

International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change (IIPFCC)
Closing Statement to the ADP
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Distinguished Co-chairs thank you for the opportunity to speak on the behalf of International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change.

We reiterate our call for a truly rights-based approach that recognizes and respects the rights of Indigenous Peoples. Section C must remain in the agreement and its reference to the rights of Indigenous Peoples must be maintained and strengthened.

The Outcome Document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples recognizes, any COP decision at Paris negotiated by the ADP should acknowledge the obligation to guarantee and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples in all processes, programs and actions at all levels.

The negotiating text must retain and strengthen its references to indigenous traditional knowledge. The Fifth report of the IPCC and the General Assembly of the United Nations recognized that our traditional knowledge systems and our holistic vision of community and environment are key resources for global mitigation and adaptation to climate change.

Any ultimate outcome of the negotiations as well as the Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) submitted by Parties should include indicators on the extent to which Indigenous Peoples' rights and safeguards are respected, and non-carbon benefits are ensured. INDCs should also include indicators for reporting on national progress to ensure collective land titling, concrete measures to control mega drivers, the allocation of public funding to the management of indigenous lands, territories, and resources. F They should further recognize that indigenous traditional practices and livelihoods are not drivers of deforestation but rather contribute to mitigation and adaptation.

Furthermore should parties establish a specially dedicated fund to be directly accessed and managed by Indigenous Peoples from developing and developed countries to enhance and further develop our adaptation capacities and to strengthen our traditional knowledge and livelihoods. Parties should also ensure direct access to already existing climate funds including the Green Climate Fund.

Any action undertaken by the private sector in relation to climate change must respect the rights of Indigenous Peoples, including the rights to lands, territories, and resources, and the right to free, prior, and informed consent.