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The EnABLE Quarterly Newsletter provides the latest updates from the EnABLE Trust Fund, and related work on social inclusion and gender equity.

This issue presents highlights of activities from July through September 2024, along with information on recent events and publications, and upcoming international events.

Costa Rican Bamboo
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KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE WITH INDIGENOUS PARTNERS IN ASIA

The training event "Knowledge Exchange on Carbon Markets, Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in Asia," was held in Chiang Mai, Thailand, September 15–20, 2024, with the objective of providing insights into the complexities of voluntary carbon markets and their implications for Indigenous Peoples (IPs) and local communities (LCs). The training included dynamic discussions, expert presentations, reflections from participants representing various Asian communities, and a field trip to learn more about methodologies for measuring and monitoring forest carbon.

The event was funded by EnABLE, [Nia Tero](#), and the [Peoples' Forest Partnership](#) and was organized by the [Center for Peoples and Forests \(RECOFTC\)](#), the Regional Climate Hub of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the [Indigenous Peoples' International Centre for Policy Research and Education \(TEBTEBBA\)](#), and [Asia Indigenous Peoples Platform \(AIPP\)](#).

Participants highlighted the need for stronger knowledge sharing on carbon markets to support IPs and LCs in making informed decisions, benefiting from capacity building, and ensuring strong safeguards. Celina Pentamah of the EnABLE Secretariat presented an overview of EnABLE highlighting examples of the fund's awareness raising and capacity building activities targeting IPs and LCs.

Key takeaways from the event include the need for IPs and LCs (1) to understand carbon markets; (2) to be empowered to take a proactive role in voicing their needs and priorities; (3) to have more opportunities for open dialogue and collaboration with project developers and government agencies; and (4) to have their concerns satisfactorily addressed. Overall, participants were very positive about EnABLE's role in supporting the active engagement of IPs and LCs in knowledge sharing and decision making processes, and their direct access to both the carbon and noncarbon benefits of results-based climate finance.

Reported by Celina Pentamah, EnABLE Secretariat

STATUS OF EnABLE’S PROGRAMMING

EnABLE’s work is currently active in 13 of its 15 target countries, and EnABLE country-level programming has been endorsed in 8 of these countries (see table below).

Note that [EnABLE’s webpage](#) features a [dashboard](#) where more information and resources can be found on the fund’s activities and each country’s emission reductions program (ERP).

REGION	COUNTRY	STATUS OF PROGRAMMING
Africa	Côte d’Ivoire	Knowledge and capacity building initiated
	Democratic Republic of Congo	Programming yet to be initiated
	Ghana	Country programming initiated
	Madagascar	Country programming in preparation
	Mozambique	Country programming initiated
	Republic of Congo	Knowledge and capacity building initiated
East Asia and Pacific	Fiji	Country programming in preparation
	Indonesia	Country programming initiated
	Lao People’s Democratic Republic	Country programming in preparation
	Viet Nam	Knowledge and capacity building initiated
Latin America and the Caribbean	Chile	Programming yet to be initiated
	Costa Rica	Country programming in preparation
	Dominican Republic	Knowledge and capacity building initiated
	Guatemala	Knowledge and capacity building initiated
South Asia	Nepal	Country programming in preparation

News of EnABLE’s Programming from the Field

Lao People’s Democratic Republic. In July 2024, a final consultation was held inviting stakeholder input into the draft memorandum of understanding between the planned implementing CSO, the Regional Community Forestry Training Center (RECOFTC), and the Department of Forestry. The task team also met with RECOFTC in August 2024 to develop a detailed budget and workplans (see photo below).

Reported by Kaori Oshima and Ei Ei Htwe, EnABLE task team for Lao PDR

Photo credit: EnABLE task team for Lao PDR/World Bank



Fiji. During July 22–August 1, the EnABLE task team for Fiji held joint meetings with key stakeholders to share information and discuss potential programming design (see photo below). These stakeholders included the REDD+ Unit; Ministry of Fisheries and Forestry (MFF); Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MECC); Ministry of iTaukei Affairs, Culture Heritage, and Art (MTACHA); iTaukei Land Trust Board (TLTB); Ministry of Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management (MRMDDM); Land Use Division of the Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources (MLMR); Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ); Conservation International; and Fiji Council of Social Services.



A key issue raised was the importance of consistent and streamlined communication and information sharing on the ERP specifically, and carbon finance more broadly. MECC stressed the need for simple, transparent, and consistent messaging and approaches on climate change and carbon finance initiatives across government agencies and communities. Discussions with MTACHA’s operations department focused on opportunities for EnABLE to support community engagement and help reach more remote communities.

Reported by Abidah Billah Setyowati, EnABLE task team for Fiji

Photo credit: EnABLE task team for Fiji/World Bank

News from the Field (cont.)



Madagascar. In September 2024, the EnABLE task team for Madagascar and government counterparts from the National Office of Climate Change and REDD+ (BNCCREDD+) visited communities surrounding the Makira and Masoala forest Protected Areas, who will be recipients under the country's ERP benefit sharing plan (see photos above). The team also discussed the consultation process for apportioning benefit sharing payments and identifying opportunities for stronger inclusion, supported by EnABLE.

