

The Right Energy Partnership with Indigenous Peoples

Concept Note

The objectives of this Concept Note are to present the possible functions and structure of a Right Energy Partnership with Indigenous Peoples for discussion with the Indigenous Peoples Major Group (IPMG) to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and other indigenous representatives. This Concept Note is a Working Paper and seen as part of a consultative process to shape a Partnership that responds to the direct needs and perspectives of indigenous communities. The ideas represented in this Concept Note are based on inputs received through interviews with certain members of the IPMG and other indigenous representatives, and reviews of available literature.

1. Introduction

Sustainable Development Goal 7 (SDG 7) aims to “ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all”. SDG 7 is a critical SDG that emerges as an enabling factor for many of the other SDGs. Any action towards SDG implementation that seeks to leave no group behind must carefully consider how the energy targets are met.

Indigenous people are a critical demographic in terms of energy access. According to the OECD and the IEA (2017) 14% of the world’s population currently has no access to electricity and 84% of these people live in rural areas. Indigenous peoples, while representing only 5% of the global population, comprise 15% of the world’s extreme poor— and make up a staggering one third of the world’s 900 million extremely poor rural people (IFAD 2018). Access to clean and efficient energy for heating may be another critical issue for indigenous peoples, particularly for communities in the Northern Arctic region, many of which rely heavily on expensive and hard to obtain diesel for an energy source (Conley and Rohloff 2015).

Despite this fact, **indigenous peoples suffer invisibility when it comes to our understanding of energy access.** There is little consistent and comparable disaggregated data available to provide a clear global picture of indigenous peoples’ access to energy in contrast to non-indigenous populations.

Indigenous peoples also have, and continue to be, repeatedly impacted by renewable energy developments. **Indigenous peoples are disproportionately disadvantaged by large-scale energy projects.** Their communities are most often found where potential water, wind, geothermal and

Box 1: SDG 7 Goal and Targets

Goal: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.

Targets:

7.1: By 2030, ensure universal access to affordable, reliable and modern energy services

7.2: By 2030, increase substantially the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix

7.3: By 2030, double the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency

7.A: By 2030, enhance international cooperation to facilitate access to clean energy research and technology, including renewable energy, energy efficiency and advanced and cleaner fossil-fuel technology, and promote investment in energy infrastructure and clean energy technology

7.B: By 2030, expand infrastructure and upgrade technology for supplying modern and sustainable energy services for all in developing countries, in particular least developed countries, small island developing States, and land-locked developing countries, in accordance with their respective programmes of support

biomass energy resources are still to be tapped. They live along or around rivers earmarked for mega-dam construction in all continents and global regions. They occupy agricultural lands and forests that are targeted as sites for wind farms, geothermal plants and oil palm and biofuel plantations. Over and over they are evicted from the land, territories and resources that they have communally owned, managed and subsisted on for generations. Displacement from their lands, territories and resources have caused and will continue to cause economic, social and cultural alienation leading to erosion and disruption of traditional practices and the loss of valuable indigenous knowledge, undermining the indigenous identity of whole communities and peoples.

2. The need for an indigenous-focused partnership for SDG 7

Analyses indicate that SDG 7 relates strongly to almost all the other SDGs, with a strong inter-relation with the achievement of at least 11 of the other SDGs (Alloisio *et al.* 2017). It is recognised that energy is an essential enabling factor that cross-cuts to contribute to progress across the SDGs. Energy emerges as a critical component for ending poverty (SDG1) and hunger (SDG2), and is related to economic development, job creation (SDG8) and women's empowerment (SDG 5), among others. Critically, sustainable energy is a central factor in combatting climate change (SDG 13) which also has cross-cutting impacts on the other SDGs and is tied to the implementation of the Paris Agreement on climate change. It is also linked with Goal 10 on reducing inequality within and between countries and Goal 17 on Partnerships. Indigenous peoples' ability to achieve the other SDGs will therefore be negatively impacted without consideration of their specific needs and circumstances.

Equally important, efforts towards achieving SDG 7 risk violating international human rights law, and may further disadvantage indigenous peoples. There is an acute need for a better understanding of the impacts of SDG 7 implementation on indigenous peoples' rights and aspirations. Furthermore, indigenous peoples' self-determined sustainable development, as achieved through SDG 7, needs to be supported and not further hampered

There is a broad consensus that multi-stakeholder partnerships are critical to achieve the SDGs. As a result, SDG 17 focuses specifically on leveraging global partnerships for sustainable development. SDG 17 "recognizes multi-stakeholder partnerships as important vehicles for mobilising and sharing knowledge, expertise, technologies and financial resources to support the achievement of the sustainable development goals in all countries, particularly developing countries" (UNDESA 2015).

