Scaling Global South Climate Solutions | Consultation, Free, Prior, & Informed Consent Protocol following a Rights-Based Approach for Carbon Projects - Global





To safeguard self-determination of Indigenous, local, and Afro-descendant communities, Landesa designed a ten-step process that embeds meaningful consultation and FPIC throughout the entire lifecycle of a carbon project.

Challenge
Community involvement that respects proper consultation and Free, Prior, and Informed Consent is inconsistently applied in carbon offset projects. Without these safeguards, affected communities are exposed to displacement, lost livelihoods, and violation of land rights, while project developers face reputational risks.

Solution
The Protocol is applicable to Indigenous, local, and Afro-descendant territories, providing practical guidance for project developers and communities working to actively protect and strengthen community land tenure rights during the consulting, design, and implementation phases of carbon projects.

Impact
To date, Landesa's Protocol has been recognized as key guidance for ensuring FPIC under the High-Quality Blue Carbon Practitioners Guide 2026, positioning it to influence over 300 proposed blue carbon projects currently in validation, design, or feasibility stages globally.

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