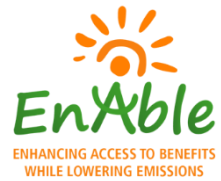


QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



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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 January through March, 2024, along with information on publications and courses, and links to articles of interest from the web.

Young Indigenous tree plantation in the Democratic Republic of Congo

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INAUGURAL “DIPLOMA IN CLIMATE FUND MONITORING FOR INDIGENOUS YOUTH IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN”

On February 9, 2024, the Fund for the Development of the Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and Caribbean (FILAC) [announced the call for applications](#) for the inaugural offering of the “Diploma in Climate Fund Monitoring for Indigenous Youth in Latin America and the Caribbean.”



The diploma was developed as part of the *Social Accountability of Climate Financing* project, co-funded by EnABLE and the Global Partnership for Social Accountability (GSPA). Led by FILAC in association with Foro Indígena Abya Yala and the Indigenous Youth Network, the diploma is being academically certified by the Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) and Carlos III University of Spain.

The aim of the diploma is to strengthen the capacities of the region’s Indigenous youth to participate in climate action from a perspective of “living well.” Chosen Indigenous students will receive a study scholarship covering all of the administrative and academic expenses of the online training, beginning May 13 for eight weeks.

Reported by Germán Freire, Carmiña Albertos and Mariana Felicio of EnABLE’s task team for Latin America and the Caribbean

STATUS OF EnABLE’S PROGRAMMING

With the recent initiation of EnABLE activities in Fiji in January 2024, EnABLE knowledge and capacity building programming is now ongoing in 11 of its 15 target countries, and country programs have been endorsed by the EnABLE Steering Committee in 6 of these countries (see table below).

The next EnABLE Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for June 12–13 in Bonn, Germany, at which time task teams will present Country Program proposals for Fiji and Madagascar.

Knowledge and capacity building programming activities have yet to commence in Chile, Côte d’Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and the Republic of Congo. 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.

REGION	COUNTRY	STATUS OF PROGRAMMING
Africa	Ghana	Country program initiated
	Madagascar	Country program proposal in development
	Mozambique	Country program initiated
East Asia and Pacific	Fiji	Country program in preparation
	Indonesia	Country program initiated
	Lao People’s Democratic Republic	Country program in preparation
	Vietnam	Knowledge and capacity building programming initiated
Latin America and the Caribbean	Costa Rica	Country program in preparation
	Dominican Republic	Knowledge and capacity building programming initiated
	Guatemala	Knowledge and capacity building programming initiated
South Asia	Nepal	Country program in preparation

News of EnABLE’s Programming from the Field

Ghana. Significant progress was made this fiscal quarter in the preparation of EnABLE’s US\$4.0 million Ghana Country Program, which targets 20,000 EnABLE constituents, especially women, youth, migrants, and those with disabilities. In addition to providing knowledge and capacity building, EnABLE’s work in Ghana is intended to focus on promoting locally led climate-resilient livelihoods for women. The required “No Objection” letter has been received from the government, and implementing agencies Solidaridad West Africa and Tropenbos Ghana have been chosen.

Reported by Sarah Antwi-Boasiako of the EnABLE task team for Africa.

Initiation of EnABLE’s Capacity Building Programming in Fiji

EnABLE’s programming in Fiji was initiated in January 2024 through consultations with government stakeholders—the Ministry of Forestry and Fisheries; Ministry of iTaukei Affairs; Ministry of Finance; and Ministry of Women, Children, and Social Protection—and civil society organizations to discuss how EnABLE’s input could be developed to enhance Fiji’s Emission Reductions Program.



Meetings also explored potential institutional arrangements and local partners. In addition, a rapid community assessment was undertaken within the program area to gather information on key capacity gaps and to assess the needs of the iTaukei (Fijian Indigenous) communities, women, and other marginalized groups.



Reported by Abidah Billah Setyowati of the EnABLE task team for East Asia and Pacific

Photo credit: EnABLE task team for EAP /World Bank

Joanna de Berry of EnABLE’s task team for Africa (below right) exploring reforestation activities with colleagues in southern Madagascar.

Photo credit: World Bank



News of EnABLE's Programming from the Field (cont.)

Guatemala. During the third quarter of FY24, in coordination with the Institute of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment (IARNA) and San Carlos University (CUNOROC), Utz Che' (the network of Maya community-based organizations selected to implement EnABLE's programming in Guatemala) delivered three capacity building modules to 46 young Indigenous community members, of which 26 were women (see photo of first cohort below). The modules included analysis of Guatemala's Emission Reductions Payment Agreement (ERPA) and discussion of how to improve access to and benefits for Indigenous communities who collectively manage their forests. Utz Che' also created two Social Audit Committees and strengthened an existing one's capacity to monitor the country's climate finance.