There are a number of existing national and international energy-focused partnerships centered on the SDG 7, including the Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL) partnership. With the exception of the "People-Centered Accelerator" of SE4ALL, very recently launched at the UNFCCC COP23 in November 2017 (SE4ALL 2017), the majority of these partnerships appear to be multi-lateral and government led with a strong emphasis on partnerships with the private sector. There is rarely much attention on active and substantive partnerships with local civil society and almost no mention of indigenous peoples.

3. Right Energy Partnership with Indigenous Peoples

3.1 Overview of the Partnership

There is currently a lack of space for indigenous peoples to define and create collaboration with other development actors around their specific needs related to achieving SDG 7 and related Goals. Given the very specific challenges indigenous peoples face related to energy, this imbalance needs to be

addressed. In its review of gender and social inclusion needs for the implementation of SDG 7, SE4ALL (2017a) noted that there is an acute need for participatory, grassroots efforts and to support movements that bring together diverse sets of actors around common issues and needs. It is proposed that this could partly be achieved by an indigenous-led, multi-stakeholder partnership to support indigenous peoples to play a stronger role in successfully achieving the SDGs (see Annex 1), implementing the Paris Agreement and supporting appropriate renewable energy development more broadly.

GOALS AND ACTIVITY AREAS

Recognising that investments in sustainable energy development are being accelerated under the stimulus of SDG 7 and the Paris Agreement on climate change, the goals of the Partnership are to:

- Provide least 50 million indigenous peoples access to renewable energy by 2030 that is developed and managed in ways that are consistent with their self-determined needs and development aspirations; and
- Ensure that renewable energy projects are fully aligned with the respect and protection of human rights.

This will be achieved through three Activity Areas that have the following objectives, to:

1. Empower indigenous communities in their self-determined sustainable development, specifically with regards to access to appropriate renewable energy that has broader community benefits;
2. Ensure the protection of rights to prevent the adverse impacts renewable energy development on indigenous communities; and
3. Strengthen knowledge exchange, solidarity and collaboration between indigenous peoples and other actors to contribute towards the goals of the Partnership.

PARTNERSHIP PRINCIPLES

The Partnership and all participating partners must adhere to the following principles and values:

- **Respect and uphold human rights**, including uphold the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the collective rights of indigenous peoples and the right of indigenous people to free, prior and informed consent (FPIC).
- **Equitable benefit sharing and the promotion of equity**. This includes a focus on actions that support the poor and not only wealthier community members who are better placed to participate and benefit from actions. Activities supported by the Partnership shouldn't create wealth and power gaps in the community and ensure that those further left behind are clearly targeted to include indigenous persons with disabilities, the elderly, and young people, among others
- **Full inclusion and empowerment of indigenous women**. This should be a core objective of the Partnership and activities must have a strong gender focus to ensure the perspectives, concerns and aspirations of women are accounted for and they become key actors and beneficiaries.
- **Respect and promotion of self-determined sustainable development**. Activities will be focused on ensuring broad gains in self-determined sustainable development and livelihood that is culturally sensitive. This includes the holistic approach of indigenous peoples in addressing

poverty, food insecurity and the overall wellbeing of indigenous peoples in the achievement of inter-related goals for sustainable development.

- **Full participation and empowerment of indigenous communities.** The Partnership will prioritise participatory approaches with a focus on community-led and -centred renewable energy and ensure that the poorest and most marginalized members of the community are included, such as persons with disabilities, elderly and young people, among others.
- **Uphold indigenous leadership** of the Partnership as a critical principle. By putting the target beneficiaries in the centre of designing and leading in solutions, there is a much higher chance of the Partnership being effective in reaching its goals. Furthermore, the traditional knowledge and innovation of indigenous peoples on the ground must be recognised and promoted in the implementation of SDG 7 and the Paris Agreement.
- **Transparency, accountability and mutual respect** must be the cornerstone of a partnership between indigenous peoples and other stakeholders to ensure that the Partnership can engender trust and positive, generative working relationships between different stakeholders. Additionally, indigenous stakeholders must uphold principles of transparency and accountability to build trust in the Partnership's activities.

3.2 Potential Activities

To respond to the problems and opportunities posed to indigenous communities by renewable, the Partnership will structure its work over three central activity areas.

ACTIVITY AREAS

Activity Area 1: *Ensure the protection of rights to prevent the adverse impacts renewable energy development on indigenous communities.*

There is a struggle for indigenous peoples to have their rights systematically upheld through energy planning and development processes, with big utilities, governments and private companies side-lining their human rights. Some renewable energy projects have negative impacts on communities and are not being implemented in a manner that respects their rights to their lands and resources and to their free, prior and informed consent (FPIC).

