

World Bank Environmental and Social Safeguard Policies Review and Update

Regional Dialogue with Indigenous Peoples

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Background

The World Bank is in the process of reviewing and updating its environmental and social safeguard policies. These policies embody core values of the institution and are the cornerstone of the Bank's efforts to protect people and the environment and to ensure sustainable development outcomes. This review and update provides an opportunity for the Bank to build on the core principles of the current safeguard policies; improve coverage of environmental and social risks; deliver better environmental and social outcomes in the projects and programs it supports; and help strengthen country systems and institutions to deliver sustainable results on the ground.

Based on the [Approach Paper](#), the Bank is seeking to elicit multi-stakeholder participation and input throughout the review and update process. By engaging a wide range of stakeholders in dialogue, the consultation process also aims to build a base for dialogue between the Bank and its stakeholders so that implementation of a new safeguard policy framework can continue to benefit from diverse perspectives beyond the life of this review and update.

The regional dialogue with Indigenous Peoples is a dedicated global series of meetings being held to support this review process. In preparation for this regional Indigenous Peoples dialogue, the Bank held pre-dialogue meetings with Indigenous Peoples to gather their input and ideas on best ways for engagement on the safeguards review. The input from these early meetings clearly emphasized the need for an engagement not only as a platform to provide feedback on the application of the safeguard policies and on issues to be taken into consideration during the review, but also as an opportunity for sharing views on sustainable development and how to achieve it. In addition to Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) there are issues related to the application of the safeguard policies as well as topics that go beyond the policies, such as capacity building for Indigenous Peoples, and participation of indigenous peoples in the overall development process. For information on these meetings as well as the overall review and consultation plan, please see the safeguards review [website](#).

Objective and Format

The objective of the regional dialogues with Indigenous Peoples is to seek their views and insights on strategies for sustainable development, on how the Bank can improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the environmental and social safeguard policies and their application as well as to provide feedback on overall engagement with the World Bank Group on development. To this end, the Bank will organize a 2-3 days session in each region with input and recommendations from Indigenous Peoples leaders on format, invitees and locations.

The format and content of the regional dialogues has been informed and benefited by the input of Indigenous Peoples received during the meetings held from March through May 2013.

Timeframe

The regional dialogue will be held from October to December 2013 /January 2014.

Communication

The locations, dates of meetings, the summary of each discussion and the participant list will be made available on the safeguards review [website](#) after the meeting and with the consent of the participants of each meeting. Participants' comments will not be attributed by name in the summary report.