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## Pan African Forest Dependent Indigenous Peoples Capacity Building Project on REDD+

*Project Due Diligence Mission Report*

*(PROBICOU)*

*And*

*(CSCIPU)*

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### Project Background:

The Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF)-supported Capacity Building Program for forest-dependent Indigenous peoples has enhanced the engagement of Indigenous peoples in national REDD+ planning and formulation and has been a catalyst in activating partnerships with governments in respect to implementing consultation activities and representation in national REDD+ structures. Strengthened consultation and participation of forest-dependent Indigenous peoples has also helped to publicize and increase the understanding of their views and potential contributions to REDD+'s projects design and implementation.

The project is funded under a global capacity building program initiated following long-standing dialogue between Indigenous peoples and the FCPF on the need to strengthen the engagement capacity of Forest-dependent Indigenous peoples in the REDD+ mechanism at national level.

An extension of the project with additional funding (of US\$541,187 up to 31st December, 2019) was approved by the World Bank in June 2018 through an amendment letter to the original agreement to answer a need for additional resources as indicated by the more than 140 applications for REDD+ capacity building sub-project financing received from eligible organizations, as well as scale up the outputs and outcomes of the project a national and regional levels of implementation.

This progress confirms the acknowledgement of the dialogues held between the FCPF and Indigenous Peoples preceding the Capacity Building Program, that the engagement of forest-dependent IPs in the decision making process in countries designing or implementing Emission Reduction Programs (ERPs) is critical for the long-term sustainability of forest conservation financing and management programs. However, forest-dependent IPs and their organizations still lack sufficient knowledge on the Carbon Fund processes.

Additionally, the World Bank strategically aligned their efforts for a dedicated focus of the Congo basin with the project and introduced REPALEAC the regional implementation partners to IPOs in Francophone countries. REPALEAC will benefit from a separate project funding focusing on the specified francophone FCPF countries. MPIDO will partner in the implementation support and experience sharing processes of the projects of IPLCs ensuring a unified IPLCs-voice on the FCPF process across the region.

MPIDO developed a Concept note on Sub-granting to IPs under Additional Financing detailing the Proposed Actions with Additional Funding in the five eligible Anglo-phone countries (Ethiopia, Liberia, Nigeria, Sudan and Uganda) and country specific approaches for the identification of benefiting sub-grant organizations either by continuing with the current sub-an in the specific country or undertaking targeted call for proposals. In each approach, the role of the national FCPF Focal point and the various national documents on the FCPF status of the country were engaged.

Utilizing the developed Concept note on Sub-granting to IPs in UGANDA, MPIDO will evaluate the partnership model between PROBICOU and CSCIPU as a lesson learning platform to make informed



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decision on the possible sub-granting under additional financing. PROBICOU had partnered with CSCIPU to develop the funded CBP proposal benefiting the IPs in Uganda through training, engagement in policy development as well as the strengthening of internal structures within CSCIPU. At the end of the implementation, CSCIPU had achieved legal registration under the laws of Uganda as a Civil Society Coalition on Climate Change issues.

MPIDO will thus undertake the mission to evaluate possibilities to continue with the same national implementation arrangement with PROBICOU as the fund managing custodian for Civil Society Coalition for Indigenous Peoples in Uganda (CSCIPU)- the national network of IPs, with implementation in the specific regions of Albertine Rift ( W. Uganda) and Mount Elgon (E. Uganda). Additionally MPIDO will evaluate the realized institutional capacity of CSCIPU as a legally registered entity in Uganda.

### **Mission Objectives:**

The due diligence support missions is geared to provide critical information on the possible implementation arrangements that will up scale and out scale the achievements of the just concluded CBP project to IPs in Uganda The missions endeavor to inform MPIDO's sub granting options for Uganda as described in the Concept note.

Specifically, the mission set out to provide;

1. Better understanding of the reporting capacities and clearly explain the requirements including a closer discussion on the time frames and the templates that are used to ensure that the project teams obtain a better understanding of the same. The MPIDO team will make focused presentations on the requirements providing an opportunity to interact and greater internalizing of the requirements in a more practical sense. The MPIDO team will also review the previous reports submitted and use them as learning examples for improvements.
2. Detailed discussion of the up scaling and out scaling of implementation for the project to ensure that the proposed activities are better align to the national and local level REDD+ objectives and actions
3. Detailed discussion of the financial and reporting requirements to ensure adherence to the project expectations in detail and timeliness for smooth project implementation.
4. A focused discussion on PROBICOU/ CSCIPU Project team structure and the roles of the project staff is done to align responsibilities with competence and authority in line with the project requirements and the application. This will ensure more focused communication with the MPIDO team.
5. Dedicated engagement with national REDD+ Focal Point to better understand the collaboration on project, PROBICOU/CSCIPU participation at national level with the REDD+ processes
6. Dedicated engagement with IUCN-Uganda as a key REDD+ Actor to collaboration on project as well as PROBICOU/CSCIPU participation at national and local level actions.