Potential Activities:

- Develop and promote policy recommendations for ensuring indigenous peoples rights are respected in energy developments: This will include linking actions towards SDG 7 and the Paris Agreement implementation to existing policies and guidance related to indigenous peoples, such as the Green Climate Fund Policy on Indigenous Peoples, existing policies for indigenous peoples developed for multi-laterals, bi-laterals and the private sector. Activities could include the development of voluntary indicators for the implementation of SDG 7 and energy goals of the Paris Agreement.
- Develop position papers and policy guidance focused on communities likely to be at risk in advance of possible developments, for instance the mounting interest in expanding hydropower in Asia makes this a potential hotspot to focus on.
- Provide technical support, capacity building and advocacy and solidarity support for communities that are threatened by renewable energy projects and projects to expand energy access.

- Monitor, document and share information on how indigenous peoples are being impacted, and provide greater visibility for indigenous peoples threatened by or already impacted negatively by renewable energy projects and projects to expand energy access. This may include a red list of projects.
- Facilitate direct dialogue between impacted indigenous groups and actors involved in harmful projects (e.g., governments, multi-laterals, bi-laterals, private sector).
- Facilitate access to grievance mechanisms by affected communities as appropriate.
- Support remediation and rehabilitation activities for communities that have already been impacted by renewable energy projects.

Activity Area 2: Empower indigenous communities in their self-determined sustainable development, specifically with regards to access to appropriate renewable energy that has broader community benefits.

Basic access to energy is still an issue for indigenous peoples in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean and Oceania and there is a lack of capacity and knowledge in communities to make an informed choice on what energy solutions can bring the most benefits and least harm to support their self-determined development. Additionally, indigenous-led innovative and powerful energy solutions are not well recorded and recognised.

- Support, promote and amplify efforts to reach indigenous peoples without access to energy to gain access to appropriate renewable energy.
- Collate and document models of best practice in indigenous-led and indigenous-focused energy solutions.
- Provide technical support and capacity building for communities that are in the process of developing indigenous-led renewable energy solutions.
- Support community-level pilot projects to build on and replicate best practice in sustainable energy solutions that serve indigenous communities immediate needs while contributing to their broader sustainable development outcomes. Activities could include:
 - The development of locally appropriate renewable energy systems that are gender-responsive and provide wider community benefits for communities that currently have no access to electricity.
 - Support to indigenous communities to transition from dirty, inefficient energy sources to locally appropriate renewable energy systems that are gender-responsive and provide wider community benefits.
 - Positive approaches to engaging directly with planned energy developments, including the use of community protocols for engagement.
- Collaborate with other partnerships, initiatives and activities focused on implementing SDG 7 and the renewable energy goals of the Paris Agreement to ensure that activities that may impact indigenous peoples follow best practice, respect the rights of indigenous peoples, and include indigenous peoples actively in the design and implementation of activities.
- Develop and promote policy recommendations for supporting indigenous-led and focused energy developments that maximise sustainable development co-benefits. Activities could include the development of voluntary indicators for the implementation of SDG 7 and energy goals of the Paris Agreement.

Activity Area 3: *Strengthen knowledge exchange, solidarity and collaboration between indigenous peoples and other actors to contribute towards the goals of the Partnership.*

Collating and sharing knowledge and best practice between indigenous and non-indigenous partners can amplify the outputs of the Partnership.

Potential Activities:

- Create a knowledge platform in collaboration and coordination with the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples' Platform to the Paris Agreement.
- Support knowledge exchanges and collaboration between indigenous communities as well as with other stakeholders. This may include regional workshops, exchange visits and the creation of a community of practitioners.
- Develop targeted tools under a communications strategy to disseminate key messages, promote lessons learned and inspire further action.
- Carry out direct advocacy and policy influencing with relevant processes and initiatives (e.g., SDG and Paris Agreement processes, related multi-stakeholder partnerships and events).

Gender issues will be mainstreamed throughout the activities. This will include: emphasis on understanding the gender dimensions of negative impacts; gender-based criteria to assess potential projects to be supported through the Partnership; gender specific recommendations and analysis for policy guidance and lessons learned documentation; and a gender track for activities towards knowledge exchange, solidarity and collaboration.

3.3 Partners

The Partnership is open to different development actors and stakeholders provided they will commit to abide by the Partnership Principles as provide above and can make direct and concrete contributions in achieving the objectives and targets of the Partnership. As an open Partnership platform, those wishing to be part of this Partnership shall formally complete a Partnership form which will indicate their commitment to abide by the partnership principles and their concrete contribution that can be reported and verified on a regular basis. Below is a table listing potential partners, but not limited to this.

