

# Carbon Markets and Climate Justice: How Legal Frameworks for Carbon Trading can Protect Community Rights



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# Implementation of FPIC Plan & Role of BSAs – Key Approaches

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# Community Outreach - Awareness Building & Information Disclosure

5+ Modules

25+ Topics Covered

100+ Workshops Days

50+ Training Days



- **Widespread education, awareness, and outreach**
- **Open disclosure of challenges and implications and roles and responsibilities.**

# An Iterative Approach to Project Design (consult, pilot, adapt).



Training of trainers/facilitators, Bonthe Town, Oct 2023



Measuring mangrove firewood required for cooking, May 2023

- **Co-design with communities.**
- Discuss **alternatives** with communities (e.g., efficient cookstoves, fish smokers).

# Local Teams Leading Community Engagement



- **Capacitate and employ community teams to lead community engagement.**
- **Provide access to training and skills building otherwise not available.**

**11 Community Coordinators**

**10+ Cluster representatives**

**20+ Community facilitators**

**270 Cookstove Captains**

**90 Woodlot Attendees**

# Ongoing & Evolving



- FPIC is not a one-and-done exercise or a single event.
- **Ongoing** community consultations with **strong feedback loops**.



**Local Communities at the Front and Centre of the Project.**

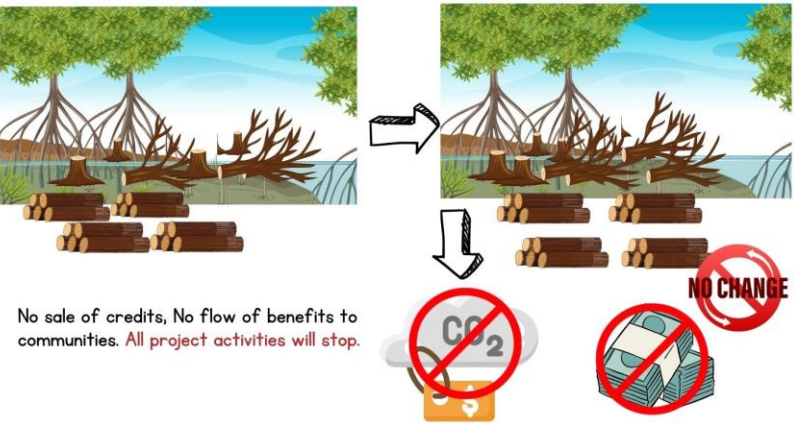




# Infographics Examples

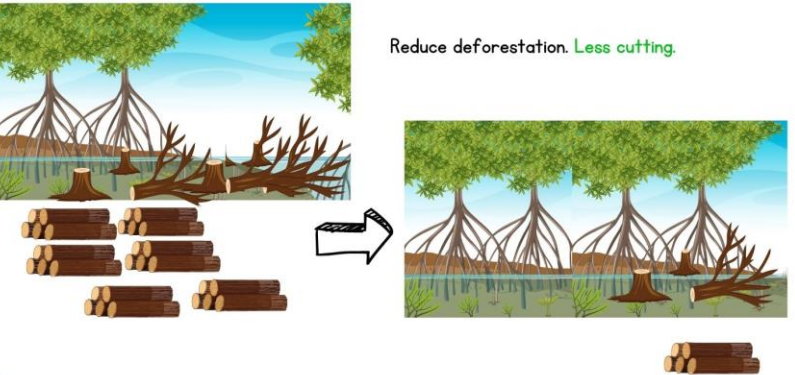
## Infographic 5

Project success = reduce cutting of mangroves



No sale of credits, No flow of benefits to communities. All project activities will stop.

Communities come together and reduce use of mangrove wood.



Reduce deforestation. Less cutting.



## Infographic 4

Sale of Carbon Credits



1 Pollution by many companies. More CO<sub>2</sub> and climate change.

2 ACI explains carbon project to Village Chief and other leaders.

3 Chief says mangroves are important Part of our livelihood. We are proud our mangrove forests.

4 Village needs alternate livelihood activities and sources of income if we cannot cut mangroves. ACI says they can introduce and train communities on alternative lifestyle and livelihood activities like efficient cookstoves, community woodlots, sustainable oyster harvesting, etc.

5 Opportunities as forest monitor, project manager/coordinator. Village mangrove planting. New sources of income and savings through alternative lifestyle and livelihood activities.

