

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Banpu defines community engagement as a relational process that fosters communication and involvement between the company and local communities to create social capital. Successful engagement improves mutual understanding and community ownership, allowing communities to share their concerns and aspirations.

The **Community Consultative Committee (CCC)** is central to Banpu's engagement efforts, consisting of local residents, indigenous peoples, vulnerable groups, government representatives, and Banpu employee. The CCC serves as a platform for dialogue, facilitating the exchange of information and feedback regarding projects and their impacts.

Purpose of the CCC:

The CCC provides a forum for dialogue, helping ensure transparent communication and feedback regarding projects and their impacts. Its benefits include:

- Sharing updates between Banpu, the community, and stakeholders.
- Offering a two-way communication channel to address concerns and promote understanding.
- Keeping the community informed about project status and new initiatives.

Roles and Responsibilities:

The CCC plays an advisory and consultative role, ensuring that affected communities can voice concerns and participate in decision-making. Key responsibilities include:

- Establishing clear communication channels with affected residents.
- Ensuring that all community members, including vulnerable groups, have opportunities to engage.
- Providing feedback on project plans, changes, and issues.
- Offering local perspectives to minimize the impact of projects on residents.

Establishment of the CCC:

The need for a CCC is determined based on the scale of the project, its potential impacts, and public interest. Banpu emphasizes the involvement of all stakeholders, especially indigenous and vulnerable groups, in forming the committee. The CCC may be established at the early stages of a project or after project approval.

Committee Membership:

Members of the CCC include:

- A chairperson, ideally from the community.
- Local community representatives, particularly from indigenous and vulnerable groups.
- Stakeholder representatives, such as government officials and other affected parties.
- Banpu representatives, including those responsible for community and environmental management.

The selection process involves working with local leaders to identify and nominate committee members based on specific criteria.

Selection Process:

Business units should work with local government and community leaders to identify the committee selection criteria and a fair selection process for the CCC committee members.



Committee Meetings and Responsibilities:

Meetings are held at least once a year, with additional sessions as needed. The agenda covers project updates, community concerns, and environmental performance. Minutes are taken at each meeting, documenting issues raised, actions to be taken, and responsibilities. These minutes are publicly available.

Training and Company Responsibility:

Banpu provides mandatory training for new committee members to ensure they understand the committee's processes and the technical aspects of the projects. The company is responsible for providing accurate and timely reports to the committee and consulting it before making changes to project conditions.

In conclusion, the CCC is a crucial component of Banpu's community engagement strategy, promoting transparent communication, addressing concerns, and ensuring that projects align with community needs and values.