SIDE EVENT

“Safeguarding Indigenous Resource Management Systems for Sustainable and Resilient Societies”

Venue: Meeting Room G, 1st floor UNCC
Date: Thursday, 28 March 2018
Time: 12:00-13:30
Organizers: Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP); Indigenous Peoples Constituency¹ – APRCEM; Food and Agriculture Organization – Asia Pacific; International Labour Organization – Asia Pacific; International Land Coalition (ILC) - Commitment 5 members²

Background

Most of the estimated 250 million indigenous peoples in Asia are contributing significantly to the sustainable use of natural resources through their traditional knowledge and customary resource management systems. Research has shown that through their sustainable territorial and resource management systems, indigenous communities who occupy only around 20% of the world’s lands are guarding 80% of its biodiversity.

The side event aims to stock-take how territorial and resource management systems of indigenous peoples are contributing to the ecosystem functions and services. Experiences and initiatives of indigenous communities from different countries will be shared to highlight the critical roles of customary practices and their contribution to sustainable development, particularly in relation to Goals being reviewed for 2018, namely Goal 6 (water and sanitation), Goal 7 (clean energy for all), Goal 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), Goal 12 (sustainable consumption and production) and Goal 15 (sustainable ecosystems and forest management).

Moreover, studies and research by indigenous peoples’ organizations and networks as well as relevant UN agencies will be discussed to explore possible collaborations, if not strengthen existing cooperation,

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¹ Nearly 40 grassroots, national and regional organizations working for the realization of indigenous peoples’ issues (APRCEM database as of January 2018)
² Commitment 5 of the ILC: Securing Territorial Rights for Indigenous Peoples. Members: (1) Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP), Thailand; (2) Jaringan Kerja Pemetaan Partisipatif (JKPP), Indonesia; (3) Pacos TRUST, Malaysia; (4) Society for Development of Drought Prone Area (SDDPA), India; (5) Consortium for Land Research and Policy Dialogue (COLARP), Nepal; (6) Bhartiya Jan Sewa Ashram (BISA), India; (7) Philippine Association for Intercultural Development (PAFID); (8) NGO Forum, Cambodia; (9) Prayatan Samiti, India; (10) Asian Farmers’ Association for Sustainable Rural Development (AFA), Philippines; (11) Foundation for Ecological Security (FES), India; (12) Kapaeeng Foundation, Bangladesh; Cordillera Peoples Alliance (CPA), Philippines; (13) PAKISAMA, Philippines.
and fortify the initiatives of indigenous communities in safeguarding their lands, territories and natural resources.

**Key Questions**

1. How are indigenous peoples’ practicing their customary resource management systems in their respective countries?
2. How are their customary resource management systems contributing to building sustainable and resilient societies, with particularly focus in achieving Goals 6, 7, 11, 12 and 15?
3. What are the entry points for engagement and collaboration of indigenous communities with relevant UN agencies in protecting and promoting their customary resource management that contributes to sustainable development?

**Tentative Programme**

Moderated discussion with Q&A session

**Panelists/discussants**

1. Clara Park, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
2. Joni Simpson, ILO Asia and the Pacific
3. Devi Anggraini, PEREMPUAN AMAN³ - Indonesia
4. Mohan Lal Dangi, Prayatna Samiti - India

**Moderator**

Gam Awungshi Shimray, Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact

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