6 Community consultations and discussions. Community together decides if they want to participate.

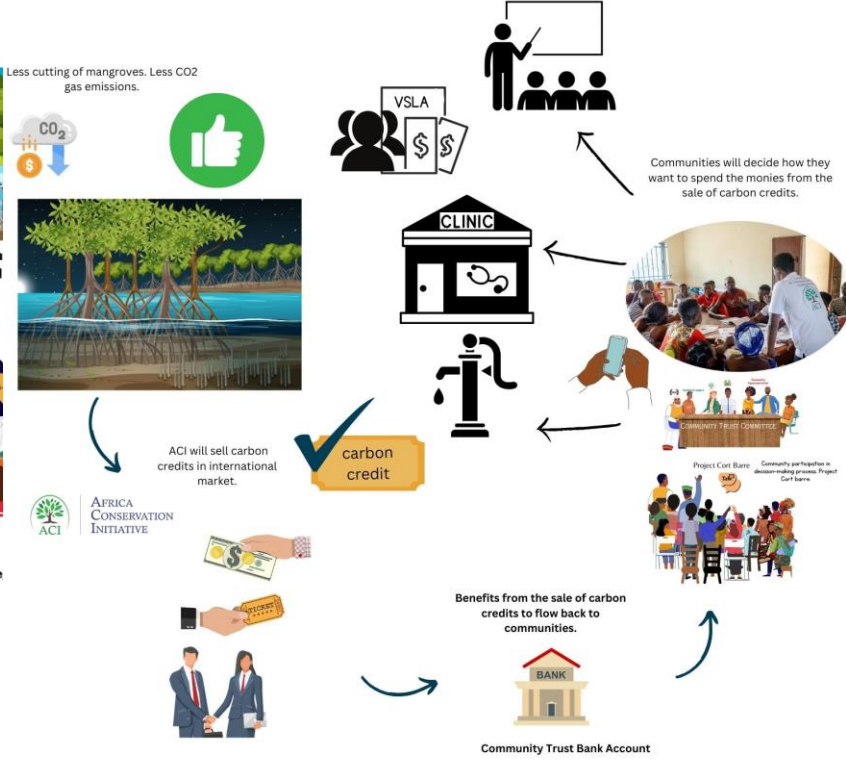
7 Communities and ACI design blue carbon project together. Mangrove forests are protected. Communities take up alternative activities. Rate of deforestation decreases. CO<sub>2</sub> gas emissions reduce. ACI sells carbon credits to business man in city and its benefits are shared between all stakeholders.

Less cutting of mangroves. Less CO<sub>2</sub> gas emissions.



## Infographic 12 (a)

Benefits to Community



ACI will sell carbon credits in international market.

carbon credit

Project Cost Balance

Benefits from the sale of carbon credits to flow back to communities.

Community Trust Bank Account

Communities will decide how they want to spend the monies from the sale of carbon credits.







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## No pay to pollute

Carbon payments must not be a substitute for eliminating avoidable emissions.

Fossil fuel companies should be barred from taking part in carbon payment schemes.

## Recognize Customary Land Rights

Recognize the customary use and ownership rights of communities, irrespective of whether a community is in possession of legal title.

Work with legitimate community governance structures, rather than setting up bespoke, hand-picked committees.

## FPIC

No carbon projects without the Free, Prior, Informed Consent of the communities whose land it is.

“I” includes transparency regarding gross revenue.

FPIC requires the inclusion of all residents in decision-making, including women, land users, youth, and other groups.

## Fair Compensation

For nature-based projects, the communities whose land it is should receive at least 50% of gross revenue.

Annual rent payments are important to provide revenue to communities before credit sales begin and to establish a minimum amount communities will receive.

The revenue to communities should be shared equitably to benefit both land owners and land users.

Any \$ that goes to communities, whether in cash or for community infrastructure projects, can count towards the 50%.



## Fair Participation

Make it easier for communities to sell their own credits, including the technical support necessary.

Enable communities to take part in the work of stewardship, including accessing opportunities for training and employment.

Ensure communities have access to independent legal support before and during a project.

Carbon projects should allow uses that don't destroy the forest or core carbon resource.

## Enforcement

All of these principles need to be enforced.

When carbon projects violate these principles or otherwise go wrong, communities should be able to pursue a remedy using existing channels for grievance redress.

# Principles for Communities to Thrive

No pay to pollute

No pagar por  
contaminar

Ne pas payer pour  
polluer

Recognize  
Customary Land

Reconocer los derechos  
consuetudinarios sobre

Reconnaître les droits  
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Fair Compensation

Compensación justa

Rémunération équitable

Fair Participation

Participación justa

Participation équitable

Enforcement

Ejecución

Application de la loi

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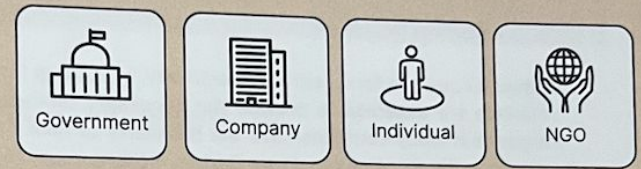


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# How do carbon markets work?

## BUYERS



## INTERMEDIARIES

(For example, actors that connect buyers and sellers)



Registry

## PREPARING FOR SALE

(Actors that verify and certify carbon credits)



Overseeing



## PROVIDERS OR SELLERS

(Actors that develop carbon credit projects or programmes)

