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Subject: Submission of national funding priorities, including nationally prioritized funding needs that could be considered as eligible for funding under the financial mechanism specifically for the period July 2026 to June 2030

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Perspectives of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) of Nepal

Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) of Nepal are the primary custodians of biodiversity and traditional knowledge. However, their contributions to conservation and sustainable use often remain underfunded and under-recognized. From the perspective of IPLCs, the following funding priorities should be considered for the period July 2026 – June 2030 under the financial mechanism:

1. Direct Access to Financial Mechanisms

- Funding should be made directly accessible to IPLCs and their representative organizations, not only through government channels.
- Community-driven initiatives for biodiversity conservation, climate resilience, and ABS implementation must be supported.

2. Capacity-building and Institutional Strengthening

- Dedicated resources are needed for strengthening IPLC organizations to participate effectively in CBD, ABS, and Cartagena Protocol processes.
- Support for training in negotiation, legal literacy, project management, and monitoring of biodiversity outcomes should be prioritized.

3. Support for Access and Benefit-sharing (ABS) Implementation



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- Funding should prioritize community-based ABS mechanisms that ensure fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge.
 - Community protocols and customary law should be respected and financed as part of ABS implementation.
4. Recognition of Traditional Knowledge and Biocultural Heritage
- Specific funding lines should be allocated to safeguard, document, and strengthen traditional knowledge and cultural practices of IPLCs, ensuring intergenerational transmission.
 - Mechanisms must prevent biopiracy and ensure benefit-sharing with IPLCs.
5. Ecosystem and Livelihood Resilience
- IPLCs require financial support for ecosystem-based adaptation, watershed protection, sustainable agriculture, and restoration of degraded lands.
 - Projects linking biodiversity with food security, health, and livelihoods in mountain ecosystems should be prioritized.
6. Participation in CBD Processes
- Adequate funding should be reserved to ensure the participation of IPLC representatives in CBD meetings, including preparatory workshops, regional consultations, and COP negotiations.
 - Translation, communication tools, and travel support must be considered essential funding needs.
7. Monitoring and Accountability
- IPLC-led monitoring and reporting mechanisms should be financially supported to ensure transparency, accountability, and effective use of biodiversity-related funds.

Conclusion:

IPLCs strongly recommend that national funding priorities integrate Indigenous perspectives, ensure direct access to financial mechanisms, and strengthen community-based biodiversity stewardship. Such measures will not only safeguard biodiversity but also uphold the rights, knowledge, and sustainable practices of IPLCs, making CBD implementation more inclusive and effective for the period 2026–2030.

With warm regards,

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