

KNOWING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES, AND MAKING STRATEGIES TO WORK TOGETHER

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" Los antepasados estan vivos y su visión vive a través nuestro."

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HOW MANY ARE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN THE WORLD

Self-identified indigenous peoples are estimated to number over 370 million, or about 5 per cent of the world's overall population.

An estimated 70 per cent live in Asia and the Pacific. In Latin America alone there are more than 400 different indigenous peoples, each with a distinct language and culture



WHERE ARE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Indigenous peoples live in every region of the world. They live in climates ranging from Arctic cold to Amazon heat, and often claim a deep connection to their lands and natural environments. For many indigenous peoples, the natural world is a valued source of food, health, spirituality and identity. Land is both a critical resource that sustains life and a major cause of struggle and even death.



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Article 1 of ILO Convention No. 169 contains a statement of coverage rather than a definition, indicating that the Convention applies to:

a) tribal peoples in independent countries whose social, cultural and economic conditions distinguish them from other sections of the national community and whose status is regulated wholly or partially by their own customs or traditions or by special laws or regulations;



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b) peoples in independent countries who are regarded as indigenous on account of their descent from the populations which inhabited the country, or a geographical region to which the country belongs, at the time of conquest or colonization or the establishment of present state boundaries and who irrespective of their legal status, retain some or all of their own social, economic, cultural and political institutions.”



WHY WE ARE HERE?

Protection of Traditional Knowledge expressions

The principal issue here for indigenous peoples is : Traditional indigenous knowledge and the public domain:

Benefits for who?



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Development of knowledge management ethics for future cooperative efforts

The next prospective area of development is knowledge management ethics. How can issues of intellectual property rights, privacy, accuracy and accessibility in relation to the ethical management of indigenous knowledge expressions be addressed in collaborative between indigenous and non indigenous actors



PRINCIPLES TO WORK WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Free, prior and informed consent.

In working with indigenous peoples, it will not only adhere to the principle of free, prior and informed consent, but commits to actively involve indigenous peoples in determining and developing priorities and strategies for their own development. Who wants to work will neither finance nor co-finance projects that may have negative impacts on the lives of indigenous peoples.





Collective Rights: Community-driven development.

Community-driven development ensures ownership, commitment and sustainability of investments, and increases self-reliance and community empowerment. In working with indigenous peoples, Who wants to work with IP must it will follow and enhance community-driven development approaches that are particularly suited to the holistic and territorially based worldview of indigenous peoples, where ecosystems and social and economic systems are intertwined.





Blending indigenous knowledge and modern technology, respecting their knowledge

Strengthening indigenous peoples' knowledge systems and blending them with appropriate modern technology can enhance livelihood options, revitalize agriculture, increase food security and improve health. Indigenous peoples' knowledge may hold the key to increased food security, environmental protection, disaster prevention and other challenges related to climate change





Thank you

