

Title: “From Land to Global Goals: People-Led Collective Action for Climate and Development Justice”

Organizer:

Indigenous Peoples Major Group for Sustainable Development

Co-organizers:

Indigenous Navigator Consortium (TBD)

Tebtebba (Indigenous Peoples’ International Centre for Policy Research and Education)

Asia Pacific Regional CSO Engagement Mechanism (TBD)

ELATIA Network

Event Description

This side event will spotlight Peoples’ especially Indigenous Peoples’ collective action to advance the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda, rooted in ancestral knowledge, territorial stewardship, and rights-based advocacy. Through intergenerational dialogue, case studies, and strategic framing, the session will explore how people-led initiatives-such as the Indigenous Navigator, community-based monitoring, and regional climate platforms, are driving transformative change across climate, biodiversity, and sustainable development goals.

The event will feature:

- Voices from leaders, youth, and women across regions
- Examples of climate resilience, land restoration, and SDG localization
- Reflections on systemic barriers and pathways for co-implementation
- Calls to action for governments, UN agencies, and civil society to uphold Human rights

Context and Background

COP30 in Belém, Brazil marks a pivotal moment: it is the first COP hosted in the Amazon region, home to many Indigenous communities whose territories are vital carbon sinks and biodiversity hotspots. Yet, Indigenous Peoples remain disproportionately affected by climate impacts, land dispossession, and exclusion from decision-making.

Despite this, Indigenous communities are not only victims, they are frontline solution-holders. Their contributions to climate mitigation, adaptation, and SDG implementation are increasingly recognized, but still under-supported and under-represented in global processes.

This event responds to:

- The urgent need to center Indigenous Peoples in climate and SDG dialogues
- The call for collective action that bridges local realities with global frameworks
- The opportunity to showcase Indigenous-led initiatives as scalable models for rights-based monitoring and accountability

- The momentum from recent UN summits (e.g. SDG Summit, UNPFII, COP29, UNOC, etc.) that emphasized inclusive implementation and territorial integrity

Objectives

- Amplify Peoples' especially Indigenous Peoples' leadership in climate and SDG action
- Share replicable practices of collective monitoring, advocacy, and co-creation
- Strengthen alliances across movements, sectors, and institutions
- Advocate for financing, protection, and policy coherence that respects Indigenous and human rights

Target Speakers:

ELATIA Network Representative - To speak on scalable and people-led solutions, promote direct partnerships with Indigenous Peoples and direct access to finance. To speak on monitoring states' obligations to uphold Indigenous Peoples' rights.

Regional CSO Mechanism (TBC) - To speak on the role of RCEMs in promoting human rights-based approach to development. To elaborate on the Development Justice Framework.

National Coordination Network for CSO-led Climate Action - To speak on national and people-led strategies in advancing, promoting, and operationalizing human rights-based climate action.

Youth (Man) - To speak on youth-led initiatives in advancing climate justice. Youth in multilateral processes and the recommendations being put forward.

Youth (Woman) - To speak on people-led initiatives in localizing climate and SDG processes, in the context of ocean conservation - learnings and recommendations from the recent UN Oceans Conference in Nice, France.

Format:

Moderated Panel Discussion with Q&A and interaction with the participants.

Duration:

1 hour