



10th APFSD

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27-30 March 2023



Side Event Title: “Partnership with Indigenous Peoples for recognition of their roles and contributions on water resource governance”

Date: 28 March 16:45 – 18:00, Bangkok Time

Venue: Meeting Room H, 1st floor [In Person]

Organizer(s)

Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP)

Co-organizer(s)

Indigenous Knowledge and Peoples of Asia (IKPA), Network of Indigenous Women in Asia (NIWA), Asia Indigenous Youths Platform (AIYP), Indigenous Peoples Human Rights Defenders (IPHRD), and the Oxfam Mekong Regional Water Governance Program (MRWGP)

Registration

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Background

Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP) works on indigenous customary institutions and self-governance for self-determined development. The sustainable goal 6 (clean water and sanitation) and goal 17 partnership are very important for Indigenous Peoples (IPs) as Water is one of the fundamental elements for self-determination and self-determined development. Meaningful participation of IPs along with their free prior and informed consent (FPIC) in any water related developments must be complied with.

Moreover, Indigenous Peoples are being victimized from excessive exploitations and extractions of the water resources, grabbing of water areas and displacement, and criminalization in the indigenous land and territories. So, it is an urgent need to raise in the APFSD that how and why SDGs 6 and 17 can respect the human rights of IPs and recognize their contributions in water related developments and move on together in partnership with Indigenous Peoples for achieving sustainable goals in the long run.

Hence, AIPP together with Network of Indigenous Women in Asia (NIWA), Indigenous Knowledge and Peoples of Asia (IKPA) and Asia Indigenous Youth Platform (AIYP) and Indigenous Peoples Human Rights Defenders (IPHRD) and the Oxfam Mekong Regional Water

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Governance Program (MRWGP) organizes the side event on **“Partnership with Indigenous Peoples for recognition of their roles and contributions on water resource governance”**.

Key Questions and Outcomes

Key Guiding Questions:

- What are the water related challenges and issues Indigenous Peoples and their communities facing in their land and territories? How are those challenges and issues impacting to the Indigenous Peoples and their communities?
- How are the Indigenous Peoples and their communities coping with those challenges and issues? Are there any supportive policies and programmes that recognize to the contributions of Indigenous Peoples and their communities in protection and management of the water resources at national and international levels?
- Are there any Indigenous Knowledge, practices and customary institutions to protect, manage and govern the water resources?
- How can be achieved the sustainable goal 6 (clean water and sanitation) and goal 17 (partnership) with the participation and inclusion of Indigenous Peoples?
- Do you want to share any recommendations?

Outcomes

- Sensitization to the stakeholders including governments and profit-making private sectors on water related challenges impacting to the Indigenous Peoples and their communities.
- Identification and analysis of policy and programme gaps and opportunities for recognition to the contribution of the Indigenous Peoples and their communities in water resources protection, management and governance.
- Promotion the inclusiveness of Indigenous Knowledge, innovations and practices relating to water.
- Recommendations for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals 6 and 17.

Programme

Mr. Prem Singh Tharu, Environment Programme Officer, AIPP	Briefing and welcome	10 min 16:45 – 16: 55
Facilitator: Ms. Richa Pradhan		

Speakers



Name: Ms. Saengrawee Suweerakan	Topic: “Roles and contribution of Indigenous Women and their indigenous knowledge in protection of water resources and biodiversity”	10 min 16:56 – 17:05
Name: Mr. Johnson Jament (Doctor)	Topic: “Sea water and livelihoods of coastal indigenous peoples, protection of marine biodiversity and including safe drinking water in the context of climate change and coastal urbanization”	10 min 17:06 – 17:15
Name: Ms. Phan Thi Thu Huong	Recognition and meaningful participation of Indigenous Women in protection of water resources, biodiversity and water governance	10 min 17:16 – 17:25
Name: Mr. Prem Singh Tharu	Topic: Overall Asia regional Indigenous Peoples' perspectives on water related issues, human rights and sustainable development including climate change, resilience, and environment	10 min 17:26 – 17:35
Interactive discussion and Q&A		20 min 17:36 - 17:55
Closing		
Ms. Elizabeth (Dr), Indigenous Women Officer, AIPP	Closing remarks	5 min 17:51 – 18:00

**As a multi-stakeholder event, the APFSD Secretariat strongly encourages inclusion of multiple groups of stakeholders as panelists and speakers. If you would like suggestions or connections to potential representatives from constituencies of the Asia Pacific Regional CSOs Engagement Mechanism (AP-RCEM) or ESCAP Sustainable Business Network (ESBN) please contact us at escap-apfsd@un.org.*

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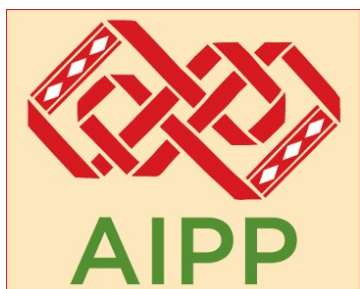
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