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7. Detailed engagement with CSCIPU board members to establish a linkage to the local level organizations as well as lesson learning on project implementation.
8. Derive early lessons from the project implementation arrangement as a factor to the decision on the implementation approach for the project proposal under additional financing.
9. To improve the understanding of PROBICOU/CSCIPU on the Additional Financing requirements on sub granting, alignment of activities as well as focus areas in Uganda.
10. Discussion on any Grievance related matters with local level member organizations on the project implementation



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## Mission Agenda:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Participants</u>	<u>Key Agenda</u>	<u>Key Outcome</u>
<b>Day 1: Sunday October 28, 2018</b>			
14:00 – 16:30	MPIDO, CSCIPU,PROBICOU	- Introduction of New Project Coordinator - Mission Agenda Confirmation -	A Confirmed schedule of all meetings for the mission duration
<b>Day 2: Monday October 29, 2018</b>			
14:00 – 16:30	MPIDO, ,PROBICOU	- Introductory meeting with PROBICOU - Recap of Project implementation - CSCIPU Partnership model - Lessons learning from the partnership	A recap of the project implementation as well as PROBICOU's lesson learning on the partnership
14:00 – 16:30	MPIDO, CSCIPU Board members	- Remarks on the implementation partnership with Probicou - Lessons learning from the partnership model, and new ideas - way forward on the partnership	Community level representative comments on the project success Remarks on the project implementation as well as CSCIPU's lesson learning on the partnership
14:00 – 16:30	MPIDO, CSCIPU Board members, PROBICOU	(Joint meeting) - Joint Project lesson sharing - Discussion on the challenges of the partnership model - Discussion on the opportunities harnessed under the partnership	A Confirmed schedule of all meetings for the mission duration
<b>Day 3: Tuesday October 30, 2018</b>			
09:00 – 11:30	REDD+ office, MPIDO, CSCIPU members, PROBICOU	REDD+ office meeting - Recap of REDD+ in Uganda - Areas of Mutual interest for IPs in Uganda - Aligning the sub-project activities to REDD+	An Improved understanding of the REDD+ journey in Uganda to the project implementers as well as the REDD+ unit capturing of areas of collaboration in the next phase of the project.
12:00 – 13:30	IUCN, MPIDO, CSCIPU members, PROBICOU	- IUCN and IPs in CC in Uganda - Areas of synergy on REDD+ - The AF Project engagement	An improved understanding of IUCN as a key Actor in REDD+ and IP issues in Uganda
14:30 – 17:00	MPIDO, CSCIPU Board members, PROBICOU	- Recap of mission expectations vs achievements - Way forward - AF Project proposal development and activities. -	A concise recap of mission objectives, conclusion on the partnership model for the AF Project as well as clear Action Items



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## Day 1: Sunday October 28, 2018

### Mission Agenda Setting and Introductions

MPIDO undertook introduction of the new Project Coordinator to the PROBICOU and CSCIPU teams, detailing his expertise and experience with highlights on how the sub projects will benefit from his participation. The interactive session offered an opportunity for the Project Coordinator to engage and familiarize with the IP leaders in Uganda, noting a rich cultural mix, immense passion and great potential

The meeting further reviewed the proposed agenda of the meeting, confirming all participation as well as the time schedules. CSCIPU had initially planned for a courtesy call to the Prime Minister's office in Uganda, but this was shelved for a later date due to availability of the PM in person. All other planned meetings were confirmed

The Mission Agenda and schedule were adopted.

## Day 2: Monday October 29, 2018

### Meeting with Probicou

#### **Recap of implementation**

Mpido caped their implementation in 7 countries, highlighting the key outcomes realized, and specifically elaborated on the decision for Congo basin counties to be funded independently through Repaleac regional.

Mpido set out the agenda of the mission and the agenda for Mon 30th Oct being separate and eventually a join meeting with both PROBICOU and the network (CSCIPU) consulting on feedback of the current implementation.

