

Indigenous Peoples' solutions for climate action: Announcing the sixth call for proposals of the Indigenous Peoples Assistance Facility (IPAF)

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Speakers' bios



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Vicky Tauli-Corpuz, International Indigenous People's Forum on Climate Change and former UN Rapporteur on the Rights on Indigenous Peoples, Philippines. She is an indigenous leader from the Kankana-ey Igorot people of the Cordillera Region in the Philippines. As an indigenous activist, she has worked for over three decades on building movement among indigenous peoples and as an advocate for women's rights.



Mats Åberg, Senior Programme Manager, Department for International Organisations and Policy Support, Sida. Mats Åberg has been a Senior Policy Specialist at the Swedish Agency for the International Development (SIDA), since 2006, and has had responsibility for various cooperations on Agriculture and Food security, with UN bodies (IFAD, FAO and others) NGOs and academia. Prior to this position he worked as a Deputy-Director at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2002-2006), where he was responsible for agriculture, forestry and fishery; food security and food aid; and for the cooperation with WFP, FAO and the EU in these areas. Before that role he was a the Deputy-Director of the Swedish Ministry of Agriculture (1995-2002), in charge of negotiating the Rural development program and acting as the Swedish delegate in EU committees. He holds a MSc in Agriculture of the Swedish University of Agriculture.



Pratima Gurug, IPAF Board Member, National Indigenous Disabled Women Association-Nepal (NIDWAN), Nepal. Pratima Gurung is the General Secretary for Indigenous Persons with Disabilities Global Network and Nepal Indigenous Disabled Association (NIDA), Chair of the National Indigenous Disabled Women Association Nepal (NIDWAN) and a faculty member at Padma Kanya College in Kathmandu.



Jacqueline Macharia is the Coordinator for the Indigenous Peoples Assistance Facility (IPAF) in Africa at Samburu Women Trust. She has been managing the Facility in Africa since 2013. She is a passionate supporter and advocate for Indigenous Peoples in the continent. She is currently studying Sustainable Development at Columbia University in the City of New York.



Yohanis Amador is an Indigenous woman of the Zenú people, born on the northern coast of Colombia. She is a psychologist and specialist in international cooperation and project management for development. Since 2009, she is the coordinator of Seeds and IPAF projects of the AYNi Fund, a programme of the International Indigenous Women's Forum - FIMI. Working for the individual and collective rights of indigenous women in Africa, Asia, the Pacific and the Americas.



Ruby Bangilan-Española is the coordinator of the IPAF in Asia-Pacific at Tebtebba (Indigenous Peoples' International Centre for Policy Research and Education). She is an indigenous woman from the Cordillera region of the Philippines.



Vital Bambanze, Member, IPAF Board and Member, Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. He is a former Senator (2010-2015) of Burundi and representative of the Batwa Indigenous Peoples in the Senate of Burundi. He is currently Director of Unite for the Promotion of Batwa (UNIPROBA), an organization created by the Batwa for the Batwa. Mr. Bambanze was one of its founding members in 1999. He holds a degree in African Languages and Literatures from the University of Burundi.