



ProBenefit

"Participation and Stakeholder Consultation in the ProBenefit Project"

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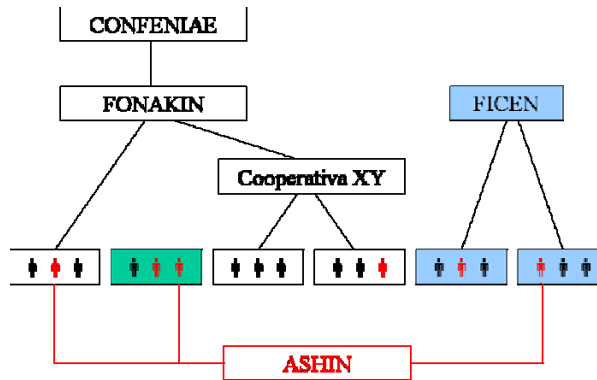


The indigenous population is well organized

- at the supranational level (COICA)
- at the national level (CONAIE/CONFENAIE)
- at the regional level (e.g. FONAKIN)
- at the local level (communities, agricultural cooperatives)



Indigenous representation in the project area



Workshop in the project area

Subject: Consultation and indigenous participation



- More than 25 representatives of local communities, indigenous organisations and professional associations (e.g., midwives) expressed their view on requirements for participation.
- The need for more information on ABS was expressed throughout the workshop groups.



Training and Capacity-Building



Capacity-building and training in the project area

- 6 modules taught and designed by Ecuadorian experts.
- 25 course participants sent by their respective organizations.
- These experts should then inform and consult the local communities and organizations.



Training and Capacity-Building Modules 1-3



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Botany and industrial partner

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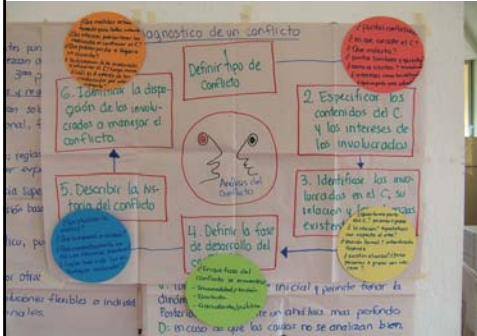
Phytomedicine: Production Process

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ABS/IPR: Legal Framework, Protection of traditional knowledge



Training and Capacity-Building Modules 4-6



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Phytomedicine: Markets and Commercialization
Benefit-sharing concepts

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Contracts, Negotiation and Conflict Management

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Moderation and Presentation Techniques



Results



Participants appreciated explicitly that:

- Development of programme and selection of contents done by indigenous and national experts.
- Presentations and moderation done by national experts.
- Industrial partner personally present at certain modules.
- Real-Life examples and role playings.
- First extensive capacity building on ABS in the region.



Results



Project appreciated that:

- Stable group of participants over all modules, gender-balanced.
- Expert group for the design of a consultation process could be formed.
- Documentation distributed to organizations, communities, government, experts and homepage.



Constraints



Expert group still not able to propose a design for the consultation process because:

- partly not interested
- not legitimated within FONAKIN as relevant body
- sidelined by FONAKIN leaders for political reasons (not allowed to gather or communicate with the project) during presidential elections.



Constraints



FONAKIN main assembly decided:

- not to allow consultation design unless a broad capacity building campaign to be financed by the project or the applicant (15 months, 130.000 dollars) for all communities in the area
- then to meet again and decide, if development of a consultation design should be allowed
- then the applicant has to finance the consultation campaign
- this was impossible due to financial and time constraints



Consequences



- No consultation process
- No agreement
- No second phase (screening)