

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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Children & Youth

Farmers

Indigenous Peoples & their Communities

NGOs Workers & their Trade Unions

Business & Industry

Women

Local Authorities



Thank you

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