STRATEGIES FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND REDD

Concerns
• Consultation
• Governance
• Accountability
• Funding
• Gender considerations

STRATEGIES
In creating awareness, capacity building trainings which should be carried out not only for the Indigenous Peoples, community leaders and local community, but also for the government officials and the ministries that are involved in redd/REDD issues.
The training should be an all inclusive process

Trainings on governance for government officials involved in REDD and establishment of mechanisms to check on corruption

The Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) of Indigenous Peoples should be observed before and after implementation

Specific funding should be set up for Indigenous Peoples and local communities, their organizations for start up capacity building
The representation of IP’s in consultations should be emphasized and also considering women and the youth

Respect for indigenous peoples land and tenure rights

All REDD activities should be subject to stringent and independent EIA and SIA with the involvement of IP’s. A study on the same should be done by IP’s themselves. The EIA and SIA should be done prior to acceptance and implementation of development projects(e.g. dams, commercial lumbering etc) by private investors and other donors
RECOMMENDATIONS

We support the common themes as in the document. In addition we would like to make the following recommendations

To Donor agencies:

• To jumpstart the capacity building activities through provision of resources specifically for indigenous peoples
• Emphasize on the need for respective governments to comply with UNDRIP
To UNFCC, UNCBD

- They should continue to work closely since climate change issues are crosscutting

To CSO’s/indigenous peoples organizations

- Be proactive and articulate in lobbying for indigenous peoples rights at all levels, monitor the implementation of the REDD program
- Build institutional capacities through capacity building and REDD networks. They should be strategic at both national, regional and international levels