PROBICOU is an environmental biological resources conservation oriented organizations that primes sustainable development in a manner that is beneficial to the human and environmental systems. PROBICOU's 10yrs has been broad spectrum in engaging the management of PROBICOU is a member of civil conservation networks (Civil Society Coalition of Indigenous Peoples in Uganda) and also hosts multiple networks and coalitions such as CSCPI, poverty and conservation etc. The organization has a wide and rich pool of consulting experts on environmental and conservation issues who are engaged on "as-need" basis hence realizing a lean and sustainable head count and ability to implement all dynamic sorts of projects.

PROBICOU has supported the championing the rights of IPs in Uganda for 3yts, mostly monitoring, protecting and advocating to the rights of IPs in relation to most mega infrastructure projects in wind power, extractives and mining by the government. In the process, PROBICOU has increased and



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networked with CBOs, NGOs and other actors in the human rights agenda. This efforts in affected areas, informing their strategic approach to involve the IPs in Human rights protection. This has been resulted in some IPs taking lead in the human rights campaign efforts

PROBICOU pioneered and developed momentum to consultatively identify, engage and involve IP led organizations across Uganda to form the CSCIPU network. Upon creation of this coalition, PROBICOU has assigned her support staff to sustain the coalition - a decision that informed the network's board to independently decide on PROBICOU to host the coalition. This hosting is 2yrs now, with completed legal registration as an NGO in 2017 according the laws of Uganda. The key challenge noted so far is the continued development and approval of guidelines and operational policy documents as well as the challenge of sustaining the exercising of the board in decision making for the coalition. In the meanwhile, creating a transition for the coalition to operate semi and eventually fully autonomous of PROBICOU is sensitive and challenging but being taken positively.

PROBICOU has really helped to 'open doors' for the coalition to be visible, recognized and engaged with various government structures, other similar coalitions as well as environmental actors in Uganda. The coalition has so far successfully engaged the Prime Minister's office on livelihood improvement for IPs in Uganda, Min of Water and Environment on gender mainstreaming and sustained REDD+ actions, Parliamentary committees on active involvement in the policy development process as well as other REDD+ actors such as IUCN.

PROBICOU caped the implementation of the FCPF capacity building project smoothly and well-coordinated, appreciating the support and role of MPIDO in the project. The project benefited the direct intended beneficiaries as well as PROBICOU and the network to improve their internal project technical implementation skills and experience.

As a result of the project that empowered and supported the realization of a legally registered coalition, the IPs of Uganda now have a visible voice at the national and international level. This has improved the visibility of PROBICOU and the coalition to other REDD+ actors. Moe specifically, individual organizations and key persons have witnessed improved capacity to meaningfully participate and contribute in the REDD+ processes in Uganda. This has realized the adoption of several IP individuals into key strategic and technical committees on policy and legislative frameworks.

PROBICOU has also learnt that IP generated knowledge witnessed in example the national survey of IPs in Uganda, has been constructive and useful to the REDD+ processes in the country. This has increased the interests of other REDD+ actors to support the generation of ITK in Uganda. Specifically, such knowledge has a potentially higher success rate as an awareness raising tool as it is designed to communicate to the IP communities in their indigenous language.

The project has seen PROBICOU selected as a consultant to create awareness and build capacity of key IP individuals on REDD+ and specifically mainstream gender in REDD+ development in Uganda. This is a





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USD 100,000, 9 month WB funded project through the Ministry of Water and Environment in the Albertine Rift and benefiting from national level lesson sharing and exposure visits on gender.

Critically, PROBICOU notes that the efforts to build capacity of IP lead actors on REDD+ and other environmental actions is critical in engaging the IPs in Environmental conservation in Uganda.

PROBICOU identifies the need to have the coalition having a semi-independent implementation of the proposal, and implementation of the next phase of the FCPF project is critical to their ability to benefit from all other potential resource mobilization from all actors. PROBICOU is ready to formally engage in as a fiscal agent or host partner MOU to support the coalition in securing them to receive funds from local and international partners. PROBICOU will continue being part of the coalition and providing technical expertise on the implementation of the coalition. MPIDO is invited to inform the specific model of MOU that will support the coalition.

