



International Indigenous Peoples' Forum on Climate Change

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Thank you Mr. Chair,

My name is Cindy Kobei and I belong to the Ogiek indigenous peoples of the Mau Forest in Kenya. As my relatives, Susanna and Tiana, have shared over the last few days, climate change are impacting our lives and compromising our integrity. From the dry lands and rivers, change in weather patterns impacting our traditional food systems leading to floods, drought, rising sea levels, conflict due to the struggle for depressed resources, community displacements etc. We are fast losing our home, the land of my grandfather's our identities, and culture which are all tied to nature.

The climate crisis has real implications on us and we demand bold action at this COP, we demand it now, and here to recognize and protect the rights of my people, of all the Indigenous Peoples.

Some of our priority areas:

In the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform, We are pleased the draft 2-3 year work plan of the LCIPP along with the recommendations of the FWG report has been forwarded for COP approval. We are proud of the historic gathering of traditional knowledge holders from our seven socio-cultural regions of the world. It is their knowledge and wisdom that are the solutions to the climate crisis.

In **the KORONIVIA joint work on agriculture**, we note the progress made so far however with disappointment that no agreement has been reached yet, however we stress that it is essential it be carried forward to the next COP.

Mr. Chair, while some progress has been made in the article 6 on including provisions safeguarding human rights and the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, we are concerned that they are still in the brackets, as well as in 6.4 paragraph 31(e) concerning consultation in connection with activity design. It is essential that such consultations take place at the national and local levels according to international standards that ensure compliance with the right of Indigenous Peoples to free, prior and informed consent. In addition, the grievance mechanism provided for must be an independent body.

Finally, despite the enormous efforts made by Indigenous Peoples to attend this COP, touted as "the most inclusive COP ever", we continue to face impediments to our full and effective participation.

Thank you for your attention.

Cindy Kobei