries, including indigenous peoples' organizations (IPOs) and CSOs implementing the sub-projects, REDD+ focal points from ERP countries, CSO/IP FCPF observers in the region, members of the Regional Steering Committees (RSC), regional organizations working on REDD+, and the World Bank.

Key results from the program include the increase of knowledge and the building of capabilities of indigenous peoples in understanding REDD+ and its processes through trainings and wide dissemination of information at the grassroots level. The program also encouraged the representation of indigenous peoples at national and sub-national meetings and developed partnerships between indigenous peoples and REDD+ stakeholders. It bridged the knowledge gaps among indigenous peoples and relevant local government offices, as before the program, they were unaware of REDD+ and ERP and the right of indigenous peoples in these programs. IPLC training participants said they would use the knowledge gained in their communities, while local government representatives became more willing to collaborate with CSOs/IPLCs and forest officials.

Furthermore, the program conducted two important strands of research – one related to Indigenous Women and Benefit Sharing in ERP Implementation in Fiji, Indonesia, and Nepal, and another one to overview REDD+ and Benefit Sharing Programs in Asia-Pacific covering mainly Fiji, Indonesia, Laos, Nepal, and Vietnam.



Participants of the Asia-Pacific Knowledge-Sharing workshop

## AFRICA ENABLE AWARENESS AND REGIONAL IPLC-CBP ON REDD+ CLOSING WORKSHOP

The FCPF CBP Africa closing workshop took place from January 15-18, in Accra, Ghana. Much like in the Asia-Pacific region, the findings and lessons learned of the CBP in Africa feed into EnABLE activities on the continent, and many of the organizations and individuals participating in the CBP closing workshop take part in the training course on project management skills and help design and implement EnABLE programming in their respective country programs.

The FCPF-CBP for Forest dependent IPLCs in Africa has been coordinated by the Mainyoto Pastoralists Integrated Development Organization (MPIDO) since 2016. The project aimed at strengthening the knowledge of forest-dependent IPs from 18 FCPF countries and facilitating the active engagement of and meaningful participation by IPs and local communities in the national REDD+ processes.





Participants of the Africa regional workshop

With the FCPF readiness grant ending in 2022, a closing workshop for FCPF-CBP African projects was held in Accra, Ghana. The workshop was attended by 37 participants from IP organizations and CSOs from 10 countries (Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Mozambique, Nigeria, Sudan, and Uganda). The objectives of the workshop were to review the CBP project from inception to closing and how IPLCs have interacted with it, share experiences on CBP by sub-grantees with challenges, opportunities, and lessons learned.

Attendees of the workshop reviewed and presented the main deliverables of the FCPF-CBP. Deliverables included several county-level knowledge products in Sudan, Uganda, Ethiopia, Nigeria, and Liberia for knowledge dissemination in the form of workshops, trainings, and radio broadcasts. In 2022, the CBP organized a three-month online training program that covered the topics of financial management, human rights and REDD+, gender mainstreaming, knowledge management and communication, resource mobilization, and networking. 176 participants from 7 countries (Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Nigeria, Sudan, and Uganda) completed the training, of which 48% were women.



Participants of the Africa regional workshop

The workshop introduced the new climate finance facilities including Scaling Climate Action by Lowering Emissions (SCALE) and the EnABLE fund. The workshop also allowed for the sharing of experiences among FCPF Emissions Reduction program countries including the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Madagascar, and Mozambique. Before the end of the workshop, participants discussed future action plans to engage IPLCs in result-based climate finance.

## RESULTS-BASED CARBON AND CLIMATE FINANCE TRAINING FOR GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM

From February 27 to March 1, the World Bank conducted a high-level training on Results-based Carbon and Climate Finance in Hanoi, Vietnam. The training was organized in response to the Government of Vietnam's request to build understanding and identify priority next steps and action plans for scaling up results-based carbon and climate finance (RBCF) with the World Bank's support. The training aimed to help key actors within the Government of Vietnam obtain a common understanding of opportunities and building blocks of RBCF, share lessons across ministries and other government entities, and identify priority next steps for further developing RBCF in the country.

Svend Jensby, the EnABLE Coordinator for the East Asia region, delivered a session on social inclusion and environmental and social safeguards in RBCF during the high-level training event.



EnABLE Vietnam Task Team Leader Svend Jensby presenting the fund



## INDONESIA NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON ACCESSING CARBON MARKETS AND RESULTS-BASED FINANCE

The World Bank and the Government of Indonesia (GoI) co-hosted a workshop in Jakarta, Indonesia from March 6-7 on results-based finance and carbon markets. The aim of the workshop was to help Indonesia scale up finance to meet its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) targets, as well as to increase understanding of opportunities for results-based and carbon finance, discuss challenges, and share lessons among GoI entities. Representatives from national and subnational-level government counterparts attended the workshop. One of the sessions was delivered by Hannah Duncan, a social development specialist who is a team member of the EnABLE Indonesia Task Team. Her session focused on benefit sharing and safeguards in RBCF.

