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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 July through September, 2023, along with information on upcoming publications and events.

PHOTO: Tharu women weaving traditional baskets with shrubs collected from their community forest

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STATUS OF EnABLE's PROGRAMMING

EnABLE knowledge and capacity building programming is currently ongoing in 9 of its 15 target countries, and country programs have been endorsed by the EnABLE Steering Committee in 6 of these countries (see the table below). Note that [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.

Knowledge and capacity building programming has yet to commence in Chile, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Dominican Republic, Fiji, and the Republic of Congo.

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
	Guatemala	Knowledge and capacity building programming initiated
South Asia	Nepal	Country program in preparation

AFRICA MULTISTAKEHOLDER ROUNDTABLE ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE SHOCKS

The “Africa Multistakeholder Roundtable on Indigenous Peoples’ Resilience to Climate Shocks” was held in Nairobi, Kenya, August 31–September 1, 2023. The EnABLE-supported event was a collaboration between the World Bank and the Mainyoto Pastoralist Integrated Development Organization (MPIDO). Indigenous Peoples (IPs) from 20 African countries came together to discuss key drivers/enablers of resilience to climate and other external shocks. The risks and opportunities associated with climate- and nature-related finance were also discussed in the context of building resilience.

The roundtable was part of the larger World Bank initiative “Understanding and Building Indigenous Peoples’ Resilience to Climate Shocks,” under which evidence is being compiled on successful strategies employed by IPs across Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and South Asia to increase their resilience to shocks in diverse landscapes and ecosystems.

In-depth discussions focused on three case studies conducted in Botswana, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Kenya. Among the initial drivers/enablers identified were traditional knowledge; self-governance and social cohesion; Indigenous food systems and economies; secure access to land and natural resources; access to markets, services, and opportunities; and supportive legal and institutional frameworks.

Discussions led to the addition of the following further set of drivers/enablers: traditional communication networks, secure access to wildlife and livestock, recognition of mobility rights, access to justice systems, intercultural research, documentation of traditional knowledge, and engagement and partnership with external actors. Insights from the roundtable also emphasized the crucial roles of women and youth in sustaining food systems and governance structures, and in transmitting traditional knowledge.

Outcomes from the roundtable will inform thinking and proposals on IP resilience, which will be presented and further explored at the Indigenous Peoples’ Global Dialogue on Climate Finance, to be held in San José, Costa Rica, November 6–9, 2023 (see page 4 for details) and at COP28, the United Nations yearly climate change conference, to be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, November 30–December 12, 2023.

In Africa, this work contributed to the capacity of IPs to share their concerns and proposals on climate change resilience at both the opening and closing ceremonies of the inaugural Africa Climate Summit, which was attended by thousands of people, including heads of state, ministers, and high-level representatives from the world’s development community. The knowledge generated through this work will inform the World Bank’s financing and investments in support of IP climate resilience and adaptation capacity. Moreover, by contributing to a better understanding of the strategies that successfully support Indigenous Peoples’ resilience—including providing new evidence on the critical issues involved—this work also serves as a global public good.

The roundtable was followed on September 2–3, 2023, by the “Indigenous People’s Pre-Summit,” an event also supported by EnABLE and MPIDO in the lead up to the Africa Climate Summit. The pre-summit provided further opportunity for Indigenous leaders to articulate their priorities and key contributions to climate change adaptation and mitigation.

Reported by Mayra Lucia Hoyos Benitez of EnABLE’s global task team



Anne Samante giving the opening statement at the Africa Multistakeholder Roundtable on Indigenous Peoples’ Resilience to Climate Shocks

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Judy Kipkenda giving the closing statement at the Africa Multistakeholder Roundtable on Indigenous Peoples’ Resilience to Climate Shocks

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SOUTH ASIA REGIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' RESILIENCE ROUNDTABLE

The EnABLE-supported “South Asia Regional Indigenous Peoples’ Resilience Roundtable” was held September 28–29, 2023, in Kathmandu, Nepal. The event brought together 35 Indigenous thought leaders and experts from 14 countries (many of which are the focus of EnABLE’s programming), including Bangladesh, Bhutan, Fiji, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Vietnam.



The roundtable was part of the World Bank initiative, “Understanding and Building Indigenous Peoples’ Resilience to Climate Shocks,” which was designed to support Indigenous communities in building resilience into their economies. Activities under the initiative—which is also supported by EnABLE, along with the World Bank Human Rights Trust Fund and Pro-Green—are intended to inform relevant World Bank policy dialogues and lending around drivers of resilience among Indigenous Peoples (IPs).