### **Challenges:**

- PROBICOU and the coalition learnt a lot in a new model of partnership of indirect funding through a regional lead organization (MPIDO), this took time and resulted in communication challenges.
- Expectations of individual organization in terms of the specific use of funds and their use. This was managed/addressed through consultative meetings to educate the member organizations on the project, as well as the funded and non-funded activities. Originally, some members assumed the money to be for any of their activities.
- Involvement of member organizations in project activities either at national or regional meetings was also noted to create challenges. Budget constraints and the need to have a larger presentation of local communities in a meeting was noted to create a challenge in meeting the demands of member organizations participating in the activities.
- Budget resource limitation on the project inhibited the multiplication of the reach and dissemination of developed knowledge products. Such included the creation of a simplified version (user friendly) of the Survey of IPs in Uganda which were not disseminated intensively to the community level.
- Along the implementation, it was noted that some other more impactful activities were not included in the original project plan and budget. This shall inform the way forward and hopefully will be included in the next phase/project proposal.
- Increased media exposure on the efforts of IPs in REDD+, as well as far-reaching engagement of policy developing partners and actors shall be better included in the next proposal. This was not fully achieved in the previous project and hence limited amplification of the achieved outcomes.



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### Meeting with CSCIPU board meeting

#### **Remarks on the project**

The coalition team appreciated the support and trust of MPIDO to build the capacity of IPs in Uganda, and create a platform of unity and togetherness to address the impacts of climate change. Improved capacities of individual member organizations has been noted to directly impact the focus and prioritization of advocacy activities as well as increased mutual partnerships amongst the member organization.

PROBICOU was applauded for their transparent and participatory implementation of project activities with the periodic CSCIPU board meetings providing a platform for feedback as well as management of any grievances. PROBICOU has enjoyed the support of CSCIPU and furthered the partnership into other areas of IP rights such as gender and community policy development.

#### **Comments on the implementation with Probicou**

Anne appreciated the exposure to national level, and interaction with other IP communities, benefiting from the commonality of IP issues related to climate change and human rights.

3 Community meetings and trainings were held in her area, with the community learning a lot on the need and skills to manage Environment and adopt their livelihoods to be sustainable and resilient.

Mr. Gad (Batwa) who participated in a regional interaction and exchange meeting and CCDA\_VII in Nairobi remarked on the confidence to now engage on REDD+ by local IPs. Such confidence has been built from meetings organized by the project to the PM office, Min of Water and Environment.

The Karamoja communities (S.W. Uganda) were happy to have hosted the 2018 IPs day in Uganda organized as a result of increased and coordinated efforts natured by the project. The 2018 IPs day in Uganda was conducted in early October as the first noticeable direct outcome / post-project activity in Uganda. This and other efforts have allowed the IPs to have a voice to speak for themselves.

Mama Jouanisi (participating in the meeting with a translator) has benefited in the explanations and translation of REDD+ capacity building materials and activities through the project being offered to forest dwelling communities. This has created a good awareness of the impacts of Climate Change in the area as well as in other indigenous communities around the area. The project has enabled her community to know the national efforts to combat climate change in Uganda. Specifically, the discrimination and neglect of the Batwa, Indigenous Knowledge has been brought to light, and the community has expressed desire to document and share their ITK for the benefit of the entire country.



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Alice further emphasized the Batwa community's gladness to be introduced to the subnational Redd+ structures, and most importantly, benefited from awareness raising FM-Radio talk shows. This has increased their awareness of the common challenges related to climate change as faced by other communities.

Topoth Charles of Karamoja community (Elders initiative for sustainable peace and development -KISP) acknowledged their hope to be engaged on the REDD+ process through the network. This has ensured that their Indigenous Knowledge and Resourcefulness of the elders is captured and shared widely. Charles has also benefited individually in his role to translate REDD+ materials to his local language and in the visits to other communities that opened his eyes on role of ITK based approach to climate change.

The dissemination of knowledge on the concept and categorization of protected areas in Uganda (buffer, productive and protected zones) was improved, offering communities a way to constructively support in the protection. Through community FM-Radios, it became clear that lack of information and lack of policy has contributed to the human rights approach of Climate Change. This is clear in the Benet community as they push for the recognition of land rights. The implementation of community activities in critical areas and dwelling places increased the intended beneficiaries, as well as exposed to officials in the reality of human rights situation and linkage on Climate Change.

