Community Dialogues

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What is a community dialogue?

Dialogues are a forum:

• to celebrate the Equator Prize winning communities’ achievements
• to share Equator Prize winners’ experiences and practices among each other
• to provide trainings and workshops in different areas (i.e. biodiversity and development)
• to interface directly with global and national policy makers
Where do they take place?

- Community dialogues are pegged to large international UN or civil society conferences.
- Participants attend a large scale international policy forum, gain access to policy makers, participate in meetings organized by other civil society groups, and share their experiences and practices with a diverse audience.
Johannesburg to Rio

• There have been 11 community dialogues since 2002.
• The first in Johannesburg at the World Summit on Sustainable Development.
• From New York to Nairobi to Bonn to Bangkok and Brazil
• Over 500 community representatives have participated in these forums.
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EQUATOR DIALOGUES
2002-2010
Community Dialogues and their corresponding international conferences

- Commons New York, 2005
  UN Millennium Review Summit
- Summit New York, 2010
  UN Millennium Review Summit and 55th session of the United Nations General Assembly
- Dorf Bonn, 2008
  COP 9 to the Convention on Biological Diversity
- Poble Barcelona, 2008
  International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) World Conservation Congress
- Shamba Nairobi, 2004
  International Ecological Dialogue Conference
- Mubaan Bangkok, 2004
  International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) World Conservation Congress
- Kampung Kuala Lumpur, 2004
  COP 7 to the Convention on Biological Diversity
- Taba Curitiba, 2006
  COP 8 to the Convention on Biological Diversity
- Vilaj Mauritius, 2005
  Review of Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (SIDS)
- Kraal Johannesburg, 2002
  World Summit on Sustainable Development
- Park Durban, 2003
  IUCN World Parks Congress
Who participates?

- Equator Prize winners from around the world;
- Representatives from the Equator Initiative’s fifteen partner organizations like Conservation International, The Nature Conservancy;
- The Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme;
- United Nations and UNDP representatives, UN Goodwill Ambassadors;
- Civil society and indigenous peoples’ organizations;
- Media representatives.
What happens at a community dialogue?

- community participants present their work to the group;
- invited representatives from the United Nations, civil society, present their programmes, provide trainings; or lead a workshop on a particular theme;
- press conferences; and
- informal exchanges between community participants and national and international policy makers.
What are some of the community dialogues’ key results?

- Learning Exchanges
- Local-Global Linkages
- Network Development
- Participation in International Processes
- Media Coverage