The work focuses on developing a framework of relevant drivers/enablers of resilience to inform future World Bank activities. A draft framework has been developed based on an extensive literature review; human resource, legal, and institutional background papers; discussions with global and regional IP leaders; and focus group discussions with IP representatives. This initial work was then expanded upon through case studies from 10 countries across Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and South Asia. The regional roundtables provide a platform, first, to review the draft framework, promote shared understanding, and build consensus on what resilience means to IP communities and, second, to validate regional inputs into a global framework and guidance note.



In South Asia, the regional roundtable was organized by EnABLE’s Nepal task team in collaboration with the Center for Indigenous Peoples’ Research and Development (CIPRED), an Indigenous research organization based in Nepal. The South Asia Regional Roundtable included in-depth presentations of case studies on the Kalash people in Pakistan, the Tsum community in Nepal, and Adivashi groups in Odisha, India, along with shorter presentations on lessons from other countries. Indigenous thought leaders and experts shared their knowledge and experiences on challenges and successful strategies employed by communities in South Asia to bolster resilience in diverse landscapes and ecosystems.



The roundtable included discussions about climate- and nature-related financing to gather Indigenous perspectives on how investments can support their communities in the context of the growing threat of climate and other external shocks. These inputs will be presented at the Indigenous Peoples’ Global Dialogue on Climate Finance, to be held in San José, Costa Rica, November 6–9, 2023 (see page 4 for details), and at COP28, the United Nations yearly climate change conference, to be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, November 30–December 12, 2023.

Finally, participants stressed the need for direct access to financing and opportunities to enable Indigenous communities to fully benefit from results-based climate finance. Participants also stressed the need for a clearer understanding of IP values.

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Reported by Cecelia Rana of EnABLE’s Nepal task team



PRESENTATION ON ENABLE'S PLANNED CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

As part of the World Bank's supervision of the REDD+ emission reductions program in the Dominican Republic, on September 28, 2023, Kenn Rapp of EnABLE's task team in Latin America and the Caribbean delivered an engaging presentation on the country's EnABLE-supported capacity building activities. The briefing encompassed key aspects, including EnABLE's broader objectives within the region, and its specific activities targeting the Dominican Republic. The presentation emphasized EnABLE's overarching goal of improving social inclusion within the country's emission reductions program—focusing on local and Indigenous communities, and particularly targeting marginalized and vulnerable groups—while also strengthening transparency and accountability in the flow of results-based climate finance.

The session served as a valuable opportunity to explain the expected contributions from, as well as the potential benefits to, various governmental and nongovernmental entities, such as the Vice Ministry of Climate Change and Sustainability of the Ministry of Environment, the REDD+ Coordination Office, the Technical Unit for the Execution of Agroforestry Development Projects of the Presidency (UTEPDA), and the Association for Sustainable Forest Restoration Development (ASODEFOREST). Those in attendance had an opportunity to learn about the projected timeline for implementation of capacity building activities—which have now been endorsed by the EnABLE Secretariat to the value of \$250,000—as well as the next steps in the implementation process. Among these will be the launch of a call for proposals to select an organization to coordinate activities intended to benefit 50,000 local community members involved in sustainable forest management in the Dominican Republic.

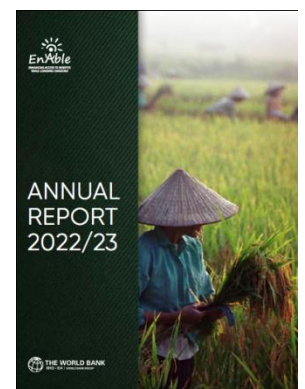
Report by Greta Granados De Orbegoso of EnABLE's task team for Latin America and the Caribbean

UPCOMING: THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES' GLOBAL DIALOGUE ON CLIMATE FINANCE

EnABLE, together with the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF), Germany, and Costa Rica, is facilitating the Indigenous Peoples' and Local Communities' Global Dialogue, "Enabling Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities to Engage in and Benefit from Results-Based Climate Finance," being held in San José, Costa Rica, November 6–9, 2023. The event will focus on the most pressing issues facing Indigenous Peoples (IPs) and local communities (LCs) related to their inclusion in results-based climate finance, particularly in the forestry and sustainable land use sectors. Participants will engage in discussions on how to overcome the barriers to inclusion and on the specific assistance needed to support IPs and LCs in partnering in emission reduction initiatives to ensure that their interests and voices are fully integrated into national climate commitments. The key outcomes and messages from the discussions will be shared with the broader international community, including at COP28 and other global climate events.