The IIK community were able to raise issues of allocation of protected areas to private developers and the disregarding of indigenous forest management systems. As such, the community were able to impact directly and hold accountable to decision makes, with the community now asked to take a lead role in forest management in the water tower. Implementation of the project resulted the banning of logging in several Forests

The project has also created a dialogue arrangement between indigenous leaders and local authorities which resulted in a Presidential decree to all ministerial action in any encroachment area to adopt climate responsive implementation of activities.

The involvement of IIK-agenda community development agency in the coalition has improved their understanding of Climate Change and created a voice on the same. This has already realized positive and healthy discussion on the role and linkage of Climate Change in all development agenda of the IIK. Such awareness has led to Climate Change discussions in community meetings, especially bringing in the view of IIK and especially their hunter practices. The community thus makes and implements community rules on tree cutting and bush burning. The need for peace with neighboring as a platform for good Climate governance engagement has also been a sustained discussion.



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The youth representative noted that their involvement and women in the project as a good practice that has increased the number of youth involved. Exposure visits to other areas of Uganda has enriched the networks with local authorities and specifically benefited the ITK leadership. Specifically, this has increased their rights awareness.

The coalition members noted some challenges:

- There is need for translation of the REDD+ products and summarized tools on the role of community for easily dissemination and use. The coalition proposes increased documentation and sharing of ITK from all communities to enrich the exchanges.
- Similarity of issues and challenges of Climate Change among various communities needs to be studied more to increase ownership of REDD+ processes in Uganda.
- There is need for the coalition to increase all other projects in relation to the “PDP Project - Northern Uganda Social action fund – 3<sup>rd</sup> phase”
- The funding of the CBP project was very limited and had tight restriction to the eligibility of activities. The coalition shall implore further creativity and innovation in the next proposal.
- Geographical location, distance and poor state of the roads in the project regions offers a challenge with car breakdown and high hardship areas. A lot of walking by the teams was noted and in some cases sleeping in the forests during some nights as well as being stranded due to logistical challenges.
- The project started with a low understanding by some coalition members on the work plan and choice of activities. This initially had some IP communities complain on missing out on the benefits, but repeated project management meetings managed the situation.
- Some duty bearers were noted to create unrealistic expectations of the project, that strained the available resources, and occasionally challenged coalition inter working relations - when the project was not able to fund specific actions. The coalition will jointly propose and agree on the activities for the next funding of the project to increase ownership.
- Legislative challenges and policy gaps was also noted and highlighted by the project. Especially the recorded lack of an IPs input/contribution to policy drafting or in the form of position papers on various existing policies.
- Communication was challenging in most remote areas that are characterized by lack of mobile signals coverage and long travelling distances.



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### Meeting with CSCIPU Coalition and PROBICOU

The parties were noted to have a lot of challenges beginning their working relation. While the joint implementation delivered through opening doors and nurturing the coalition, the relationship occasionally created challenge in miscommunication and low expectation management. Some coalition members felt that Probicou was rigid and non-dynamic to the unique needs of IPOs. This lack of dynamism on the eligible activities and work plan and budget made some members uncomfortable with the set up. This was however well cleared out once the coalition members were trained on the CBP project guidelines on eligible and ineligible activities.

Probicou's diverse activities, occasionally delayed project activities as the responsible persons were deemed too busy or occasionally un-reachable. Probicou sort of became an "eyes on, hands-off" partner in the project, as opposed to a result-delivery oriented arrangement. This was mainly attributed to the coalition's low understanding of Probicou's structure and decision making process. Such challenges can be managed by evaluations and a clear responsibility matrix and clear

The partnership has been able to create more opportunities through various publications as well as fund drives that include:

- "Human rights approach to CC and REDD+ in Uganda" publication
- "Highlights of ITK practices for EDD+ in Uganda" publication
- "Youth and REDD+ in Uganda" publication
- "Climate Change projects, funds, initiatives and efforts in Uganda in 2019" publication

Fund drives and projects include:

- The \$100k project with Ministry of Water and Environment to undertake gender mainstreaming in REDD+
- The AF REDD+ project funded through MPIDO
- Partnering with various DGM projects in Uganda
- Partnering with various IUCN projects in Uganda
- Partnering with UNDP projects in Uganda
- Resource mobilization with the Swedish funded project (in 2018, the coalition missed out because of lack of audited account)

In overall, PROBICOU and the coalition were optimistic that the working relation had matured and learnt a lot through the various challenges that were experiences as a result of implementing the REDD+ project. Eventually, the partners developed a draft MOU to guide the working relation and responsibilities of each party on implementation, financial management as well as representation to various national level structures. It was explicitly agreed that while PROBICOU in administering and managing the grant, the implementation responsibility squarely lies with CSCIPU.