Utz Che' also created a young Indigenous communicators' network, through which 10 people received training in innovative technology to monitor deforestation and disseminate information to the community (see photo below). Finally, Utz Che' organized a National Dialogue on Community Forestry Management with the National Forest Institute (INAB) to present ERPA requirements, identify barriers to accessing benefits for Indigenous peoples (IPs), and make culturally appropriate proposals to increase participation of IPs in the benefit sharing plan.



Reported by Carmiña Albertos and Kenn Rapp of EnABLE's task team for Latin America and the Caribbean

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Lao Peoples Democratic Republic. In March 2024, the task team received the government's "No Objection" letter, which paved the way for progress on the memorandum of understanding being developed between the Department of Forestry (DOF) and the Regional Community Forest Training Center (RECOFTC), the proposed implementing agency (see photo below). The task team leader met with representatives of both DOF and RECOFTC to agree on next steps, and field visits to target villages were scheduled for May.



Reported by Kaori Oshima of EnABLE's task team for East Asia and Pacific
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Vietnam. Since mid January 2024, the task team has held weekly meetings with the Provincial Fund to progress activities focusing on digital tool development and livelihood support. In late January 2024, the team conducted a field visit to meet with the Hue Provincial Fund and ethnic minority communities to discuss EnABLE's programming, identify community perspectives on the ERP, and gather additional information (see photo below). The team worked closely with the implementing agencies—the Department of Forestry (DOF) and Vietnam Forest Protection and Development Fund (VNFF)—to develop and agree on terms of reference (TORs) and implementation methods. TORs have now been prepared, and firms are being contracted according to World Bank procedures.



Reported by Kaori Oshima of EnABLE's task team for East Asia and Pacific
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News of EnABLE's Programming from the Field (cont.)

Côte d'Ivoire. From February 25 to March 2, 2024, comprehensive training was offered for focal points from the Federation of Energy, Environment and Sustainable Development Networks and Associations (FEREADD) across the country's five ERP regions. The training aimed to deepen participants' understanding of ground-level gender and social inclusion issues and to facilitate outreach, particularly in informing women of the process of registering to receive financial benefits. The workshops were held in the administrative capitals of each ERP region: Guiglo, Duekoue, Sassandra, Soubre, and San Pedro. In total, 120 individuals participated nationwide. The training was led by an EnABLE representative, along with ERP team members specializing in safeguards and communications. The sessions targeted local authorities, community representatives, civil society organizations, local administrative services, and implementing partners.



Reported by Alexandra Niesslein of EnABLE's task team for Africa

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ARTICLES OF INTEREST FROM THE WEB

- ✓ Environmental Defense Fund article, [Now is the time for companies to help conserve nature. By investing in jurisdictional REDD+, they can do just that](#), January 16, 2024
- ✓ IDRC-CRDI, Canada, article, [Lessons to advance gender equality and social inclusion through climate action](#), January 29, 2024
- ✓ *Communications Earth & Environment* article, [Indigenous Peoples and local communities report ongoing and widespread climate change impacts on local social-ecological systems](#), January 9, 2024
- ✓ *Climate Home News* article, [UN agrees carbon market safeguards to tackle green land grabs](#), May 9, 2024
- ✓ UN Convention to Combat Desertification article, [Land rights: The key to sustainable prosperity](#), May 1, 2024

NEWLY RELEASED AND UPCOMING EnABLE PUBLICATIONS AND COURSES

- ✓ The *Summary Report of the Global Dialogue: Enabling Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities to Engage in and Benefit from Results-Based Climate Finance* is currently available in English at the [Global Dialogue web page](#). French and Spanish versions, still in preparation, will also be available at the website once released.



- ✓ The EnABLE e-learning course on “The Fundamentals of EnABLE Project Management” is now available in French and Spanish. The course, freely available on the World Bank's Open Learning Campus (OLC), is designed to enhance the capacities of Indigenous Peoples and civil society organizations to receive and manage grant resources from the EnABLE Trust Fund.

The first module “[Monitoring and Evaluation](#)” explains how M&E processes are developed for and applied to EnABLE's operations. The second module “[Social Inclusion in REDD+](#)” details the main challenges and opportunities disadvantaged and marginalized communities face in participating in emission reductions programs related to REDD+, and explores options to enhance social inclusion in REDD+ programs.

Module 1: [French](#) [Spanish](#)

Module 2: [French](#) [Spanish](#)

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- ✓ The [Oslo Tropical Forest Forum](#) will be held June 25–27, 2024. Together with UN REDD, EnABLE will facilitate the panel discussion “Benefit Sharing, MRV, and the Future of REDD+,” featuring policymakers, Indigenous representatives, and civil society organizations.