Table 1: Potential Partners to the REP

Potential Partners	Roles and concrete contributions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous communities • Tribal and indigenous Institutions/ governments • Indigenous organisations and networks • Energy experts from within indigenous communities, organisations and networks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary stakeholders, actors and beneficiaries of the Partnership • Will shape the focus and structure of the Partnership and mode of collaboration with other stakeholders at the local/ and national levels as appropriate • Initiate appropriate renewable energy projects in their communities • Establish partnerships with others for community based and managed renewable energy • Apply for capacity building, technical and financial support and as available through the Partnership and as needed • Provide technical and other support to other members through direct collaboration, knowledge exchanges, etc. • Document their experiences, achievements, gaps and lessons learned for reports, communication, advocacy, inter-learning • Take the lead in advocacy activities on energy and self-determined development of indigenous peoples as appropriate

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Organisations and institutions working on indigenous peoples' rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support advocacy, lobby and engagement on indigenous rights and self-determined development, including capacity building of indigenous communities and/or organisations in relation to energy
UN Agencies, Funds and Programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support indigenous communities' initiatives, facilitate delivery of renewable energy services, capacity building, policy dialogues, etc.
Research institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide support on documentation, conduct case studies, training for action research, participatory monitoring and preparation of evidenced-based reports, briefing papers
Human rights organisations/institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support monitoring and reporting on human rights issues related to energy projects to assist policy advocacy and access to justice and remedy, as appropriate
NGOs working on business and human rights, including with investors, international financial institutions (IFI), the private sector, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support monitoring and reporting on energy projects affecting indigenous peoples for advocacy and access to grievance mechanisms in relation to investors/IFIs, private sector • Facilitate potential partnerships of IP communities and organizations on access to appropriate renewable energy
Environmental organisations including experts on renewable energy technologies, and installations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct feasibility studies on appropriate form/s of community-based energy projects, • Assist in the Installation of renewable energy projects, documentation of process and impacts; facilitation of partnerships/ assistance to communities for access to appropriate renewable energy
Social entrepreneur organisations, institutions, and networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate with indigenous communities, organisations, networks for access to renewable energy, capacity building, setting up of renewable energy cooperatives with indigenous peoples; document good practices and lessons learned, gaps and challenges on partnerships with indigenous peoples
Service provider NGOs working on renewable energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate with indigenous communities, institutions, networks for access to renewable energy; document good practices, lessons learned, gaps and challenges on partnerships with indigenous peoples
Multi-laterals and bi-laterals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop targeted programmes/projects for access to appropriate energy projects for indigenous communities • To support indigenous-led renewable energy projects through direct financial and technical assistance to IP communities, institutions, networks • Ensure the effective inclusion of indigenous communities in projects relating to access to appropriate renewable energy • Provide support to pilot areas of this Partnership • Provide financial support for the management and coordination of this Partnership
Philanthropic institutions, foundations and funding agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide core funding for the governance, management and coordination of this Partnership • Allocate resources for appropriate renewable energy project in indigenous communities in partnership with indigenous organisations/institutions

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support advocacy activities of indigenous communities, organisations on the protection and promotion of their self-determined development and rights, access to renewable energy
National and local governments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop specific policies/resolutions, programmes and measures on access to appropriate renewable energy by indigenous communities • Provide access to renewable energy to indigenous communities • Generate resources to provide appropriate energy project to indigenous communities • Support initiatives of indigenous communities on appropriate renewable energy
Private sector/renewable energy companies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide renewable energy technologies (e.g., solar panels, windmills, etc.) for indigenous communities in collaboration with indigenous institutions/organisations, networks • Provide technical assistance on renewable energy projects in indigenous communities • Conduct participatory monitoring and reporting with indigenous communities on achievements, gaps and lessons learned

3.4 Leadership, Management and Coordination

LEADERSHIP

The Partnership will be led by indigenous peoples and initially overseen by a Steering Committee composed of members of the IPMG and other IP leaders selected for their experience in energy issues, their integrity and demonstrated commitment. The Steering Committee will ensure regional balance, including representatives from Africa, Arctic, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, North America, Pacific and Western Europe (Russia) and representatives of Indigenous Women (1) and youth (1).

The Steering Committee may call on indigenous and non-indigenous experts and key partners to contribute to the leadership process via a standing Advisory Group. The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Steering Committee and any supporting Advisory Group will need to be developed in consultation with indigenous organizations and potential partners amongst key stakeholders.

MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION OF THE PARTNERSHIP

A Technical Secretariat shall be formed to manage and coordinate the day-to-day activities of the Partnership, including in facilitating linkages and collaboration of partners to work together at the local, national, regional and global levels. This will be headed by an overall Coordinator. The secretariat shall be in charge in establishing the data-portal of the partnership, coordination and linking partners as appropriate, gathering and consolidating reports, developing communications tolls and channels, among others. The technical secretariat will be directly under the Steering Committee and shall submit regular reports.

The Partnership will need to ensure that its approach and activities are led by the real concerns facing indigenous peoples at the local level through a system of engagement with local, national and regional

indigenous organisations and networks. It will be important to ensure there are concrete activities and issues to engage indigenous communities and organisations by other partners as appropriate in line with the Partnership objectives, principles and values.

Firstly, regional and sub-regional focal points will be recruited. These should be indigenous peoples' organisations and/or networks that are well-recognised and have an active relationship with national and local indigenous groups. It will be important to ensure there are concrete activities and issues to engage indigenous groups on to make sure that indigenous groups are getting full value out of interactions with the Partnership.

During the Pilot Phase (2018-2020), representatives will be identified from the regions and countries in which the pilot activities will take place. During the Expansion Phase (2020-2022) outreach will continue to actively engage more geographical areas based on increased funding and the ability to provide technical support and pilot activity financing to more communities (note: see "Timeline" section at the end of this document for further information on phases of the Partnership).

TRUST FUND FOR THE PARTNERSHIP

A Trust Fund will be formed to facilitate the goals of the Partnership through supporting pilot activities, community initiatives, capacity building and exchange/inter-learning, and core operating costs of the Partnership. The Trust Fund will be overseen by an independent Board of Directors that will be completely independent to the Steering Committee of the Partnership.

The Board of Directors will provide independent oversight and make decisions, in consultation with the Steering Committee, on the financing of activities. The Trust Fund will be a multi-stakeholder body led by indigenous peoples and with representatives from donors, technical experts in renewable energy, bi-lateral and/or multi-lateral bodies etc.

The Trust Fund will be responsible for:

- Independently managing all funds provided to the Partnership
- Ensuring full transparency and accountability at every step of the funding cycle
- Cross checking and reviewing all funding requests from the Steering Committee to ensure full alignment with Partnership goals
- Ensuring full compliance with international fund management standards

Providing regular, comprehensive financial reports every 2 years to donors and beneficiaries of the Trust Fund that will also be made publicly available

MONITORING, EVALUATION AND LEARNING

The Partnership will be built on a continuous feedback cycle to improve performance in response periodic evaluations. This will include:

- Internal evaluations with a participatory approach, including communities and partners, will be used to develop reports every two years outlining progress against measurable targets and indicators as well as challenges and lessons learned.
- Periodic external reviews at critical phases of the Partnership in 2021; 2025 and 2030, including:
 - The completion of the Pilot Phase to inform how the Partnership can be expanded and improved.

- The completion of the Expansion Phase to ensure that the growth is being carried out effectively and sustainably and that the Partnership is still providing value and meeting its targets.
- The completion of the Core Phase to understand how well the Partnership has performed and how/whether it can serve an effective purpose beyond the timeline of SDG implementation.
- The production of lessons learned, best practice and other communication tools to share the outputs of the Partnership based on these evaluations and reviews, in addition to collating this information through dedicated activities to promote knowledge exchange.

REPORTING

All contributing partners will be required to submit regular reports (templates to be provided) which will be consolidated and presented as an overall Partnership report which will be submitted to the Partnership Exchange of the High Level Political Forum of the SDGs every two years. Reports will include:

- Achievements towards commitments made to Partnership targets.
- Discussion of issues underlying good progress and/or progress gaps.
- Lessons learned, including case studies, and testimonies and participatory reviews from indigenous communities involved.
- Recommendations for improvement and/or scaling up of achievements.
- Full financial reports to be reviewed and approved by Trust Fund¹ (if Trust Fund financing is used).

COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

A full communications strategy will be developed as part of early activities to tailor the Partnership's message towards indigenous and non-indigenous partners, and outline the appropriate outreach and communications materials and channels will be most effective to achieve determined communications goals. Activities are likely to include:

