IFAD - UNFCCC SIDE-EVENT at UNPFII 2023:

Climate Finance for Inclusive and Transformative Climate Action

25 April, 13.15-14.15 EST

Conference Room-6, UNHQ

Interpretation will be available in English and Spanish

Background:

The Twenty-Second Session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) will take place at UN Headquarters (UNHQ), New York, from 17-28 April 2023. The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and partners will host an official UNPFII side-event entitled, "Climate Finance for Inclusive and Transformative Climate Action" on 25 April 2023 from 13.15 to 14.15 EST at UN Headquarters. The side-event is linked to the UNPFII Twenty-Second Session priority theme: "Indigenous Peoples, human health, planetary and territorial health and climate change: a rights-based approach".

Indigenous Peoples have a deep understanding of their local ecosystems and traditional knowledge that has been developed over generations. This knowledge is invaluable in developing effective strategies to adapt to climate change and mitigate its impacts while protecting biodiversity. Indigenous Peoples have been disproportionately affected by climate change, despite contributing very little to its causes. It is now important to focus on forward-looking and future-proofed climate actions, collective responsibility (of Parties and non-Party Stakeholders) and the need for mindset change.

Recognized as custodians of ecosystems and biodiversity, there are around 476 million self-identified indigenous people in approximately 90 countries worldwide. However, Indigenous Peoples continue to face systematic discrimination, marginalization and criminalization, particularly among human rights defenders struggling to protect their lands, environment and rights. Growing scientific evidence shows how their custodianship of land and forests is an indispensable solution to climate change. However Indigenous Peoples receive less than 1% of climate finance. While Indigenous Peoples are vulnerable, they have also implemented and scaled up climate actions for generations, and their value addition is unparalleled. The leadership role of Indigenous Peoples is key to implement transformative climate actions.

Indigenous Peoples often have a closer relationship with nature and a greater respect for the environment, their role in conservation and sustainable development is crucial. This is an example of Indigenous Peoples' value that can change people's lives and livelihoods. Channelling climate and biodiversity finance to Indigenous Peoples can support their efforts to protect biodiversity and natural resources. According to the IPCC, cooperation, and inclusive decision making, with Indigenous Peoples and recognition of their rights, is integral to successful adaptation and mitigation across forests and other ecosystems, and maintaining the resilience of biodiversity and ecosystem

services at a global scale depends on effective and equitable conservation of approximately 30% to 50% of Earth's land, freshwater and ocean areas.

The event:
This interactive panel discussion will present a solid case for accessing climate finance to support transformative climate actions. Transformative climate actions require different mindsets and approaches. They make us ask the hard questions and do the harder actions. These actions take into consideration current and future generations and collective wellbeing of communities. Transformative climate actions are not based on what is popular and familiar but are anchored on deep-seated values and knowledge systems of Indigenous Peoples.

The interactive panel discussion aims to:
1 - Establish the case for financing transformative climate actions
2 - Share examples on the application of Indigenous Peoples values and knowledge systems in climate actions
3 - Share existing experiences of financing institutions that are already supporting transformative climate actions

Moderator:
Ilaria Firmian, Senior Technical Specialist - Indigenous Peoples, IFAD

Programme:

Speaker	Topic	Minutes
Segment: The Indigenous Peoples Assistance Facility, supporting direct access to climate finance for Indigenous Peoples		
Vital Bambanze, IPAF board and UNPFII member	Welcoming remarks, and introducing IPAF as a mechanism for inclusive and transformative climate action	5 mins
Jacqueline Macharia, IPAF regional coordinator, Africa Samburu Women Trust	Sharing IPAF examples relevant to climate action and food security and nutrition	7 mins
IPAF video	Video explaining IPAF and sharing images and testimonies	5 mins
Segment: Current efforts and lessons learned to support Indigenous Peoples climate action		
Kevin Currey, Program Officer, Natural Resources and Climate Change**,** Ford Foundation	Lessons learned from Ford Foundation	8 mins
Joan Carling, Executive Director Indigenous Peoples Rights International	Key reflections on how to support Indigenous Peoples climate action	8 mins
Segment: Designing and implementing climate change policies and actions including Indigenous Peoples perspectives and knowledge, challenges and way forward		
Donna Mitzi Lagdameo, Team Lead, Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP) Unit, UNFCCC	Transformative climate change policies and actions: A mindset change In case remote/virtual participation is possible	8 mins
Segment: Q&A		15 mins
Moderator	Closing remarks	4 mins