

FAO actions regarding Indigenous Peoples' issues

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Activities undertaken and in course of realization

Office of Communication, Advocacy and Partnership (OCP)

- Coordination of the Inter-Departmental Working Group on Indigenous Peoples
- Assistance to the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) in ensuring the participation of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), including Indigenous Peoples' organizations, in the main discussions; and management of the Multidonor Trust Fund in support of CSO participation in the CFS. One of the 4 members of the Advisory Group of the CFS coming from civil society is currently an indigenous representative
- Signature of an agreement with the Universidad Indígena Intercultural (UII) for the assignment of recent graduates or students to work as interns at FAO across different departments and units in areas related to indigenous peoples' issues
- Support to indigenous peoples' communication for development initiatives
- Documentation of experiences on IP's Free Prior and Informed Consent in Bolivia with the Confederación de Pueblos Indígenas de Bolivia (CIDOB)
- Publications:
 - *Sharing Indigenous Knowledge in Natural Resources Management* (draft)

Climate, Energy and Tenure Division (NRC)

- Implementation of the Benefit-Sharing Fund of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources For Agriculture (ITPGRFA) - financial support for the implementation of the projects addressing:
 - contribution of traditional methods for the in situ conservation and management of maize and beans to the food security of farming families in *Guantánamo and Pinar del Río, CUBA*
 - local farmer women groups in *Kerala, INDIA* completing food chain from the field to the market and addressing the conservation, dissemination and popularization of local-specific farmer-developed varieties by establishing village-level enterprises
 - conservation and sustainable use of native potato diversity in the Potato Park in *Cusco, PERU*
- Publications:
 - Technical guide *Free Prior and Inform Consent: practical guidance for governments, companies, NGOs indigenous peoples and local communities in relation to land acquisition* (draft)
 - Working paper *Land acquisition, Free, Prior and Informed Consent and customary land of indigenous peoples and local communities in Sub-Saharan Africa* (draft)

Land and Water Division (NRL)

- Normative products:
 - *Una visión del tema de la tierra y el territorio orientada hacia los pueblos indígenas: Un enfoque posible*
 - *Analyses of policies and laws in the context of Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) in Kenya and Tanzania*
 - *Charte nationale pour la conservation dynamique et le développement des oasis en Tunisie*
 - *China National Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (NIAHS): Regulations and Guidelines*
- Publications:
 - *Conservation and Adaptive Management of Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) : The China Experience*
 - *China: Research on Agri-cultural Heritage Systems and Their Dynamic Conservation (IV)*
 - *Dynamic Conservation and Adaptive Management of China's GIAHS: Theories and Practices (II)*
- Outreach:
 - *China: Newsletter of Agri-Cultural Heritage Systems 1 & 2*
 - *Chile: Sistemas Ingeniosos del Patrimonio Agrícola Mundial (SIPAM) La Agricultura de Chiloé Boletín N° 2*
 - *GIAHS Newsletter 1: Heritage for the Future*

Nutrition Division (ESN)

- Outreach:
 - Promotion of the active participation of representatives from indigenous groups at the 8th *International Conference on Diet and Activity Methods*

Development Law Branch (LEGN)

- Normative products:
 - Two regional studies on *food security legislation and legal issues related to contract farming* in support of the Hunger Free Latin American and Caribbean Initiative. In both studies, customary law and practices and special protection to Indigenous Peoples (cultural dimension/vulnerability condition) within legislation and its implementation are being considered.

Forest Assessment, Management and Conservation Division (FOM)

- Publications:
 - Preparation of a study on *Indigenous fire knowledge and practices in Tanzania* to be published in 2013

Forest Economics, Policy and Products Division (FOE)

- Management of the National Forest Programme (NFP) Facility, supporting the involvement of stakeholders in forest policy processes, with particular attention to the recognition of and respect for customary and traditional rights of indigenous peoples, local communities, forest dwellers and forest owners

Fisheries and Aquaculture Department - Policy, Economics and Institutions Service (FIPI)

- Normative products:
 - Inclusion of Indigenous Peoples in the *International Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-scale Fisheries* through a consultative development process

Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (RLC)

- Initiation of a process to establish a Working Group on Indigenous Issues within the RLC Headquarters and focal points assigned by the Region's national offices
- Integration within the Regional Interagency Group on Indigenous Issues (GIPI)
- Presentation in RLC FAOR's meeting and submission of a questionnaire requesting information on the experience of the national offices working with indigenous peoples/communities/issues
- Participation in the 10th Ordinary Assembly of the *Fondo para el Desarrollo de los Pueblos Indígenas de América Latina y el Caribe*
- Signature of a LoA with the *Fondo para el Desarrollo de los Pueblos Indígenas de América Latina y el Caribe* for the implementation of the RLC Plan of Action 2013
- Coordination with the Universidad Academia de Humanismo Cristiano (UAHC), responsible for the Indigenous Peoples Rights Diploma of the Universidad Indígena Intercultural, for further cooperation
- Normative products:
 - Publication of the Spanish version of the *FAO Policy on Indigenous and Tribal Peoples* and summary sheet
- Outreach:
 - Workshop (Social Dialogue) *Indigenous Peoples and FAO, Building a Common Agenda*

Activities planned for 2013

Office of Communication, Advocacy and Partnership (OCPA)

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- Development of a capacity building programme for local community leaders, including indigenous, to develop negotiation, lobbying and leadership skills needed to achieve lasting impacts in the economic, political and social organization of their societies
- Support to indigenous peoples' communication for development initiatives
- Launch of initiatives to monitor compliance of FAO projects in indigenous territories with the principles established in the FAO Policy on Indigenous and Tribal Peoples

Climate, Energy and Tenure Division (NRC)

- Development of capacity building material in support to the implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security for Civil Society Organizations and Indigenous people, including training material.
- Finalization of the following publications:
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Forest Economics, Policy and Products Division (FOE)

- Management of the Forest & Farm Facility, which will support brand new initiatives to help countries improve their governance structures at different levels (local, national and regional) to achieve sustainable forest landscape management, whilst boosting food security and promoting climate-smart agriculture using a two pronged approach: 1) at local grass-root level, by facilitating strong and equitable partnerships amongst smallholders, communities and indigenous peoples, enabling them to make their voices heard in policy making processes at local, regional, national and global levels on forest landscape issues; 2) at national level, by supporting governments to ensure that forestry is part and parcel of new and/or existing multi-sectoral platforms.

Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (RLC)

- Establishment of a Working Group on Indigenous Issues within the RLC Headquarters and focal points assigned by the Region's national offices
- Development of e-learning courses on indigenous peoples rights and development
- Improvement and processing of indicators and data related to indigenous peoples in the Region in alliance with the Centro Latino Americano y Caribeño de Demografía (CELADE) and other agencies
- Organization of the second regional Social Dialogue Workshop in coordination with the Universidad Indígena Intercultural (UII) and the Universidad Academia de Humanismo Cristiano (UAHC)
- Organization of 8 National Dialogue Workshops to strengthen indigenous peoples' advocacy on public policies related to food security
- Launch of the first regional TCP project on indigenous issues: *Políticas de Seguridad Alimentaria y Nutrición y Pueblos Indígenas en Ecuador, Guatemala y Paraguay*
- Preparation of a document on the situation of indigenous peoples in the region for the UN World Conference in 2014, in coordination with the Regional Interagency Group on Indigenous Issues (GIPI) and other agencies
- Preparation of studies on the contribution of indigenous peoples experiences and traditional knowledge on the four FAO's regional priority areas (Food and Nutrition Security, Family Farming, Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability, Food Safety and Quality)