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## Call for submission for *HerStory5*

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*HerStory* series has been a landmark of Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact' (AIPP 's) journey to reminisce, acknowledge, and celebrate Indigenous Women's achievements, struggles and contributions in various sphere of their life. These extraordinary stories of Indigenous Women aim to inspire Indigenous Peoples with different identities including Indigenous Women, Indigenous Peoples with Disability (IPwDs), LGBTIQ and youths with their legacies and aspirations in the struggle for the rights of Indigenous Peoples and Indigenous Women.

The past four series of *HerStory*, [\*Her Story of Empowerment, Leadership and Justice \(2013\)\*](#); [\*Rewriting HerStory: A Collection of Essays by Indigenous Women \(2014\)\*](#); [\*Championing Community Land Rights and Indigenous Women's Leadership in Asia \(2015\)\*](#); [\*Struggles and Successes: Indigenous Women's Voices and Perspectives \(2020\)\*](#), have successfully captured the struggles, bravery and courage of Indigenous Women in fighting for their rights to lands territories and resources; their pathways to empowerment, leadership, endeavors for Indigenous Knowledge promotion and protection, and their exceptional role in building Indigenous movement and peace process. These have been narrations of joy, fight, victory, aspirations, dream, and reality of Indigenous Women across Asia in their voyage of life. These series have been reciprocated positively and constructively by academicians, well-wishers and different stakeholders who are working for or interested in Indigenous Peoples and intersecting issues.

AIPP, in 2020, will continue to rejoice Indigenous Women's insights and efforts across Asia by documenting and publishing their personal and community experiences in *HerStory5*. Through this, AIPP hopes to raise voices of Indigenous Women and their rights, draw global attention on their issues and concerns, enhance the visibility of their contribution, and promote solidarity and collective actions.

Hence, AIPP requests you all to join hand in sourcing, documenting, and disseminating inspirational stories of Indigenous Women across the Asia region and globally. This year we will continue to focus on the following themes:

1. **Role and contribution of Indigenous Women Human Rights Defenders** to protect, promote and advance Indigenous Women's rights, Indigenous Peoples rights, and identity, rights to lands, territories, and resources, defending for climate and gender justice with Indigenous perspective, and demanding for Indigenous Knowledge protection and promotion.
2. **Role of Indigenous Women** in promoting Indigenous Women's leadership; organizing Indigenous women; promoting gender equality; reducing gender-based

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violation and discrimination in customary and traditional practices; fighting against human trafficking; improving participation in social and political institution; advancing Indigenous Women's Economic Rights striving for generational equality, (You can choose one or more relevant topics)

- 3. Indigenous Women's role in COVID-19:** Pandemic impact has severe globally but differently to Indigenous Peoples with different identities. While struggling globally to cope with it, Indigenous Women have set different milestones with collective action and good practices. This will reflect and cover stories of struggle, response, adaptation, collective action and coping strategies against COVID 19 by Indigenous Women.

We would like to 'HEAR' and 'TELL' the stories of Indigenous Women or Indigenous Women Group or Networks from across ASIA on above themes.

Please submit your stories (Annex 1: Story Guideline and template) latest by Sept 30, 2020

For any queries and support, please contact: [sushila@aippnet.org](mailto:sushila@aippnet.org)

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## Annex 1: Story Guidelines and Template

### Guidelines

- should be a minimum of 3-4 pages (1500-2000 words).
- can be focused on an individual, group or community.
- should be submitted in English (can also be in local languages)
- Please, submit at least **two photographs** to support the story. Ideally, one of these would be a **portrait**.
- any **newspaper clippings, poems, songs, paintings** etc. that can be used to alongside your story will be added value. Please send them too.
- Please submit the story by **30 Sept 2020**

**If you cannot meet this deadline or having problem with English write up but would still like to participate, please contact [Sushila@aippnet.org](mailto:Sushila@aippnet.org) to discuss alternative options.**

<b>Elements of the story</b>	Has your story covered following aspects? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Background/ introduction</b> of the <b>Indigenous Women and theme</b> that your story is covering</li><li>- <b>Key role</b> of the Indigenous Women played in the struggles or to make the changes happen</li><li>- <b>Factors that motivated</b> her to act upon or take the role</li><li>- <b>Opportunities and challenges</b> she faced</li><li>- <b>Results</b> of her/their actions</li><li>- <b>Lessons learnt</b></li></ul>
<b>Story:</b>	<b>If you are having trouble, you can start by answering some of the following questions:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What is the experience that you wish to highlight?</li><li>2. What was the situation like before the Indigenous Woman/ community/ association became empowered?</li></ol>

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	<p><b>3.</b> What aspects of knowledge and capacity were used in this process?</p> <p><b>4.</b> How has the situation changed since this process of empowerment?</p> <p><b>5.</b> What is the message that should be passed on to Indigenous women in similar situations?</p> <p>These are just guiding questions to get you started. Answers to all the questions might not be necessarily required. AIPP will be supporting you in documenting and framing these stories, so if there is something you wish to share but don't know how, please get in touch.</p>
<b>Written by:</b>	You may wish to remain anonymous. Please indicate here if you don't want your name recorded.
<b>Narrated by:</b>	(if applicable)
<b>Organization:</b>	(if applicable)
<b>Date/Year:</b>	
<b>Consent:</b>	Please indicate here if you have already <b>received consent</b> of the Indigenous Women/ community to publish her/ their story
<b>Native/ local language:</b>	We require the stories to be in English language, but we would also encourage you to submit a copy in your native language and/or the language it was written in. This can be scanned or typed if practical.