

## **International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change (IIPFCC) Statement in the Closing Plenary of Subsidiary Body on Implementation, June 11, 2015**

As climate change is a global phenomenon, solutions must be global as well. The role and contributions of indigenous peoples to solutions to climate change is crucial. Many reports and studies elaborate how indigenous peoples are impacted by climate change and how this increases their vulnerability. In response to increased risks, indigenous peoples continue to use their traditional knowledge systems and innovations to enhance their resilience.

As the parties work towards a climate agreement in Paris, we propose the following:

- Parties shall ensure that Paris agreement respects, protects and fulfills the human rights of indigenous peoples including their rights to lands, territories and resources as enshrined in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).
- Recognize and respect indigenous peoples as guardians of crucial ecosystems and secure their traditional knowledge, innovations and adaptation practices in the conservation, recovery and adaptation of diverse ecosystems.
- Ensure full and effective participation of indigenous peoples in the development of any mitigation and adaptation plans to achieve an effective work plan that will beneficially impact indigenous peoples.
- Establish dedicated funds and mechanisms to ensure direct access to, and administration and management by, indigenous peoples of funds to enhance and further develop our adaptation capacities and to strengthen our traditional knowledge, livelihoods and customary land tenure.
- Financial support must also cover compensation for already damaged and lost lands, resources and livelihoods of indigenous peoples due to the adverse impacts of climate change.

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- Protect the rights of indigenous peoples to their land, territories and resources and secure
- Ensure full and effective participation of indigenous peoples in the development of any mitigation and adaptation plans to achieve an effective work plan that will result to beneficial impact to indigenous peoples and local communities.
- Dedicated fund mechanism to be directly accessed by indigenous peoples/local communities to enhance and further develop our adaptation capacities and to strengthen our traditional knowledge and livelihoods, which we have sustained for generations; and
- Urgent implementation of programmes to address adaptation, and loss and damage associated with climate change impacts, including the mobilization and securing of funds, technology and capacity-building activities to address climate change impacts. Financial support must also cover compensation for already damaged and lost lands, resources and livelihoods of indigenous peoples due to the adverse impacts of climate change.