

## Response from EDF Renewable

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The Business & Human Rights Resource Centre invited EDF to respond to allegations the violation of the indigenous right to free, prior and informed consent in Mexico.

- [“México: Defensores comunitarios declaran ilegítima y parcial la consulta para construir otro parque eólico en el Istmo”](#), NVI Noticias (Mexico), Published 1st April 2019

EDF sent the following statement:

EDF Renewable is present in Mexico since 2001 and already operates 3 onshore wind farms in the state of Oaxaca. EDF Group has been and is fully committed to inform and consult local communities about its projects in compliance with local processes and regulations as well as with international standards related to human rights.

In Mexico, EDF participates to and supports the current local consultation conducted by the Energy Ministry, SENER, related to the Gunaa Sicaru wind project that the company is developing in the State of Oaxaca. The Consultation is a strictly regulated process that has to be directed by the Mexican Government. The Gunaa Sicaru wind project is welcomed by most of the local communities. All along the Consultation process, EDF is committed to continuing work with the local community so that the project meets their expectations and remains welcome.

Beyond the ongoing consultation, the EDF Group organized several local opened meetings with local communities and stakeholders to provide information and answer questions on the project, and participated to a transparent dialog with opponents under OECD requests framework (<https://www.tresor.economie.gouv.fr/tresor-international/pcn-france/circonstance-specifique-edf-et-edf-en-au-mexique>).