RELEASE OF EnABLE ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23

The [EnABLE Annual Report 2022/23](#) has been released electronically in English and is currently being printed and translated into French and Spanish. The report provides background information on the EnABLE Trust Fund; country-level status updates for the fiscal year July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, on activities across EnABLE's three priority areas—capacity building, country programming, and social inclusion and gender equity; information on communications, outreach, and collaboration activities, and more.



LAUNCH OF E-LEARNING COURSE ON THE FUNDAMENTALS OF ENABLE PROJECT MANAGEMENT

During the first quarter of FY24, the EnABLE Secretariat launched two self-paced e-learning modules designed to support civil society organizations (CSOs) and Indigenous Peoples' organizations (IPOs) in learning the procedures, policies, and fundamentals of managing grant resources from the EnABLE Trust Fund. The courses are accessible to all via the World Bank's Open Learning Campus (OLC).

The first module "[Monitoring and Evaluation](#)" explains how M&E processes are developed for and applied to EnABLE's operations. The second module "[Social Inclusion in REDD+](#)" (1) details the main challenges and opportunities disadvantaged and marginalized communities face in participating in emission reductions programs related to REDD+, and (2) explores options to enhance social inclusion in REDD+ programs.

These two modules will be translated into French and Spanish in FY24, as well as other local languages on request. Moreover, plans are under way to develop two more e-learning modules on the basics of results-based climate finance and effective implementation of benefit sharing plans.

Reported by Yu Huan of the EnABLE Secretariat



REPORT ON EVENTS FROM CLIMATE WEEK NYC

Climate Week NYC is the largest yearly climate event of its kind, encompassing over 500 in person and online events and activities across the city of New York. Asyl Undeland, EnABLE's Trust Fund Manager, attended—and subsequently report on—several of the events, held September 18–20, 2023.

Forest and Climate Leaders' Partnership on Rights, Participation, and Benefits for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in Forest Climate Finance

This meeting brought together leaders from Indigenous Peoples' and local community organizations, governments, philanthropic and international organizations, and the private sector to discuss the opportunities created by the emerging mechanisms for jurisdictional approaches to forest finance. Panelists from Costa Rica and Ghana presented their lessons learned from working with the World Bank's programs to enhance IP and LC participation in results-based climate finance.

The Path to Scale Annual Meeting

The Path to Scale is an informal network of stakeholders focused on priorities and strategies to scale-up funding and other enabling factors to secure land and resource rights, support conservation, and promote sustainable livelihoods for Indigenous Peoples, local communities, and Afro-descendant Peoples to meet the 2030 global climate and biodiversity targets.

Participants assessed changes in the funding ecosystem, reviewed work products, shared key lessons learned, and synergized messaging around Climate Week and COP28.

Emergent and Environmental Defense Fund and LEAF Coalition Discussion and Reception

Stakeholders from the public and private sectors, forest nations, IP and LC groups, and civil society came together at this event to focus on scaling climate finance to meet the challenge of halting tropical deforestation. Discussions emphasized the barrier presented by complex and time-consuming technical agreements and procedures in light of organizations' limited staff and resources. This, once again, highlights the need for the kinds of interventions EnABLE programming is supporting among IP and LC communities.

From Communities to Partnerships: Catalyzing Investments to Scale Natural Climate Solutions

This event, organized by The Nature Conservancy, brought together stakeholders in initiatives related to nature-based solutions to climate change mitigation.

Reported by Asyl Undeland, EnABLE's Trust Fund Manager

UPCOMING EnABLE PUBLICATIONS, WEBINARS, AND EVENTS

- ✓ The [EnABLE Annual Report 2022/23](#) is available electronically in English on the EnABLE webpage and is currently being printed and translated into French and Spanish.



- ✓ The Indigenous Peoples' and Local Communities' Global Dialogue on Climate Finance will be held in San José, Costa Rica, November 6–9, 2023.



UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- ✓ [Latin America and the Caribbean Climate Week](#) will be held in Panama City, Panama, October 23–27, 2023.



- ✓ The [United Nations yearly climate change conference, COP28](#), will be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, November 30–December 12, 2023.



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