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(DGM)**

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On behalf of the Indigenous Peoples and local communities (IPS/LCS), and as co-chair of the Global Transitional Committee of the DGM for IPs and LCs, I would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to be here at this FIP Subcommittee meeting.

We had pro-actively engaged with the World Bank over the years wherein we sincerely requested and worked together on this DGM as part of the FIP design. We recognize this as a great and important milestone and innovation within the over-all CIF partnership with Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities. The CIF thru the FIP, has blazed the trail for accepting our direct engagement and providing this opportunity to follow through on the approval of this DGM.

This had become one of the best practices between IPs/LCs and climate finance mechanisms. This has emboldened us to promote this as a good practice to other Multilateral REDD+ mechanisms to follow and provide similar space and dedicated funds specifically for capacity building of IPs and LCs. This is also one opportunity that contributes to the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and the human-rights based framework to sustainable development by and for Indigenous Peoples.

Whilst we now have in our hands this space and the inclusion of the DGM in the FIP design, we think that the next stage will be the approval on this; and on how to translate the noble ideals of the FIP DGM project design from paper to actual implementation on the ground. Certainly, our people in the FIP countries had been looking forward to fully participate on how the necessary structures for decisions and implementation for this are being put in place

CAPACITY BUILDING PROCESS

For us, IPs/LCs, we continue to see this as a learning process particularly in the areas of building our capacities through the setting up of required organizational mechanisms of the DGM at global and national levels. While we may start with our own experience, expertise and knowledge systems that we will contribute, we also need more cooperation on putting in place these organizational mechanisms (GSC/NSCs and GEA/NEAs), and technical guidance on the operationalization and implementation of the DGM.

We would also like to report that after the selection of Conservation International (CI) as the Global Executing Agency (GEA) for the global component of the DGM, we had been working closely with them and the World Bank for the past months. We would like to highlight some of the activities that were planned that may need the continuing support of the FIP Subcommittee, World Bank and the FIP countries.

FORMATION OF NSC/GSC

On the formation of the NSCs, we want to report that there had been ongoing robust consultations at national and local levels with IPs and LCs in most of the FIP countries, however, we still have some challenges. We put emphasis and significance on the full and effective participation of IPs/LCs, especially at the local level. We also need the important and continuing support of the FIP country officers, as well as, the World Bank country teams towards the formation of these NSCs, which will then move on to the formation of the GSC for the DGM. We look forward to further strengthen our organizational capacities to be able to efficiently manage, implement, monitor and evaluate this DGM. National and global REDD+ processes would become more robust by integrating local needs, experiences and voices.

COORDINATION AND COMMUNICATION

It is also important to synergize or complement the work already being done on REDD+ at country level, especially with the FIP, FCPF, UNREDD and other mechanisms for a well-coordinated and meaningful engagement and necessary capacity building among IPs/LCs. We hope this will be done in close coordination with the Indigenous Peoples organizations in the countries; and with the Steering Committees and selected Executing Agencies that will soon be working on the implementation of the DGM. Definitely, may we again emphasize that it is most crucial to have more continuing and meaningful engagement with IPs/LC in the pilot areas and at national levels, as we transform and operationalize our agreements from these global meetings. The innovative approach taken by the DGM is to put into practice and rely on full ownership of local stakeholders so that REDD+ approaches are enriched and more realistic in developing country strategies.

We want to assure you that we are fully committed to continue working for the success of the DGM, in partnership with the WB and FIP country teams, together with IPs /LCs at the local levels. We want to be pro-active in all these processes, and to provide constructive input to the REDD+ processes in our countries, as well as, in the global discussions. We want to demonstrate our knowledge and practices in sustainable forest management through our own projects. We need these dedicated funds to enhance our capacities to participate in the REDD+ processes at all levels. Sharing of knowledge and solutions between IPs/LCs can help in scaling up innovative mitigation and adaptation approaches, create resilient livelihoods and income, and preserve diverse cultures.

The important decision that the FIP Subcommittee will be taking on in relation to the DGM will definitely go a long way for the success of REDD+ activities, as well as, in relation to long term sustainable development of IPs and LCs.

Lastly, I will close by saying again that we had been working closely together with the World Bank and, we thereby, request the World Bank to present the progress on this DGM, on our behalf. Again, we thank the CIF and the FIP Subcommittee, for this opportunity to actively engage with the MDBs in this new partnership. Thank you so much.