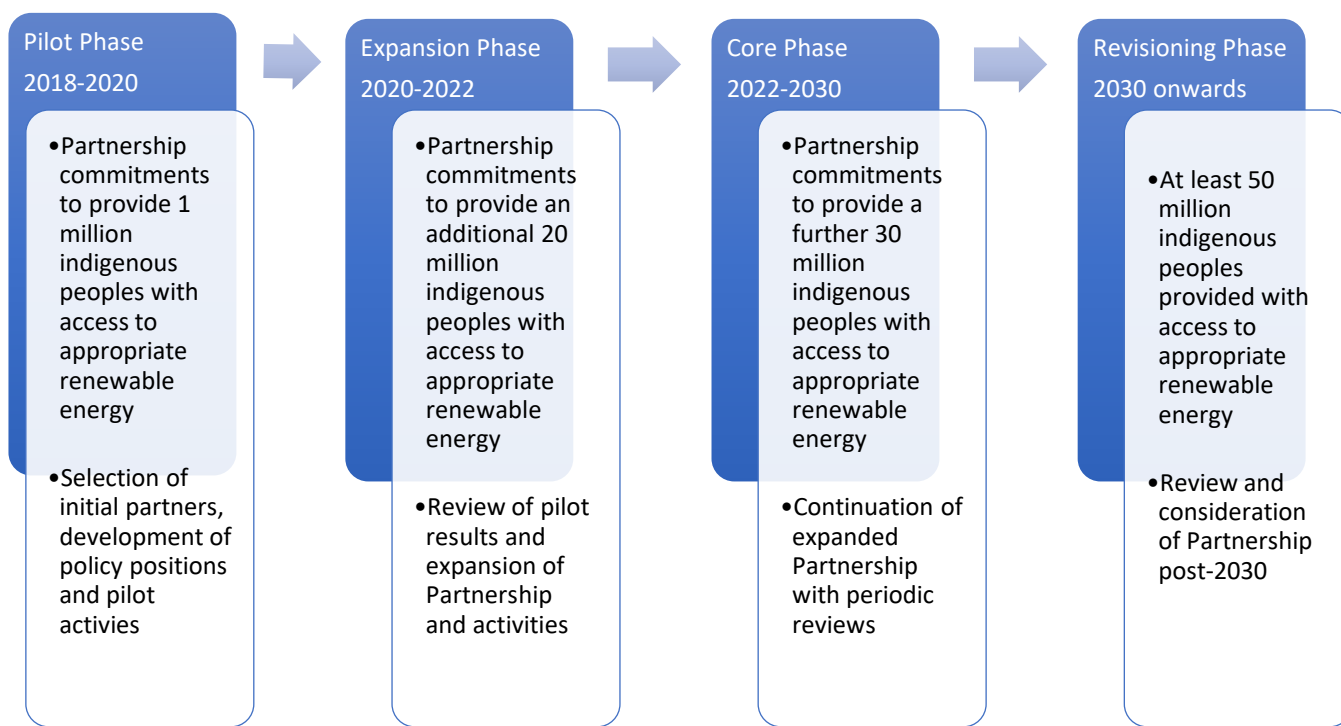
- Outreach to local, national, regional and international indigenous peoples' communities, groups and networks.
- Outreach to existing and potential partners, including differentiated materials for stakeholders such as UN bodies and other multilaterals, CSOs, private sector, etc.
- Development of a web portal hosting information and data on the Partnership and activities of partners as well as key developments related to renewable energy.
- Mixed media presence and outreach (e.g., social media, podcasts, interviews, video reports, etc.)

TIMEFRAME

The Partnership will be launched in 2018 and continue to operate at least until 2030 in line with the timeframe of the SDGs. It is expected that the Partnership will be initiated with a pilot phase and

¹ See section 3.1 for more discussion of the structure and function of the Trust Fund

reviewed and adapted periodically. After 2030, there will be a review of the Partnership and consideration of its role in the post-2030 agenda. A potential time line is given below.



CREATING AN EQUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

There are some genuine concerns regarding the ability of less powerful stakeholders to participate in multi-stakeholder partnerships. For instance, such partnerships can co-opt civil society and indigenous actors, using them to endorse activities while not fully allowing them to act as empowered, equal partners. Other threats include private sector involvement that comes with narrow interests, which can bring the risk of compromising core values or the reputation of a partnership. Furthermore, multi-stakeholder partnerships should, but often fail to, really include and emphasise the authentic participation of primary stakeholders (UN-NGLS 2004).

The REP will be structured to put indigenous peoples in the centre and have a strong focus on developing approaches to allow indigenous communities to engage with other partners from a position of full agency. The Partnership will therefore be indigenous-led and develop a code of engagement for participating non-indigenous members.

Additionally, at the local and national levels, the Partnership will embed procedures to ensure indigenous communities have tools to assert their agency in the engagement with other groups and the implementation of activities. As part of the Partnership's methodology, tools such as community protocols and cultural impact assessments that ensure that a quadruple bottom line is being followed (e.g., cultural as well as environmental, socially and financially responsible activities) will be developed and supported.