Reported by Joanna De Berry and Ezgi Canpolat, EnABLE task team for Madagascar

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Mozambique. A consortium of two local CSOs with extensive experience working with communities—the Centre for Learning and Capacity Building of Civil Society (CESC) and Livaningo—has been selected to execute EnABLE's programming in Mozambique. The consortium has worked closely with the government team implementing the benefit sharing plan to ensure the coordination and alignment of activities. Importantly, for the second call of the plan, EnABLE-supported efforts succeeded in having the eligibility criteria modified to

require that almost half the membership of recipient community-based organizations (CBOs) be made up of women and youth.

In September 2024, a workshop was held to finalize arrangements for the implementation of EnABLE's programming. Stakeholders discussed the implementation plan and how best to support capacity building and the inclusion of marginalized and vulnerable groups. The consortium is supporting district committees in selecting proposals from the second call and has developed a detailed plan for building the capacity of the CBOs (65 from the first call and approximately 75 from the second call).

In addition to training in community governance, financial management, and benefit sharing, the plan includes the establishment of savings and credit groups, and the implementation of a gender action learning system (GALS) to empower women, reduce gender inequalities, and promote greater access to the benefits of economic activities for women.

Reported by Dario Zanardi and Carmen Lahoz Rallo, EnABLE task team for Mozambique

News from the Field (cont.)

Viet Nam. From June to August 2024, EnABLE provided community facilitation training to community representatives of 16 target communities in the Thua Thien Hue province, through the Institute for Community Livelihoods, a locally based organization. The team engaged with target communities multiple times during this period to raise awareness on issues of gender and social inclusion, the benefits of sustainable livelihood development, and the importance of assessing their existing resources and needs to identify potential activities to be financed through their ERP's benefit sharing plan. Of the 80 participants, the majority were from ethnic minority groups, and 30 were female. As of a September 2024 visit by the institute, capacities among the members of the target communities were observed to have been enhanced in terms of discussing and identifying their needs.

In July and August 2024, the EnABLE team also held meetings with the Nghe An provincial fund to agree on the activities. Subsequently, a local organization was contracted to support 15 target communities beginning in September 2024.

During September 2024, community training sessions introduced a pilot digital tool designed to monitor and track the sharing and distribution of carbon benefits at the community level. This tool promotes transparent, participatory development of Livelihood Support Grant projects, as well as monitoring of those activities by fostering the engagement of ethnic minorities, women, and youth groups. Sixteen communities from Thua Thien Hue Province learned how to use the tool to submit proposals and financial reports, monitor the use of funds, report on progress, and track outcomes. The trained participants will initiate use of the tool within their own communities and assist others in its adoption (see photos below and at right).

Reported by Kaori Oshima, EnABLE task team for Viet Nam

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CLIMATE WEEK NEW YORK CITY



On September 23, 2024, Asyl Undeland, EnABLE’s fund manager, participated in the Tenure Facility’s inaugural hybrid Land Dialogue “[From Commitment to Action: Enabling Direct Funding for Indigenous Peoples in Multilateral Climate and Biodiversity Initiatives](#),” which was hosted by

the Ford Foundation as part of Climate Week New York City (see photo below). The discussion focused on the ways multilateral donors and IP organizations might come together to reform climate finance and determine the way forward to channel committed climate funds into the hands of the communities that are most in need. Darren Walker, President of Ford Foundation, gave a keynote speech and moderated the conversation.



Reported by Asyl Undeland, EnABLE Fund Manager

SUPPORTING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN NEPAL’S FOREST SECTOR

To celebrate International Indigenous Peoples’ Day, on August 8, 2024, the World Bank published a feature story, “[Supporting Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in Nepal’s Forest Sector](#).” This work, funded by EnABLE and the World Bank’s Dedicated Grant Mechanism, has enhanced the participation, knowledge, and capacity of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in forest management and climate action in Nepal.

NEWLY RELEASED PUBLICATIONS



✓ [EnABLE Annual Report 2024](#). EnABLE’s annual report for fiscal year 2024 is now available in English; French and Spanish versions are currently in preparation.

✓ [Belize’s Wildfires: Indigenous Leadership for Climate Resilience](#). This World Bank Blog—in honor of International Indigenous Peoples’ Day, August 9, 2024—was written by Sudharshan Canagarajah, Asyl Undeland, and Celina Pentamah.



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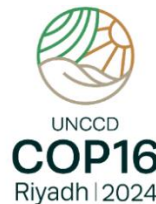


✓ [Executive Summary: Indigenous Peoples’ Resilience Framework](#). EnABLE was among the sponsors of this study, the primary objective of which was to identify defining principles, internal drivers, and external enablers supporting Indigenous Peoples’ resilience to climate change and other external shocks.



UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

✓ [The United Nations Climate Change Conference \(COP29\)](#) is ongoing in Baku, Azerbaijan, until November 22, 2024.



✓ [The Conference of Parties of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification \(COP16\)](#) will be held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, December 2–13, 2024.

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