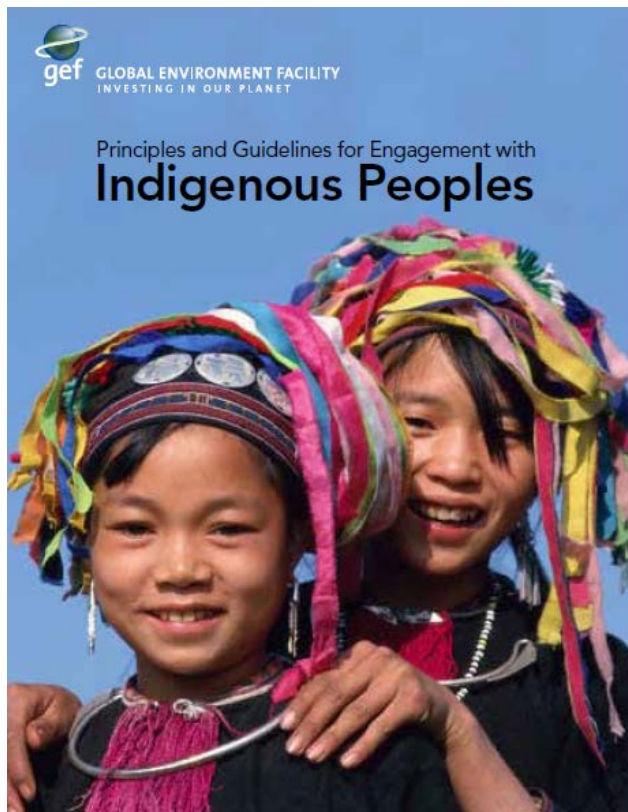




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GEF Indigenous Peoples Advisory Group (IPAG)

Ms. Lucy Mullenkei,

Chair, IPAG

World Park Congress, Side Event

14 Nov 2014

Indigenous Peoples Advisory Group Origin

- IPAG was established as a key implementation mechanism of the *GEF Principles and Guidelines for Engagement of Indigenous Peoples*
- Enhance coordination between Indigenous Peoples and the GEF related to policy, projects and processes
- Provide guidance and expert advice to the GEF Indigenous Peoples focal point on the operationalization of the *GEF Principles and*



IPAG Composition

Seven members comprised of:

- 3 Indigenous Peoples, drawn from a pool of candidates self-selected by Indigenous Peoples worldwide
- 1 Indigenous Peoples representing the GEF CSO Network's Indigenous Peoples Representatives,
- 1 independent expert drawn from a range of partners and stakeholders
- 1 representative among the GEF Partner Agencies
- 1 GEF Indigenous Peoples focal point, serving as a Secretariat of the Group



Key Functions

- inputs to the GEF Indigenous Peoples focal point on **resources and tools** that can be used to enhance implementation of the *Guidelines*
- inputs on the identification and strengthening of **financial arrangements** to support Indigenous Peoples efforts to protect their rights and effectively manage their resources
- Maintain effective **outreach** with appropriate Indigenous Peoples organizations and relevant communities



IPAG Operations

- Meets 2x per year initially, then as needed
- Chair selected among IP representatives to the Group, rotates yearly
- Members serve 2-year terms, eligible to serve no more than 2 consecutive terms (4 yrs)
- Responsible for developing, adopting and implementing a 2yr work plan
- Members do not receive remuneration but receive travel support



2-year Work Plan

- Financing arrangements to expand the number of GEF Indigenous Peoples projects
- Capacity building for Indigenous Peoples and the GEF
- Enhanced participation in GEF projects and processes
- Improved measuring, monitoring and reporting tools
- Input into key GEF policies and strategies



Meetings

- Three meetings held so far on:
 - 1st Meeting, 2-3 July 2013, Washington DC
 - 2nd Meeting, 1-2 Nov 2013 in Washington DC (before the GEF Council meeting)
 - 3rd Meeting, 31 May 2014 at Cancun, Mexico (after the GEF Assembly)
- Informal discussions amongst group between meetings





Thank you!



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