

Advisory Group on Forests, Rights and Climate Change

Update to the UN-REDD Policy Board

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AG Role and Relationships

- An independent group to facilitate a broad range of direct input from civil society actors on issues of forest governance to forest-climate initiatives
- Formal link with the UN-REDD Programme made in Panama
- Current members: ACICAFOC, CAPRI, Civic Response Ghana, FERN, Forest Peoples Programme, Intercooperation, RECOFTC, RFN, RRI and TEBTEBBA
- **Not a representative group** and **not a substitute** for the civil society representatives and Indigenous Peoples representatives to the PB

Governance meeting update

- First governance meeting was held on June 6 in Bonn with a majority of the members (ACICAFOC, Civic Response, FERN, Rainforest Foundation Norway, Rights and Resources)
- Name: Advisory Group on Forests, Rights and Climate Change.
- The group has a convening function to bring together civil society, Indigenous Peoples and international and national policy-makers
- Decisions on membership will wait until a larger meeting of the AG is convened on July 9, but decided that the group will invite members that ensure diversity and that includes regional members engaged in networks
- The AG will be led by two co-chairs: one coming from a southern country and one from a northern country. The election of chairs will take place during the full meeting of the AG.
- RRI will continue to serve as the secretariat until the full meeting of the AG. In the meantime participants committed to request financial and human capacities from members – not seeking funds from UNREDD.
- The group will stop its activities after 3 years.

Participation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities

- Regional representation on AG
- Regional Chatham House style meetings
- Outreach through engaging members' networks
- Facilitate the direct contribution through events like the Working Lunch, Chatham House style meetings, etc.