



INTERNATIONAL  
INDIGENOUS  
PEOPLES'  
FORUM ON  
CLIMATE CHANGE

## **GST/TD opening plenary**

Thank you, Chair.

My name is Pratima Gurung and I am here on behalf of the Indigenous Peoples' Caucus, distinct from the Facilitative Working Group, a constituted body with States.

Climate change is a matter of life and death for us in all regions. State actions have fallen far short, greenhouse gas emissions and global temperatures are increasing.

We do not need the Global Stocktake to confirm this for us. The third Technical Dialogue on the Global Stocktake must ensure protection of the 1.5 target in the upcoming negotiations.

All proposed actions must include safeguards of the rights of Indigenous Peoples, affirmed in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and acknowledged in the Paris Agreement preamble. States must report how these rights are safeguarded in all climate actions.

On mitigation, we call for real reductions at the source, including the phase out of fossil fuels, rather than carbon offsets. We cannot see the transition towards renewable energy recreate the removal, dispossession, and criminalization of Indigenous Peoples found in the current energy system.

On adaptation, we call for the equitable and ethical engagement with the knowledge systems of Indigenous Peoples, including in country adaptation strategies.

On loss and damage, Indigenous knowledge holders have affirmed that no amount of monetary compensation can repair the losses impacting our ways of life. Loss and damage mechanisms, and discussions in the Global Stock Take, must prioritize prevention rather than compensation.

On finance, Indigenous Peoples from all regions must have direct access to and management of adequate, predictable and sustainable financing for adaptation, mitigations and loss and damage and for the States to duly report this.

The full and equitable participation of Indigenous Peoples, including by youth, women, peoples with disabilities and knowledge holders must be included in all actions proposed in the Global Stock Take, including the preparation of the proposed Annex.

Thank you, Chair.