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### Day 3: Tuesday

Meeting with REDD+ Unit at Ministry of Water and Forestry offices.

#### Recap of REDD+ in Uganda

The Ministry of Water and Environment strategically hosts the REDD+ office, taking a lead role on policy and legislative framework management. Other entities responsible for REDD+ and Climate Change include:

- National forestry authority as the lead implementing agency on REDD+ program nationally
- District forest service Authorities as the subnational Redd+ structures
- Uganda Wildlife Authority also has responsibility on linkages to local communities.

Uganda's national REDD journey was pioneered by CSOs that have played a critical role in the RPP consultation process. The initial efforts towards the REDD readiness process was funded through government efforts as well as CSOs raised funding which collectively fast tracked Uganda's REDD journey.

All forests in Uganda are located in Forest reserves, district forest reserves (local forests) holds and over 70pc in community and private land. Uganda operates on a community / local land tenure based on the old British law that was oriented on already allocated land. Highest rates of deforestation is happening in the private and community owned land driven by development and farming pressure. Land use and Agriculture contribute over 90pc of forest degradation.

Uganda's MTR (Mid-term report) recommendation in May 2016 emphasized gender and multi stakeholder consultative engagement for the next phase. This informs specification and adjustment of all REDD+ efforts with increased numbers of CSOs directly benefiting from UNREDD and other funding to complemented the MTR recommendations.

Joint activity planning, fund mobilization synergies as well as joint missions have been a successful strategic implementation in Uganda that has increased multi-stakeholder engagement and participation in the REDD+ process.

As a result of the self-assessment process, IPs now represented in the NCCAC (National Climate Change Advisory Committee) creating a key linkage to influence stakeholder and policy development. However, Uganda does not formally identify the IPs as per REDD+ definitions. The use of the 1920s British law, reviewed in 1993 after the new constitution, resulted in some key communities (e.g. Benet) not being listed formally as IPs in Uganda. Uniquely, the constitution recognizes FPIC on national projects as a right to all Communities.



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The REDD+ office has identified the lack of an IP opinion and mainstreaming of IP Human rights in most of the consultative documents and papers. There is need for IPs to proactively review and comment/input into the policies that lack this input. Such include the Climate Change bill, and Climate Change Act that are under review, the NEMA amendment bill, Uganda's wildlife Act, Benefit sharing Amendment bill, FGRM charter and the review of ministerial policy on forest also needs to be reviewed with an IP inclusion.

A ministry funded \$100k project on gender mainstreaming is going to help give an IP eye into the gender aspect of monumental REDD+ strategies and actions. This is assumed that it will result in better IP participation to develop Emission reduction programs that will benefit from publically available funding at the global level.

There is noted cross border pastoralist activities by the Pokot, Karamoja, Turkana and the IIK people. This provides an area of concern for peace and Climate Change nexus. The element of pastoralism and Climate Change needs to be included in the awareness creation in the next phase of the project. FCFP-AF funding will have a component for the participation of communities on Safeguards and direct consultations.

CSCIPU was urged to take advantage of the cordial relations it has with the focal point, (who is a member of the board) to proactively engage with the national processes





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## Meeting with IUCN, Probicou and CSCIPU

### **IUCN and IPs in CC Uganda**

IUCN is a major REDD+ actor in Uganda, actively involved in the stakeholder engagement and policy development for the Ministry of Water and Environment, especially supporting the development of Uganda's RPP and promoting pro-poor REDD+ processes. IUCN is a member of the REDD+ Steering committee on consultation and participation plan. IUCN has rich knowledge and supporting tools for REDD+ and Climate Change in Uganda. They are strongly engaged with local communities with great local presence in most areas.

