

Indigenous Peoples and local communities: Observations and recommendations

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Observations

- Indigenous Peoples and local communities have experiences and skills in ecosystem management. But so far they have not been included as active stakeholders in the international negotiations.
- They do not have the skills and resources to follow the international processes.
- propose replace AA Principles are based on secondary information. Communities and indigenous peoples have not been included in the processes so far).
- **Communities and indigenous peoples have not been adequately informed of the AA principles. Further development of guidance in their application should include all key stakeholder groups including IP and LC**
- International negotiations and the resulting documents are difficult to understand because of technical phrases and jargon.

Recommendations

- There is need to strengthen the capacity of indigenous peoples and local communities as indispensable partners in all efforts to conserve agrobiodiversity / ecosystems. This requires capacity building and training.
- Provide mechanisms for indigenous peoples and local communities to participate at all levels of the CBD and FAO processes as partners to the convention.

Recommendations

- Avoid top-down decision-making approaches that excludes indigenous peoples and local communities.
- Organize regional workshops to include the participation of indigenous peoples and NGOs to raise awareness and enhance the outreach to IP and local communities.
- International negotiations and the outcoming documents should use simple and understandable language and avoid use of technical phrases and jargon.

Recommendations

- The organizers of this workshop should ensure that the inputs from this group (indigenous peoples and local communities) are included in the recommendations and follow-up to this workshop.
- Need for a monitoring and evaluation process to ensure that the CBD and AA Principles are implemented. This process should include communities and indigenous peoples as stakeholders.

Recommendations ctd

- Funds should be created to give the IP and local communities the opportunities to organize workshops at local level and create platforms where they can discuss the CBD-related issues.