

To Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform

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Dear colleagues!

**Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the Informal Virtual Youth Consultations 2024
– Sessions 1, 2**

I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss, improve it and initiate its inclusion into resolution of COP 29.

Indigenous by their experience responses to normal climatic variances and ecosystem opportunities have allowed them to thrive in diverse environmental contexts¹ and extremely changed environmental conditions caused by running climate transformations. To face these challenges, Indigenous Peoples and local communities are obliged to mobilize and enhance their knowledge of their territories and natural resources to constantly adjust to unprecedented variances, extreme weather events and slow onset effects of climate change².

Proceeding from and reaffirming the basic principles of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples that indigenous peoples:

- have the right to the conservation and protection of the environment and the productive capacity of their lands or territories and resources. States shall establish and implement assistance programmes for indigenous peoples for such conservation and protection, without discrimination;³
- have the right to redress, by means that can include restitution or, when this is not possible, just, fair and equitable compensation, for the lands, territories and resources which they have traditionally owned or otherwise occupied or used, and which have been confiscated, taken, occupied, used or damaged without their free, prior and informed consent⁴,

We propose for discussion and further inclusion into resolution of coming COP 29:

1. To support the results and work of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform⁵;
2. To recommend to continue further development of the Platform's activities to ensure the realization of the rights of Indigenous youth and youth from local communities as a stakeholder and responsible Party:
 - a) to preserve their ancestral habitat and reduce the negative climate change impacts on it;
 - b) to develop practical opportunities for equitable, responsible, timely, informationally responsible participation of Indigenous youth and youth from local communities representatives in the examination, discussion, implementation, cancellation of project and/or management decisions;
 - c) to empower the existing Platform for sharing successful and time-tested practices of mitigation activities;

¹ <https://www.unesco.org/en/climate-change/links>

² ibid

³ See art. 29.1 The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. A/RES/61/295. 2007 <https://www.refworld.org/ru/legal/resolution/unga/2007/ru/49353>

⁴ See art. 28.1 The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. A/RES/61/295. 2007 <https://www.refworld.org/ru/legal/resolution/unga/2007/ru/49353>

⁵ <https://lcipp.unfccc.int/>

- d) to support creation of expert opportunities available for representatives of Indigenous youth and youth from local communities to organize and carry out mutual recognition of results, series of observations, results of implementation of successful practices of mitigation activities basing intergeneration and international cooperation.

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