IUCN areas of operation include:

- Mt. Elgon with poverty eradication, awareness enhancing for developments pro-poor aspects
- Forest landscape restoration in N and E. Uganda
- Water resources management
- Gender strategy plan as a member of the gender task force on gender, Climate Change and REDD+
- Supporting development of packages like the benefit sharing mechanism in a gender responsive pro-poor manner.
- Establishment and development of participatory mechanism parallel to the 7 ecological zones as assigned by the Redd+ secretariat
- Participatory engagement if IPs in developing the Forest investment plans and its national priorities.
- Easy-to-use communication materials for the IPs in their respective languages
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IUCN has come to accept and champion the basis of all engagement with IPs on the critical cultural impact on all development agendas as well as acknowledging and utilizing the Indigenous structures of authorities. Uncertainty in land tenure and land ownership systems has come out as a pertinent factor in engagement and eventually implementation of REDD+ process in Uganda

IUCN has been engaging most coalition network members independently in the various strategies and steps of stakeholder engagement. Close, more agreed working together directly with Probicou and the coalition of IPOs towards REDD+ and gender mainstreaming. IUCN as a partner provides good resources and knowledge on Redd+ Uganda while the coalition offers a way for direct access to a wide regional list of partnerships in each local area.





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Areas of Synergy include:

- Technical expertise from IUCN for the coalition and Probicou on Redd+ and IP issues.
- IUCN and coalition working together with close interactions on the AF project activities as well as in all REDD+ actions
- The coalition to engage/participate through her member organizations in IUCN projects and activities and efforts for the benefits of IPs and Climate Change in Uganda.
- Knowledge sharing and dissemination of tools to IP communities and participation in coalition activities to increase disseminate of knowledge at local level.
- Capacity building and training for the coalition on hosting and support to ensure interaction on diversity as a strength.
- Opportunity sharing and leading for the coalition.
- The network needs to be more optimistic and open up to the efforts and roles of other REDD+ actors in Uganda.



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## Mission Recap and Way forward discussion on Working Relation

### Recap of mission expectation

MPIDO recapped the exceeded mission expectation on meeting and fact finding based on the CBP project impacts from the perspective of the coalition and Probicou. In the process, MPIDO was honored to meet the coalition board composed of member organization representatives, each highlighting their respective community opinion on direct project benefits.

The mission provided a glimpse to the indirect outcomes of the project including:

- A \$100k project funded by the Ministry of Water and Environment to mainstream gender in climate change for local communities.
- An established working relation with the Prime Minister's office and various parliamentary technical committees - which now have dedicated representation of the IPs at various levels.
- A close working relation with the national REDD+ office and sub national structures focusing on the engagement of communities in various REDD+ actions.
- The identification by various Redd+ actors on the need for an IP opinion into various legislative and policies at the national level.
- Communities impacted and whose capacities have been built on REDD+ have increased their acceptance and ownership of their role in climate change efforts.

### Additional Financing Project Way Forward

MPIDO trained the Probicou / CSCIPU team on the specific guidelines for the AF project activities and focus areas. Specifically, the aligning of the project implementation to the national Redd+ processes and action is need to realize a better national visibility of the project as well as an expanded impact.

Probicou / CSCIPU will be issued with a call for proposal by MPIDO and expected to submit a well-developed call response to MPIDO by No 15th 2018 for evaluation, improvement and eventual contacting. The AF project is thus expected to be funded by Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 2018.

The meeting discussed intensively and proposed the following inconclusive approach to the AF project:

- The AF project proposal activities and innovative actions will be interactively developed by the Coalition members with a common REDD+ impact in mind.
- The AF project proposal will be submitted by Probicou as a caretaker and custodian to CSCIPU
- Probicou will engage with CSCIPU to deliver some local level project activities
- Probicou and CSCIPU will engage in a legally binding working relation contract strictly stipulating the implementation and financial management roles and responsibilities.



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### Way Forward / Action Items

<b>Action</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>responsible</b>	<b>TimeLine</b>
Mission report	Mpido to summarize and issue a mission report - shared to Probicou and coalition members	MPIDO	2 week
Approach to the way forward	MPIDO / WB advise on the way forward for approaching he AF project	MPIDO	1 week
MOU agreement Probicou / CSCIPU	Probicou / CSCIPU to share the MOU formalizing their workinh relation	Probicou / CSCIPU	Nov 20 <sup>th</sup> 2018
Proposal submission to the AF call for proposal	Probicou / CSCIPU to submit a proposal for consideration in response to the AAF call for proposal, benefiting from the training on specification for AF project and aligned to the national REDD+ processes.	Probicou / CSCIPU	Nov 15 <sup>th</sup> 2018
Opportunities with Redd+ implementing office	Probicou / CSCIPU to follow up the opportunities for partnering with the national REDD+ office a national and sub national level.	Probicou / CSCIPU	--
Opportunities with IUCN	Probicou / CSCIPU to follow up the opportunities for partnering with IUCN	Probicou / CSCIPU	--