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Full Text

The Forum recommends that UNDP establish regional initiatives on indigenous peoples and strengthen further its HURIST program in all regions of the world that include all the countries of each region with an indigenous regional coordinator as is the case in Asia

Comments

In 2004 HURIST launched two pilot projects in Ecuador (March) and Kenya (June). Support is currently being given to phase two of HURIST Ecuador. Phase two includes the goal of strengthening existing dialogue mechanisms at the national level, and creating new ones that focus on the implementation of human rights through the establishment of a National Indigenous Peoples Forum.

Among the key outputs of the HURIST initiative in Kenya was the facilitation of a frank dialogue between members of Parliament and indigenous representatives and the establishment of an advisory mechanism on indigenous issues known as the United Nations Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee of Kenya or UNIPACK. The committee will establish a mechanism for dialogue and information sharing amongst indigenous peoples, UNDP/UN system and relevant national actors, such as Government authorities and parliamentarians. It will also provide strategic guidance on indigenous peoples' concerns, principles and perspectives for UNDP country programming and related policy initiatives supported by UNDP and the

UN system. It is also designed to promote stakeholder dialogues and initiatives with state and non-state actors.

Based on the success of the HURIST program thus far, the Catalan Agency for Development Cooperation (Spain) is providing support to the second phase of the Ecuador project and to two additional projects in Guatemala and Bolivia. Activities will take place during 2006.

Please see E/C.19/2006/6/Add.6 for more details.

Area of Work

Human rights