CLEAR PARTNER CONTRIBUTIONS AND OUTCOMES

The Partnership is an open platform for those who can make concrete contributions to achieve the objectives and goals and who commit to abide by the Partnership principles. In addition, they are required to submit regular, verifiable reports on their achievements, gaps, lessons learned on the implementation of their contributions to the Partnership. All partners shall define their clear roles, responsibilities and specific contributions and record this in a signed pledge (see Annex 2).

LINKING STRATEGICALLY TO OTHER RELATED INITIATIVES

The Partnership will coordinate closely with related initiatives in order to: influence and advocate for indigenous perspectives to be recognised; exchange learning and best practice; capitalise on synergies; collaborate on activities where there are opportunities to mutually benefit; and ensure no overlaps. Some key initiatives include:

- The Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples' Platform to the Paris Agreement.
- Sustainable Energy for All, particularly the People Centered Accelerator initiative.
- The UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and processes to implement the Paris Agreement and the international and national levels.
- The Convention on Biological Diversity, particularly working groups and initiatives focused on traditional knowledge.
- Other significant initiatives focused on SDG 7 and the implementation of energy goals under the Paris Agreement at the international, regional and national levels on a case-by-case basis

3.5 Selecting countries for the Pilot Phase

The Pilot Phase of the Partnership (2018-2020) will include support to pilot projects in select countries. Funding for the pilot projects may come from the Partnership's fundraising efforts, or projects that already have funding may be included in the Partnership's Pilot Phase and benefit from/contribute to technical support and knowledge exchanges via the Partnership. Criteria for identifying possible countries where pilot projects could be based are listed below.

- *Community need for support*: Do the selected communities in the countries selected have a critical need for support (e.g., do they need access to energy/renewable energy, are they threatened by energy developments)?
- *Likelihood of being targeted by SDG 7 related initiatives*: These are communities in countries that are considered key target groups for SDG 7 (e.g., are "high impact" or "fast-moving" countries with relation to expanding energy access or increasing renewable energy in the global mix – see Annex 1 for a list of countries).
- *Capacity to engage*: Do the selected communities have existing organisational capacity to engage effectively in pilot phase (e.g., they have strong indigenous institutions/organizations; are they connected to a strong sub-national or national organization/network)?
- *Regional and thematic representativeness*: Supported activities should cover broad enough number of regions and context/conditions, so that the Pilot Phase draws lessons and learning from a representative range of contexts.

Selected countries do not need to fulfill all criteria. An initial list of countries to be considered are listed below.

Africa	Asia	Latin America/Caribbean	Oceania
Democratic Republic of Congo	India	Brazil	Pacific Island states (tbd)
Kenya	Indonesia	Colombia	
	Phillipines	Mexico	
		Nicaragua	

In addition to this, the following developed countries could be included in the Pilot Phase:

- USA – due to the number of tribal institutions/governments already providing renewable energy to their communities.
- Australia and New Zealand – have communities with positive experiences that can be built on and shared.

This is an initial list that will be subject to further analysis. Early activities will include a scoping study to establish: baseline data; indigenous community needs, opportunities and problems with renewable energy developments; assess potential forms of appropriate energy; potential partners and financing.

ANNEX 1: REP's Contributions to Global Development and Climate Goals

The term “sustainable energy” in the context of how it is understood under SDG 7 has four dimensions: access to energy; access to clean cooking; energy efficiency; and renewable energy. The expansion of energy production, whether for increasing access to energy or increasing the share of renewables, has and continues to have a profound impact on indigenous peoples.

The Right Energy Partnership will therefore contribute to the implementation of SDG 7 Target 7.1: access to affordable, reliable and modern energy, and SDG 7 Target 7.2: increasing renewable energy in the global energy mix (see Box 1 for all Targets). The Partnership will additionally contribute to achieving various targets under SDG 17 (see Box below). The Partnership will also contribute to the emission reduction goals of the Paris Agreement on climate change, with a focus on aligning activities to Nationally Determined Contributions at the country level where possible.

Box: SDG 17 Targets that the Partnership will contribute to

Goal: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalise the global partnership for sustainable development.

Targets:

Capacity building

17.9: Enhance international support for implementing effective and targeted capacity-building in developing countries to support national plans to implement all the sustainable development goals, including through North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation.

Technology

17.6: Enhance North-South, South-South and triangular regional and international cooperation on and access to science, technology and innovation and enhance knowledge sharing on mutually agreed terms,

including through improved coordination among existing mechanisms, in particular at the United Nations level, and through a global technology facilitation mechanism

17.7: Promote the development, transfer, dissemination and diffusion of environmentally sound technologies to developing countries on favourable terms, including on concessional and preferential terms, as mutually agreed.