## NEPAL: CONSULTATION AND WORKSHOP WITH IPLC STAKEHOLDERS

In March, EnABLE held consultation workshops with IPLC stakeholders at the national and district levels in Nepal. The consultations formed part of the co-design process for the EnABLE project in the country, which targets marginalized forest dependent communities in the 13 districts of the ER Program in the Terai Arc Landscape.

At the workshop in Kathmandu, participants from 14 national level organizations, including forest and natural resources-based organizations, and those representing IPs, women, Dalit communities, and IPs with disabilities. Following the Kathmandu workshop, a second, district-level workshop was held in Kailali, in the Sudurpaschim province in Nepal. It convened 30 participants from Kailali and Kanchanpur including district chapters of various IPLC organizations and members of forest user groups.

Participants discussed Nepal's current forest landscape and shared insight into the experiences of forest-dependent communities. They discussed challenges faced by forest-dependent communities, including the disproportionate impacts of climate change on IPLC's and the limited recognition of customary institutions in the forestry regime. They also identified a lack of access to information on government programs and raised concerns about equitable benefit sharing and proper inclusion of women and other marginalized community members in decision-making within community groups.

Observations and feedback received from both workshops will inform the ongoing design process for EnABLE in Nepal. It will also be part of the capacity assessment research being undertaken by the EnABLE team in Nepal, generating insights on the functioning and performance of community forest groups relative to sector regulatory guidelines and policy aspirations and informing the future support efforts for these groups.



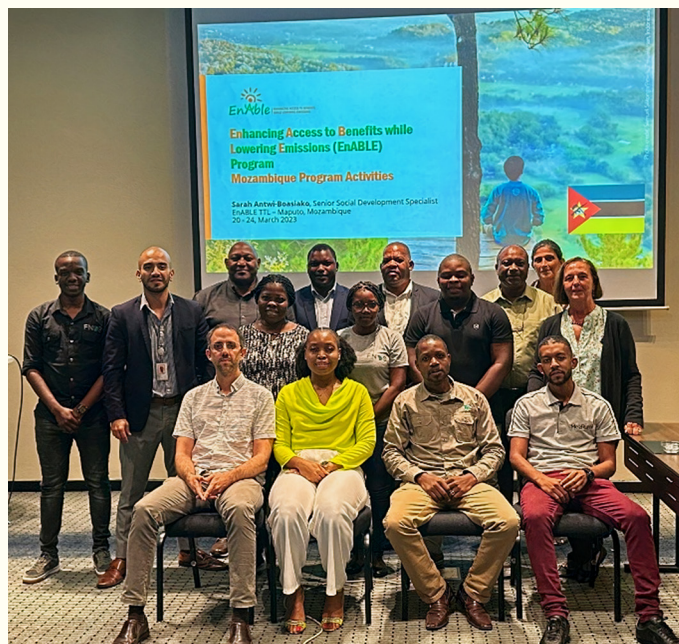
EnABLE Design Consultation Workshop in Kailali, Sudurpaschim Province.



## MOZAMBIQUE: ENABLE TECHNICAL MEETING TO COLLABORATE WITH THE ZAMBEZIA INTEGRATED LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT PROJECT (ZILMP)

The EnABLE team held a technical meeting with the program implementation team for the Zambezia Integrated Landscape Management Project (ZILMP) from March 20-24 in Mozambique. The meeting covered several topics, including Project Implementation Manual, selection criteria for local CSOs, and the roles of the Fundo Nacional de Desenvolvimento Sustentável (FNDS) and the government REDD+ Secretariat.

Additionally, the EnABLE team conducted consultations with the Zambézia Multi-Stakeholder Platform and other relevant local CSOs who are interested in serving as the national executing agency of the EnABLE Program. The team also discussed the implementation of the Gender Action Learning System methodology in selected EnABLE program districts in the Zambezia region. Finally, the EnABLE team engaged BMZ and GIZ teams to explore synergies for coordination and alignment.



Technical meeting participants

## GET REDDY TRANSLATED INTO NEPALI

In March, the Get REDDy outreach program was further expanded to include Nepali-language content, through a partnership with the EnABLE Nepal team and a local communications firm. All ten episodes of Get REDDy are now available in Nepali in a podcast format, accessible on platforms such as [Spotify](#) and [Apple Podcasts](#).

Nepali is spoken by approximately 80% of Nepal's population, while English is only spoken by 15-30%. It is hoped that, with these new translations, Get REDDy will reach many more Nepalese communities.

## UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- The BioCarbon Fund Initiative for Sustainable Forest Landscapes (ISFL) 2023 Mid-Year Meeting, May 3-5, 2023, in Vienna, Austria
- 18<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN Forum on Forests (UNFF 18), May 8–12, 2023, in New York City, USA
- Global Forest Observations Initiative (GFOI) Plenary meeting, May 9–11, 2023, in Rome, Italy
- The FCPF 26<sup>th</sup> Carbon Fund Meeting (CF26), May 29–June 1, 2023, in Rome, Italy

