Review of Current Practices of Stakeholder Engagement in Multilateral Organisations

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Why?

• Rio+20 outcome document
• UNEP GC Decision 27/2
• Inform the discussion on the establishment of new mechanisms for stakeholder engagement

What?

• Compilation of practices from selected organisations
• Descriptive document
• No comparative analysis of the practices
• Verified
How?

• Review of practices on:
  – Participation in decision-making bodies;
  – Rules and procedures;
  – Accreditation;
  – MG/civil society approach used; and
  – Access-to-information, information disclosure.

• 17 organisations listed based on:
  – Most cited practices;
  – Known to be progressive;
  – Accessible information; and
  – Relevance to sustainable development.
Findings

• Formal practices
  – Participation in an organized manner through observer status
  – Representative civil society bodies
  – Participation of major groups and stakeholders in governing bodies and their subsidiary organs
  – Adoption and implementation of safeguard policies

• Non-formal practices
  – Consultative bodies without decision-making powers
  – Work with Major Groups and Stakeholders through ‘organizing partners’
Which practices to borrow from?

• Participation in decision-making
  – Committee on World Food Security
  – ILO tripartite body
  – ICCM/SAICM intergovernmental process

• Rules and procedures
  - CSD (baseline)
  - UN-REDD

• Accreditation
  - UNCCD
  - UNFCCC

• Information disclosure
  - World Bank
  - UNDP

• Aarhus convention and Aarhus principles
Next steps

• Further update of the best practices

• Draw options from the review of current practices to draft a stakeholder engagement policy

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