

**Submission by Red de Cooperación Amazónica / Amazon Cooperation Network (REDCAM)**

**MODALITIES OF OPERATION OF THE CLEARING-HOUSE MECHANISM:**

In light of the significance that traditional knowledge has for indigenous peoples and local communities and the prominent place it occupies in the framework of the Nagoya Protocol, the treatment of this issue and the participation of indigenous people and local communities must be given the same degree of importance in the Clearing-House Mechanism by:

- Establishing an appropriate sub-mechanism or instrument to enable the issue to be addressed and treated with the attention it deserves;
- Fully and effectively engaging representatives of local communities and their organizations.

**MEASURES TO ASSIST IN CAPACITY BUILDING:**

- Incorporate Traditional Knowledge System experts from local communities into the various activities connected with capacity-building, capacity development and the strengthening of human resources;
- Implement, formalize or centralize the various capacity-building proposals with the involvement of local community institutions and their representatives;
- Create synergies with institutions or other active mechanisms.

**MEASURES TO RAISE AWARENESS:**

- Establish programmes of work with appropriate action plans targeting specific users;
- Conduct a census of Traditional Knowledge System experts from local communities;
- Conduct a census of local communities and/or institutions that can contribute material for raising awareness on the importance of traditional knowledge for access and benefit-sharing;
- Create a roster of local community experts from both the Traditional Knowledge System and academic institutions.

**COOPERATIVE PROCEDURES:**

- Institute domestic technical regulations to address cases of non-compliance;
- Draft a CODEX in the manner of the *Codex Alimentarius* or other similar codices in specific aspects concerning compliance;
- Create synergies with institutions or other similar active mechanisms that can provide input for the future mechanism;
- Institutionalize a procedure to monitor Protocol implementation and compliance, with the inclusion of different local community observatories.