

# Case Reflections of the Independent Consultation and Investigation Mechanism (MICI) in Latin America and the Caribbean



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## Independent Consultation and Investigation Mechanism (MICI)

- Triggered by project affected communities.
- Scope of action: social and environmental issues.
- Offers Dispute Resolution and Investigation.

# Regulatory framework of IDB Group about Indigenous Peoples

Sustainability Policy of IDB Invest (2020)



*Concrete requirements for private sector clients under PS7*

IDB's Environmental and Social Policy Framework (ESPF) (2021)



*Concrete requirement for public sector clients under standard 7*



# Indigenous Peoples issues seen in complaints to MICI

- **Inadequate characterization** of the directly affected population as indigenous peoples.
- **Consultations** that lacked meaningfulness, participation, and representativity of all stakeholders.
- When communities are divided, the review of the risk of **social conflict or conflict escalation** has been insufficient.
- Lack of adequately assessing the project operator's **capacity to manage social risks**
- **Lack of conflict resolution systems** to properly manage land disputes.

# Some lessons learned from MICI's interventions

**Meaningful stakeholder engagement** requires timely, accessibility, and culturally appropriate consultations and information disclosure.

**Stronger focus on social issues.**

Proactive efforts are needed to systematically identify contextual risk and prevent projects from contributing or exacerbating social conflict.

**Correctly assessing cultural identity, customs, and integrity of local communities** and indigenous peoples is fundamental to ensuring **appropriate measures** to mitigate impacts to cultural integrity.

Project teams need to **systematically disclose** all the project-related documents and supplemental studies in a timely manner.

# Let's continue the conversation!

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