

## 2022 Call for Nominations: IFAD Indigenous Peoples Awards

### Sixth global meeting of the Indigenous Peoples' Forum at IFAD (IPFI)

The sixth global meeting of the IPFI, which will focus on: *“Indigenous Peoples’ Climate Leadership: Community-based solutions to enhance resilience and biodiversity”*, will be an opportunity to recognize the key role [Indigenous Peoples](#) (IPs) play in protecting the environment and their leadership in seeking global solutions to the immense challenges that climate change is posing to humanity. Today Indigenous Peoples are at the forefront of resilience and are key agents of environmental conservation.

The global meeting of the IPFI will allow for an appreciative dialogue that will show case and value the community-based solutions Indigenous Peoples are putting forward to adapt to the changing climate, while enhancing biodiversity. It will foster a prepositive environment where Indigenous Peoples share their perspectives on how to design and implement actions that enhance biodiversity, encourage climate adaptation and resilience and take care of the community, its members and the planet.

### IFAD and Indigenous Peoples

Based on its [Policy on Engagement with Indigenous Peoples](#), IFAD supports Indigenous Peoples’ self-driven development, while respecting and enhancing their traditional livelihoods, occupations and knowledge. At the same time, their role in managing of ecosystems and protecting biodiversity is a central pillar of IFAD's approach to mainstreaming the issues of nutrition, gender, youth and climate, particularly given the challenges faced by young indigenous women. Indigenous Peoples hold valuable knowledge and traditions that provide solutions to major challenges. Their exclusion and marginalization threaten the central tenet of the 2030 Agenda – to leave no one behind. Since 2007, IFAD has financed, supported and managed the [Indigenous Peoples Assistance Facility \(IPAF\)](#), to build a direct partnership with Indigenous Peoples to enable them and their communities to design, approve and implement grass-roots development projects based on their own perspectives.

### What are the Indigenous Peoples Awards?

The Indigenous Peoples Awards recognize the efforts and achievements of development projects that successfully engage with IPs living in rural areas. They promote best practices, share knowledge and identify opportunities to replicate and scale-up results.

The winning projects will be captured in a professional video and/or will be invited to participate in the sixth global meeting of the IPFI.

The awards are organized by IFAD’s Indigenous Peoples team in partnership with members of the [Indigenous Peoples’ Forum at IFAD](#) and the Board of the [Indigenous Peoples Assistance Facility \(IPAF\)](#).

## Award Categories and Eligibility Criteria

Award Category	Who can apply	Project maturity
Best performing IFAD-funded project	IFAD staff, project management staff	The project must be under implementation for at least two years
Best performing non-IFAD-funded project	IPs or ethnic minorities' organizations, communities, groups or associations implementing projects in rural areas of countries where IFAD operates (see a <a href="#">list of eligible countries</a> )	
Best performing IPAF-funded project	Organizations implementing projects during the 2019 IPAF cycle	N/A

## Selection Modalities

The selection will follow the below steps:

- The Call for Nomination closes on 16 October 2022. By that date, all participants must have already submitted their candidature by sending a short video (maximum 45 seconds) in which they briefly describe the project – which should demonstrate good practices related to the sixth IPFI overall theme – and its main achievements.
- The Awards Selection Committee, composed of Members of the Steering Committee of the IPFI, will then select the candidates whose videos will be shown during the regional consultation meetings in preparation for the sixth global meeting of the IPFI.
- The participants of each regional meeting vote the best candidates (1 per category).
- The Awards Selection Committee selects the three awards winners (1 per category).
- Indigenous representatives from the awarded projects will receive the prize and share their achievements during the sixth global meeting of the IPFI.

## Selection Criteria

Nominations will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- **Project's contribution to the advancement of Indigenous Peoples' conservation and sustainable management of biodiversity for adaptation and resilience to climate change.**  
The extent to which the nominated project has promoted the conservation and sustainable management of biodiversity, and the expected results in terms of enhanced adaptation and resilience to climate change for Indigenous Peoples' communities and sustainable management of biodiversity.
- **Project's contribution to the creation of a sustainable livelihood.**  
The extent to which the nominated project has promoted the creation of indigenous economies through the protection of the ecosystem and biodiversity, by enhancing sustainable livelihoods, and promoting new employments.

- **Project's results and main achievements.**

The extent to which the nominated project has resulted in a measurable and positive impact in promoting Indigenous Peoples' right to self-determination.

Particular attention will be also given to the **project's scalability and/or replicability** aspect(s), assessing the extent to which the nominated project or its innovations can be scaled up and/or replicated elsewhere. In addition, special relevance will be given to projects that **prioritize social inclusion issues**, such as in the case of indigenous women, youth, and persons with disabilities.

## How to apply

To submit your nomination, please send an e-mail to the address [indigenoupeoples@ifad.org](mailto:indigenoupeoples@ifad.org) (subject: IPs Awards) including:

- Nomination category.
- Contact information: Name, title, organization, country, e-mail.
- Project name.
- Project country.
- A short video (maximum 45 seconds) of the community involved in the project presenting its main achievements and showcasing community-based solutions that enhance resilience and biodiversity.

**Deadline: 16 October 2022**