



Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact

Strengthening solidarity and empowering indigenous peoples

ABOUT US

The Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP) is a regional organization founded in 1988 by indigenous peoples' movements. AIPP is committed to the cause of promoting and defending indigenous peoples' rights and human rights and articulating issues of relevance to indigenous peoples. At present, AIPP has 46 members from 14 countries in Asia with 11 indigenous peoples' national alliances/networks and 35 local and sub-national organizations. Of this, 16 are ethnic based organizations, 5 are indigenous women's organizations and 4 are indigenous youth organizations.

OUR VISION

Indigenous peoples in Asia are fully exercising their rights, distinct cultures and identities, are living with dignity and enhancing their sustainable management systems on lands, territories and resources for their own future and development in an environment of peace, justice and equality.

OUR MISSION

AIPP strengthens the solidarity, cooperation and capacities of indigenous peoples in Asia to promote and protect their rights, cultures and identities, and their sustainable resource management systems for their development and self-determination.

OUR GOALS

- To empower indigenous peoples in Asia to promote and defend their human rights and fundamental freedoms and claim legal recognition to their identities, collective rights under UNDRIP and other international human rights instruments.
- To build the broadest solidarity and cooperation of indigenous peoples in Asia to strengthen indigenous movements.
- To promote and protect the integrity of nature and the environment and enhance the sustainable resource management systems of indigenous peoples including their traditional knowledge, food sovereignty and biodiversity by having full control over their land, territories and resources.
- To attain full and effective participation and representation of indigenous peoples, particularly indigenous women and youth at all levels of decision-making.
- To strengthen solidarity and cooperation with other social movements towards achieving equity, equality, peace, democracy and justice.

“After 28 years of work, we could still not reach out to external platforms to address issues of conflict and thus we obtained membership of AIPP to fast track our efforts.”

Karbi Human Rights Watch, North-East India

AIPP has high level of credibility and trust due to its strong and strategic leadership and application of the principles of democracy, transparency, accountability, and gender equality. It has fostered solidarity and collaboration, rather than competition, among indigenous organizations and movements in Asia. AIPP has empowered its constituents, enhanced their capacity to work locally and nationally, and has significantly contributed to raising their visibility and promoted their aspirations---*Findings of the AIPP independent evaluation for the period 2005-2011*

OUR WORK

1. Human Rights, Campaign and Policy Advocacy (HRCPA)

- Capacity building trainings on human rights advocacy; monitoring and documentation, and publication of human rights and related reports
- Organizing campaigns on human rights violations against indigenous peoples, including violations to their right to free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) and collective rights
- Strengthening the Indigenous Peoples Human Rights Defenders Network (IPHRD Net)
- Organizing workshops, dialogues and other fora on the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and related issues, including the annual Asia IP Preparatory Meeting on UN mechanisms and procedures relating to indigenous peoples
- Facilitation of engagement and participation of IP leaders and representatives in networking, lobby and advocacy work for the promotion and protection of the individual and collective rights of indigenous peoples at the national, regional (ASEAN) and international levels (UN, World Bank, Asian Development Bank, etc.)

2. Research and Communication Development (RCD)

- Coordination of AIPP's thematic research activities and publication on critical issues relating to indigenous peoples in Asia
- Production of grassroots-oriented awareness raising materials for indigenous organizations and communities
- Promoting creative indigenous (community) media and engagement with media to mainstream indigenous rights and issues
- Information sharing on key issues and developments and AIPP activities through information and communication technologies (emails, website, social media etc.)

3. Regional Capacity Building (RCB)

- Facilitation of regional inter-peoples education and training through the Indigenous Learning Institute (ILI) for community empowerment on the following: Community Organizing, Leadership Training, Advocacy Training on UNDRIP implementation, Indigenous Elders and Governance, Financial System Management Training
- Facilitation of regional exchanges, cross-learning and internship for indigenous leaders, community organizers and activists
- Development, production and compilation of appropriate training materials for grassroots organizations and communities
- Establishment of a database of indigenous experts and indigenous organizations and leaders in Asia
- Establishment of regional training centers of the Indigenous Learning Institute (ILI)

4. Environment

- Capacity building and awareness raising of indigenous leaders, organizations and communities on climate change mitigation (REDD+), climate change adaptation, including community based biodiversity monitoring
- Documentation and facilitation of inter-learning exchanges between and among indigenous organizations and communities on good adaptation practices
- Publication of training manuals, briefing papers, simplified educational materials and multimedia production on environment-related issues
- Regular information dissemination through the Climate Change Monitoring and Information Network (CCMIN)
- Facilitation of engagement and participation of IP leaders and representatives at the national, regional and international levels for policy advocacy and networking on climate change mitigation and adaptation, biodiversity conservation, and other environment related issues

5. Indigenous Women

- Awareness raising among women and men and advocacy for the recognition of the rights of indigenous women as women and as indigenous peoples

- Strengthening the role of indigenous women in enhancing traditional knowledge and in peace-building efforts in conflict areas
- Capacity building for indigenous women and leaders for advocacy work on women's rights issues and on violence against women
- Facilitation of the institutional strengthening of indigenous women's organizations and networks
- Networking between and among indigenous women and building alliances among other women's organizations
- Facilitating the institutional capacity of AIPP to implement its Gender Policy

6. Organizational Strengthening

- Strengthening the collective leadership and governance structure of AIPP
- Implementation of staff development plan to upgrade the capacities of the staff
- Strengthening direct partnership with member-organizations in programme planning, implementation, management and evaluation
- Facilitation of various forms of support to member-organizations
- Networking at the national, regional, and international levels for support generation, joint planning, partnerships and cooperation at various levels
- Fund raising and resource generation

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE OF AIPP

AIPP, as a membership-based organization, holds its General Assembly (GA) every four years. The GA, as AIPP's highest decision-making body, adopts the strategic 4-year programme; approves policies, guidelines and resolutions; and elects the 12-member Executive Council (EC), including an indigenous youth and women representative, the Chairperson and the Secretary General. The 6th GA was held in September 2012. The EC provides the collective leadership to the organization in between the GA through sharing of tasks and organizational representation. The Secretary General (SG), who is directly accountable to the EC and the members, leads the Secretariat in the implementation of the programme activities. The Programme Committees, the Executive Council, member-organizations, and partner organizations are actively involved in programme implementation.

Its Constitution and By-laws, as well as its Gender and Finance Management Policies, among others, guides AIPP in its work. AIPP through the years has demonstrated its good practices of transparency and accountability in the functioning of the organization.

ACCREDITATION

AIPP has special consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council. It is an accredited organization with the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).



AIPP Executive Council Members (composed of sub-regional representatives)

REPRESENTATIVE

South Asia: Bangladesh, India, NE India & Nepal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Anima Pushpa Toppo Jharkandis Organization for Human Rights (JOHAR), India Mr. Neingulo Krome Naga Peoples' Movement for Human Rights (NPMHR), NE-India Mr. Binota Moy Dhamai Bangladesh Adivasi Forum (BAF), Bangladesh
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MAIN DONORS

Swedish Society for Nature Conservation (SSNC), Inter Church Organization for Development Cooperation (ICCO), Oxfam Australia, International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs (IWGIA), European Union's Initiative on Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR), MISEREOR, Open Society Institute (OSI), UN TRUST FUND to end Violence against Women-UN Women and Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) are the main donors of AIPP. AIPP has prioritized its activities in 6 major areas; namely; Human Rights, Campaign and Policy Advocacy, Research and Communication Development, Regional Capacity Building, Environment, Indigenous Women and Organizational Strengthening.

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