UNDP Equator Initiative

To recognize and advance local sustainable development solutions for people, nature and resilient communities
Equator Initiative Partners
Equator Prize

Identifying and shining a spotlight on community-based success and achievement
Highlights

• **Between 2002 and 2010**, the Equator Prize (and over 1.5 million USD in prize money) was awarded to 127 exceptional community-based initiatives working in biodiversity conservation and poverty reduction.

• **Equator Prize 2012** to be awarded to 25 new winners in Rio de Janeiro, June 20, during UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20).
Equator Dialogues

Community-driven meetings for peer-to-peer learning, informing policy, capacity building and training, and forging partnerships
Highlights

- Ten ‘community dialogue spaces’ have created ‘shadow events’ to major international conferences, providing a platform for more than 500 local and indigenous leaders to share best practice and inform policymaking.

- **Community Aldeia** to be held during Rio+20 (Brazil, June 2012)

- **Community Palli** to be held during CBD COP-11 (India, October 2012)
Equator Knowledge

Documentation and research on local best practices in environment and development
Highlights

- **Equator Initiative Case Studies series**, profiling the work of all 127 Equator Prize winners to date. Will be published on [www.equatorinitiative.org](http://www.equatorinitiative.org) in an interactive database and featured with other knowledge products.

- “**Power of Local Action**”: Trend analysis and lessons learned across all 127 case studies, to be published for Rio+20; reporting back on 10 years of local perspective.
Thank you!