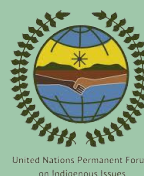


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**2022 SESSION OF THE UNITED
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Indigenous Peoples' solutions for climate action: Announcing the sixth call for proposals of the Indigenous Peoples Assistance Facility (IPAF)

4 May 2022

11:00-12:15 (NY Time)

17:00-18:15 (Rome Time)

Event in English, French & Spanish

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Concept Note

The sixth cycle of the IPAF will focus on: ***Advancing indigenous peoples' biodiversity conservation and sustainable management for adaptation and resilience to climate change***. Direct access to climate financing is particularly relevant for Indigenous Peoples' communities, who urgently need to adapt to a changing climate in the fragile ecosystems they inhabit, building on their resilient solutions that conserve biodiversity thanks to their traditional knowledge systems. This should be done in line with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), including Article 21 that stipulates the right to the improvement of the economic and social conditions of Indigenous Peoples and Article 22 that calls for particular attention to the rights of indigenous elders, women, youth, children and indigenous persons with disabilities. A historical USD 1,7 billion pledge at COP26 in support of Indigenous Peoples and local communities represents an opportunity to effectively mobilize climate financing resources for and with Indigenous Peoples. The IFAD Indigenous Peoples Assistance Facility (IPAF), led by Indigenous Peoples, is a vehicle to reach out to Indigenous Peoples' communities in developing countries.

The IPAF is an innovative funding instrument that Indigenous Peoples' communities can access to find solutions to the challenges they face and receive financial support for their grassroots development projects. Since 2007, a total of US\$ 12.5 million have been mobilized in five IPAF cycles, with direct financing to Indigenous Peoples' communities for 159 small-scale projects in 45 countries, directly benefitting 110,000 indigenous people. These projects were selected from thousands of applications received in response to the five IPAF global calls for proposals issued between 2007 and 2018 and they were designed and implemented directly by Indigenous Peoples' communities and their organizations in full application of their free, prior and informed consent (FPIC). The fifth and latest cycle of the IPAF (2019-2021) focused on indigenous youth, for a total investment of US\$ 1.54 million: 35 small-scale projects in 29 countries were approved by the IPAF Board, formed in majority by indigenous leaders, including a member of the UNPFII.

This side event will bring together different stakeholders to share IPAF's approach and experiences in providing direct financing to indigenous peoples' communities and their organizations for climate action, position IFAD as a leader in mobilizing climate financing for and with Indigenous Peoples, and announce the **2022 IPAF call for proposals launch**.

Programme

Moderator: Ronald Thomas Hartman, Director, Global Engagement, Partnership and Resource Mobilization, IFAD

Introduction by the moderator

Opening remarks

- **Victoria Tauli-Corpuz**, International Indigenous People's Forum on Climate Change and former UN Rapporteur on the Rights on Indigenous Peoples, Philippines

Announcement of the IPAF 6th call for proposals launch

- **Mats Åberg**, Senior Programme Manager, Department for International Organisations and Policy Support, Swedish International Cooperation Development Agency (Sida)
- **Video: IPAF 6th cycle**

Panel discussion

- **Pratima Gurug**, IPAF Board Member, National Indigenous Disabled Women Association-Nepal (NIDWAN), Nepal
- **Yohanis Del Carmen Amador Lidueña**, IPAF co-manager for Latin America and the Caribbean; Foro Internacional de Mujeres Indígenas (FIMI), Colombia
- **Ruby Bangilan Española**, IPAF Co-manager for Asia and the Pacific; Tebtebba Foundation, Philippines
- **Jacqueline Macharia**, IPAF Co-manager for Africa; Samburu Women Trust (SWT), Kenya
- **Video: Dap-ayan Village: Intergenerational Learning of Indigenous Knowledge by Doing** (IPAF Project, 2019-2021)

Closing remarks

- **Vital Bamanze**, UNPFII Representative and Member, IPAF Board, Burundi

For more information:

- [Event webpage](#)
- [The Indigenous Peoples Assistance Facility](#)