

# Indigenous Navigator

- data by Indigenous Peoples



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## Making the Sustainable Development Goals Work for Indigenous Peoples via Community-generated Data

**A new monitoring initiative funded by the European Union provides tools and resources to generate the data needed to mainstream indigenous peoples' rights in the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.**

"Indigenous peoples must not be left behind."

The Secretary-General of the United Nations stated the ambition to leave no one behind in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including indigenous peoples.

Data is much needed in order to identify who is being left behind, and how they can benefit from and contribute to sustainable development.

Therefore the European Union, the International Labour Organization (ILO) and a consortium of five international indigenous peoples' organizations and networks, human rights institutions and NGO's, have joined forces to promote indigenous peoples' rights through systematic generation of data on indigenous peoples' rights and development situation.

### **Monitoring of rights and contributions to sustainable development**

The result of the cooperation is the Indigenous Navigator initiative. It offers a wide range of free tools and resources available online.

**Joan Carling**, co-convener of the Indigenous Peoples Major Group for the Sustainable Development Goals, says:

"The Indigenous Navigator is a participatory monitoring tool not only on the respect of indigenous peoples rights but also in documenting how indigenous peoples are contributing to sustainable development through their traditional resource management practices and innovations. It will generate data to reflect the realities on the ground which can be used to make states to account and to promote the self-determined development of indigenous peoples."

The Indigenous Navigator targets indigenous peoples and communities who want to systematically assess and communicate the levels of recognition and realization of their rights.

### **Mainstreaming indigenous peoples' rights to leave no one behind**

Indigenous peoples account for five percent of the world's population, but 15 percent of those are living in poverty.

Indigenous peoples are one of the most disadvantaged groups, when it comes to human development. According to the Human Development Report 2016, indigenous peoples are among those systematically excluded by barriers that are not purely economic, but political, social and cultural as well.

Lack of recognition and respect for their rights and cultures is at the root of indigenous peoples' exclusion.

While the challenges faced by indigenous communities are distinct, they face the same intolerance and inequalities as other groups at risk of being left behind, such as ethnic minorities, women and girls, rural dwellers, persons with disabilities, migrants and refugees, or the LGBTI community, hindering their full inclusion in human development.

With the Sustainable Development Goals and the ambition to leave no one behind, the more than 370 million people worldwide belonging to indigenous peoples will have to continue their struggle for rights, recognition and participation in decision-making. The Indigenous Navigator will support indigenous peoples' sustained efforts to advance recognition, protection, inclusive policy dialogue and, ultimately, rights-based and self-determined sustainable development.

### **Spot on the SDGs during the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues**

When the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues takes place in New York 24<sup>th</sup> of April - 5<sup>th</sup> of May, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development will be a key agenda item. Functioning as an expert body to the Economic and Social Council, the Permanent Forum will discuss how the rights of indigenous peoples are realized in the Sustainable Development Goals.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of April 15-16:30 in the UN Headquarters, mainstreaming of indigenous peoples' rights in the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals will be the point of departure for a side event.

The side event aims at providing updates on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), driving engagement, introducing data generation as a tool to monitor the rights of indigenous peoples and the 2030 Agenda. The event is organised by the Indigenous Peoples Major Group for the SDGs (represented by Tebtebba Foundation and International Indian Treat Council (IITC)), ILO, IWGIA, Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP) and the Forest Peoples Programme (FPP) with support from the European Union.

### **ABOUT THE INDIGENOUS NAVIGATOR**

The Indigenous Navigator provides tools to analyze and document indigenous peoples' human rights and development, and uncover the important links between the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the commitments put forward in the Sustainable Development Goals and targets, and in the Outcome Document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples.

Through the indigenous Navigator questionnaires, communities can generate their own data and make them available on an online data portal. This will allow other actors to access in-depth information about indigenous peoples' situation.

The Indigenous Navigator is aimed at raising indigenous peoples' awareness of their rights through systematic data generation, and empowering them to claim their rights by using their data in dialogue with policy-makers and development stakeholders at the local, national and global levels.

The Indigenous Navigator is a collaborative initiative developed by Asia Indigenous Peoples' Pact (AIPP), Forest Peoples' Programme (FPP), Tebtebba Foundation, Danish Institute of Human Rights, International Labour Organization (ILO) and International Work Group on Indigenous Affairs (IWGIA) with support from the European Union.

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