

Gender perspectives related to indigenous, local community and rural women

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1. Key Gender Equality Challenges Faced by women in Indigenous & Local communities

Gender equity is appropriate term for IPs' because we do not strive to be equal with men but for respect and recognition of Women's contributions

Challenges

- ▶ Lack of legal recognition
- ▶ No LRT or dispossession of land
- ▶ Non implementation of IPs rights in many countries
- ▶ Vanishing IW's TK on biodiversity conservation
- ▶ Limited evidence/documentation/visibility on IW's contribution.



Threats

- ▶ From extractive industries to the frontline environmental defenders
- ▶ militarization
- ▶ degradation of ecosystem and the changing landscape
- ▶ Criminalization of traditional occupation

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- ▶ IW not part of the decision making, even if there are in exceptional cases, it is for formalities sake
- ▶ Limited access to information on national/international policies/instruments on biodiversity due to language barrier, non-IW friendly service providers/centers
- ▶ No/limited support from the states to IW's knowledge and their initiatives . IW- potential partner for biodiversity conservation, because biodiversity is linked to our culture, livelihood, knowledge system and well being
- ▶ No/limited access to credit facility.
- ▶ Increasing drudgery of IW with loss of biodiversity and degradation of ecosystem services (e.g. traveling longer distances in search of food, water, fodder or fuel)



2. Progress made in ensuring access to resources for indigenous women

- ▶ Adoption of the UNDRIP
- ▶ CBD decisions & guidelines – Art 8J, 10C- Akwé: Kon Voluntary Guidelines, Tkarihwaí:ri Code of Ethical Conduct, Mo'otz Kuxtal Voluntary Guidelines
- ▶ Building Indigenous women's Network and advocacy at regional & international level (E.g. IWNB, RMIB-LAC, AIWN)
- ▶ Dedicated Funders providing support to Indigenous women (FIMI, Mama Cash, AWF etc.)
- ▶ Some states have progressive policies eg. FRA & Article 10 -India, Indigenous Peoples Rights Act- Philippines, Recognition of Customary Land Tenure -Indonesia, ratification of ILO169 – Nepal, Native Customary rights-Malaysia



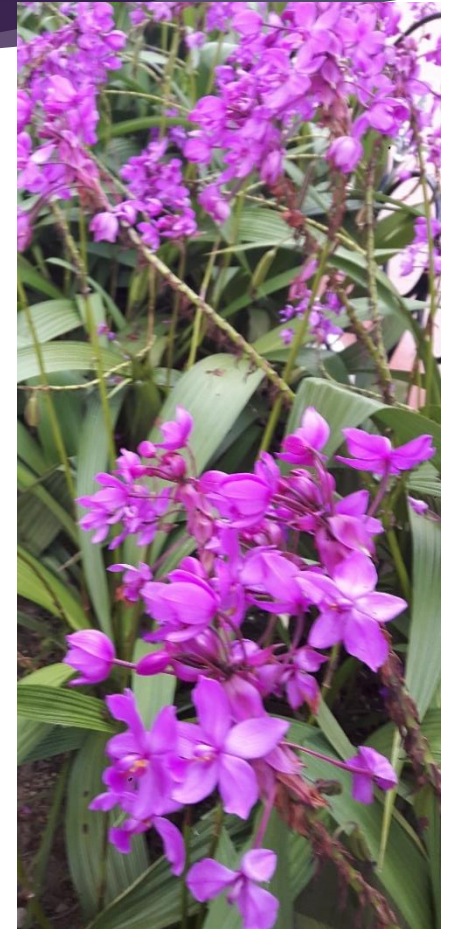
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- ▶ IW network is getting stronger and wider at the national and community level (NIWF-Nepal, IWN-India, IWN-Thailand, IWA-Myanmar, IWFNEI, Perempuan-Aman-Indonesia , BAI-Phillipines, BIWN-Bangladesh
- ▶ Few research studies conducted on IW TK & contributions e.g. IMI-India engaged young researchers -80 % indigenous women in the IHR
- ▶ Facilitating roles of Regional bodies for IW platform such as AIPP - Asia Region, RMIB - LAC, IIN -Africa
- ▶ Initiatives on Indigenous Knowledge Centers



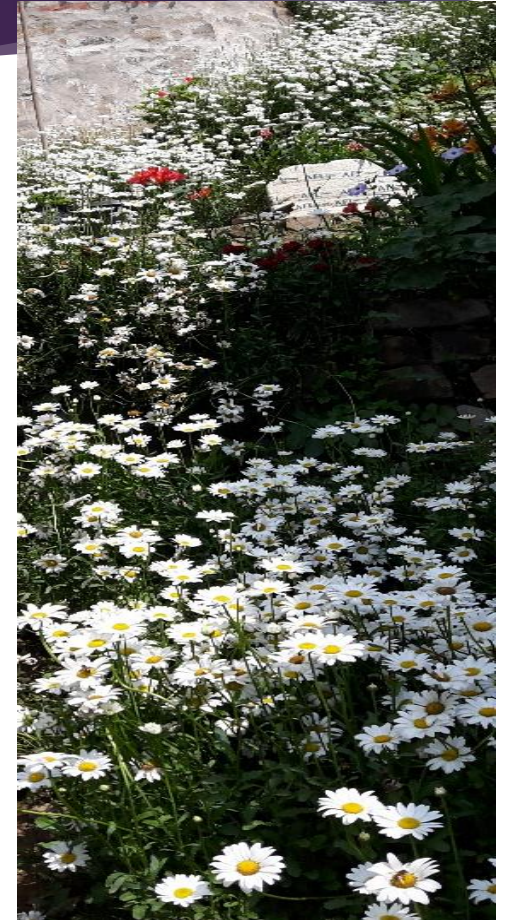
3. Mechanisms/approaches to ensure gender-responsive conservation activities in indigenous settings

- ▶ Inclusivity in traditional institutions and other decision making bodies at all level is the key
- ▶ States should take proactive role in creating awareness on the roles and contributions of IW
- ▶ Recognition of indigenous peoples collective land rights
- ▶ Build indigenous women leadership capacity
- ▶ Building women's own platform and support peers learning
- ▶ Reviving or strengthening traditional institution/governance system eg. reviewing community customary practices



3. Mechanisms/approaches to ensure gender-responsive conservation activities in indigenous settings

- ▶ Build IW service providers/centers in regard to agriculture, fisheries and forestry
- ▶ Indigenous area should be free from militarization
- ▶ Map, document or research IW's knowledge and their contributions
- ▶ State law and policies should be inline with minimum international standard such as UNDRIP
- ▶ State to strengthen monitoring & grievance mechanism and ensure effective implementation of agreement, law and policies
- ▶ Allocate resources for indigenous women and their initiative eg. Translation/dissemination of relevant information/documents in local languages



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