



Convention on  
Biological Diversity



# CBD: Partnering with Indigenous and Local Communities

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# Bridge for Life: from the past to the future

- § Political consensus
- § Legislative mandates
- § Institutional arrangements
- § Operational guidance/tools
- § Funding instruments
- § Opportunities and challenges





## Political Consensus related to ILCs

- § Close dependence of ILCs on BD (CBD)
- § A sense of appreciation for ILC participation and need for an innovative solution (ABS Protocol)
- § Inseparability between traditional knowledge and their holders
- § Diversity and uniqueness of circumstances
- § Right of indigenous and local communities to identify rightful holders, and existing rights of indigenous and local communities





# Legislations related to ILCs

- § Framework provision: CBD Article 8(j)
- § Customary use: CBD Article 10(c)
- § Technology cooperation: CBD Article 18(4)
- § Socio-economic considerations: CPB Article 26
- § Scope, benefit sharing, access, global mechanism, transboundary cooperation, national focal points, competent authorities, compliance, awareness raising, capacity building, financial mechanism: NP/ABS Articles 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12; 13, 14; 16, 18; 21; 22, 25







## **Institutional arrangements: Working Group on Article 8(j)**

The Working Group on Article 8(j) includes enhanced participation mechanism for ILCs including the nomination of an indigenous co-chair to assist the Chairperson of the meeting, as well as an indigenous and local community bureau, and co-chairs for sub-working groups and contact groups, and enhanced opportunities to make interventions on all agenda items.



# Programme of Work for ILCs



## GENERAL PRINCIPLE of the Programme of Work

Full and effective participation of indigenous and local communities in implementation of the elements of the programme of work. Traditional knowledge should be valued, given the same respect and considered as useful and necessary as other forms of knowledge.



# Operational Guidance related to ILCs

- ✓ Akwé: Kon guidelines for the conduct of cultural, environmental and social impact assessment regarding developments proposed to take place on, or which are likely to impact on, sacred sites and on lands and waters traditionally occupied or used by indigenous and local communities
- ✓ Tkarihwaié:ri Code of Ethical Conduct to Ensure Respect for the Cultural and Intellectual Heritage of Indigenous and Local Communities
- ✓ Plan of Action for the retention of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices





# Funding instrument: Voluntary Fund for the Participation of ILCs in meetings held under the Convention

- ☺ The Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting (Decision VIII/5 D Annex) adopted the draft criteria for the operation of such a Fund.
- ☺ The Secretariat established a Selection Committee consisting of seven representatives of indigenous and local communities nominated by indigenous and local communities from the seven geo-cultural regions recognized by the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, as well as with the bureau of the Conference of the Parties.
- ☺ Selection is made, from among the nominations received, on the basis of expertise, gender balance and equitable geographic distribution.
- ☺ Application forms are available in [www.cbd.int/traditional/fund.shtml](http://www.cbd.int/traditional/fund.shtml)







# Financial instrument: Global Environment Facility (X/24.annex.4.6)

- Building the capacity of indigenous and local communities to develop strategies and systems for the protection of traditional knowledge;
- Enhancement of national capacities for the establishment and maintenance of mechanisms to protect traditional knowledge at national and subnational levels;
- Development of national action plans for the retention of traditional knowledge relevant to conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity;
- Implementation of the priority activities identified in the programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions;
- Projects that strengthen the involvement of local and indigenous people in the conservation of biological diversity and sustainable use of its components.



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# **Opportunity and challenge for advancing the global agenda related to ILCs**

- ❖ Signature and ratification of the Nagoya Protocol –ABS
- ¥ GEF medium-sized project and Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund
- € Understanding of funding needs: Target 18
- \$ Implementation deficits
- ð Relationship with the Financial Mechanism





**Thank you for your attention!**

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