Systemic issues

Policy and institutional coherence

17.14: Enhance policy coherence for sustainable development.

17.15: Respect each country's policy space and leadership to establish and implement policies for poverty eradication and sustainable development.

Multi-stakeholder partnerships

17.16: Enhance the global partnership for sustainable development, complemented by multi-stakeholder partnerships that mobilise and share knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources, to support the achievement of the sustainable development goals in all countries, in particular developing countries.

17.17: Encourage and promote effective public, public-private and civil society partnerships, building on the experience and resourcing strategies of partnerships.

Data, monitoring and accountability

17.18: By 2020, enhance capacity-building support to developing countries, including for least developed countries and small island developing States, to increase significantly the availability of high-quality, timely and reliable data disaggregated by income, gender, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, geographic location and other characteristics relevant in national contexts.

Finance

17.3: Mobilise additional financial resources for developing countries from multiple sources.

ANNEX 2: Sample Partnership Member Pledge

As a Core/Associate/Solidarity Member of the Right Energy Partnership with Indigenous Peoples, [name of organisation] agrees to uphold the following principles and values in all interactions with the Partnership:

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- **Equitable benefit sharing and the promotion of equity**. This includes a focus on actions that support the poor and not only wealthier community members who are better placed to participate and benefit from actions. Activities supported by the Partnership shouldn't create wealth and power gaps in the community and ensure that those further left behind are clearly targeted to include indigenous persons with disabilities, the elderly, and young people, among others

- **Full inclusion and empowerment of indigenous women.** This should be a core objective of the Partnership and activities must have a strong gender focus to ensure the perspectives, concerns and aspirations of women are accounted for and they become key actors and beneficiaries.
- **Respect and promotion of self-determined sustainable development.** Activities will be focused on ensuring broad gains in self-determined sustainable development and livelihood that is culturally sensitive. This includes the holistic approach of indigenous peoples in addressing poverty, food insecurity and the overall wellbeing of indigenous peoples in the achievement of inter-related goals for sustainable development.
- **Full participation and empowerment of indigenous communities.** The Partnership will prioritise participatory approaches with a focus on community-led and -centred renewable energy and ensure that the poorest and most marginalized members of the community are included, such as persons with disabilities, elderly and young people, among others.
- **Uphold indigenous leadership** of the Partnership as a critical principle. By putting the target beneficiaries in the centre of designing and leading in solutions, there is a much higher chance of the Partnership being effective in reaching its goals. Furthermore, the traditional knowledge and innovation of indigenous peoples on the ground must be recognised and promoted in the implementation of SDG 7 and the Paris Agreement.
- **Transparency, accountability and mutual respect** must be the cornerstone of a partnership between indigenous peoples and other stakeholders to ensure that the Partnership can engender trust and positive, generative working relationships between different stakeholders. Additionally, indigenous stakeholders must uphold principles of transparency and accountability to build trust in the Partnership's activities.

In the spirit of this Partnership [*Name of organisation*] thereby commits, in consultation with the REP Steering Committee to provide the following contributions:

E.g., may include:

- Access to renewable, appropriate energy for XXX ppl in XXX countries/regions by [*date*] and to report on this commitment fully in accordance with the Partnership's activity and financial reporting standards.
- Serve as country/regional focal point for the Partnership to coordinate activities and partners involved in the Partnership in [*insert name of country/region*]
- Serve on the Technical Advisory Group requiring self-funded participation in meetings every 2 years and pro bono review of strategic documents and reports.
- Serve on the Trust Fund's Board of Directors requiring self-funded participation in meetings every year and pro bono review of strategic and financial documents and reports.
- Technical support to specific pilot projects based on a written agreement [will be drafted and appended] that will be developed with the relevant communities and the REP Steering Committee.
- Technical support to the operation of the Partnership based on a written agreement [will be drafted and appended] that will be developed with the REP Steering Committee.
- Commitment to monitor and report on the social, environmental and human rights impacts of energy projects in indigenous territories in xxx countries/regions that may be used for advocacy.
- Financial and/or technical support of US\$ _____ (cash or in-kind) for the funding of pilot activities in the following countries: [*add countries/communities*].

- Financial support of US\$ _____ for core costs of the Partnership (e.g., organisational support, logistics, communications costs).
- Other contributions, to be determined.

The REP and *[Name of organisation]* agree to collaborate in good faith to achieve the goals and objectives of the Partnership.

REP [SIGNING AUTHORITY]

SIGNED/DATED

REP [CONTACT PERSON]

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[Name of organisation] [SIGNING AUTHORITY]

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[Name of organisation] [CONTACT PERSON]

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