

"Dialogue between IFAD's management and partner civil society organizations on IFAD12 Replenishment directions and tools".

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Greetings from Nicaragua and the Ips Steering committee

During the more than three decades of experience of IFAD working with indigenous peoples to promote sustainable, self-driven development and livelihoods, we have gain a lead role in determining our development. IFAD has effectively turned us into partners.

We value the instruments for indigenous peoples' participation promoted and supported by IFAD – the Indigenous Peoples' Forum and the Indigenous Peoples Assistance Facility – and its approach to building inclusive, transformative, forward-looking rural communities are models for other development partners. Just last week, in my region, we had 5 subregional dialogues between IFAd and 150 indigenous leaders, preparing for the 5th global forum in 2021.

IFAD's work is relevant for Indigenous Peoples and Member States should support IFAD 12 replenishment for the following reasons:

- "There are more than 476 million indigenous people worldwide, 73 % lives in rural area. Although we are only 6% of the world population, we are 18 per cent of the world's poor. We are one of IFADs target group according to its mission.
- Due to our close interaction with land, territory and natural resources, we are particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. But at the same time, we play a unique role in protecting fragile ecosystems and 80 percent of global biodiversity. To achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and compliance with the main commitments to the environment and against climate change, **such as the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Nagoya Protocol or the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)**, full participation and leadership of indigenous peoples, as important guardians of the planet's biodiversity is necessary.
- Indigenous communities draw on our traditional knowledge and experiences, and have offered local, grounded solutions to improve production systems even before the pandemic. With IFAD's support in terms of: training, innovation, combination of technologies under inclusion criteria and respect for interculturality we can build on those achievements,

replicate practical and innovative solutions. But for that we should and access to direct support.

- We are pleased that IFAD plans to reinforce its focus on climate mitigation and adaptation with the Adaptation Smallholder Agriculture Programme (ASAP+), and to give greater emphasis to protecting biodiversity and the environment. We hope that the Adaptation Program for Small-Scale Agriculture + (ASAP +) will effectively allocate specific resources to improve the resilience to climate change of indigenous peoples and the proposed establishment of the Advisory Committee should include representative of Ips.

We understand that the biodiversity considerations that will be part of the environmental and climate assessment will help small producers to take advantage of biodiversity for development benefits, a process in which indigenous peoples must be included.

-- We believe that the instruments that are now being considered must have sufficient scope to reach all rural communities, regardless of the categorization of middle or low income countries, because it is clear that within each state, there are large economic, social and cultural gaps of great inequalities, which have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

- The IFAD 12 Draft Report refers to the importance to increase IFAD' financial support to indigenous peoples. And we call on you to ensure that this happens.

- A new IPAF grant is foreseen for 2022. We need IFAD to increase the % of funding of IPAF proposals. Currently IPAF can only support 5% of proposals.

We consider that the proposed reduction in grant funding should not penalize regional/global operations, which are extremely important to push the IPs agenda. These are the resources that were used in the past to support the direct participation of IPs in regional global meetings and in policy engagement initiatives.

IFAD's current policy is good and needs to be implemented effectively. The central theme of the 5th global meeting is **El valor de los sistemas alimentarios indígenas: la resiliencia en el contexto de la pandemia de la COVID-19**". We will provide inputs that we expect IFAD can use to showcase the importance of indigenous food systems during the 2021 Food System Summit.

We value IFAD's ground-breaking work with the poorest and most marginalized, as key defender of human rights and of the principle of self-determination, particularly at a time where the risk of being left behind by the COVID-19 pandemic is growing by the day. **And,**

As direct actors we support the mobilization of resources for IFAD to continue its pioneer work with and within our communities. We do need institutions that, like IFAD, value our knowledge and contributions to sustainable development.