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Full Text

The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples should serve as a key and binding framework in the formulation of plans for development and should be considered fundamental in all processes related to climate change at the local, national, regional and global levels. The safeguard policies of the multilateral banks and the existing and future policies on indigenous peoples of United Nations bodies and other multilateral bodies should be implemented in all climate change-related projects and programmes.

Comments

ADB is aware that development programmes, including climate change and clean energy programmes, can lead to externally determined land use change and alter traditional environmental management practices, and therefore has ensured in its policy that indigenous peoples planning, in consultation and informed participation of indigenous peoples themselves, are conducted to determine appropriate mitigation measures and ensure that self-sufficiency of communities continue and cultural integrity will not be lost in the process of development. ADB applies its safeguard policies in all its operations. Program and projects submitted and financed under its climate change fund facilities are also reviewed for compliance to the three safeguard policies on environment, indigenous peoples, and involuntary resettlement. Of 73 new projects approved in 2008, 21 projects or 28.8 percent have indigenous peoples safeguards in the form of either an

indigenous peoples development plan (4), indigenous peoples development framework (11), or indigenous peoples specific actions integrated into the project designs and/or in the project's resettlement plans or social action plans.

The Government of Spain reports that all activities that are financed or implemented by AECID are based on the Spanish Cooperation Strategy with Indigenous Peoples (Estrategia de Cooperación Española con los Pueblos Indígenas), which in turn has the Declaration as its normative framework, along with ILO Convention No. 169.

The Government of Nicaragua reports that the Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources is developing a National Action Plan on Climate Change which includes indigenous peoples as key actors and which will address traditional livelihoods and forest conservation issues within this context.

Area of Work

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