Asia Indigenous Peoples Day at COP21

Venue: The Climate Generations Space

Date: 4 December 2015

Global Call to Action on Indigenous and Community Land Rights

14:30 - 16:00

Indigenous Peoples’ representative speakers

- Robert Guimaraes, Shipibo people and FECONAU: Peru
- Nick and Faye Fredericks, Wapichan people and South Central Peoples Development Association (SCPDA): Guyana
- Joseph Ole Simel, Kenya
- Mina Susana Setra, Aliansi Masyarakat Adat Nusantara (AMAN)
- Andy / Arvind, Rights and Resources Initiative (TBC)

Panel speakers:

- Mike Taylor, International Land Coalition (confirmed)
- Joan Carling, Vice Chair, representative of the Steering Group of the Global Call to Action, Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (confirmed)
- Luca Miggiano, Oxfam International (TBC)
- Representative of the Government of Norway (confirmed, name TBC)
- Representative of the Government of Indonesia
- Andy / Arvind, Rights and Resources Initiative (TBC)

Date: 9 December 2015

Panel Discussion on Indigenous Peoples’ Contribution to Climate Change:
Experiences from Asia

11:00 - 12:30

Speakers:

Ms. Winnie Jimis, representative Jaringan Orang Asal SeMalaysia (JOAS)/The Indigenous Peoples Network of Malaysia will share indigenous communities initiatives and good practices such as micro hydro and community based fisheries management system (TAGAL).

Ms. Mina Setra, representative of Aliansi Masyarakat Adat Nusantara (AMAN)/ Indigenous Peoples Alliance of Archipelago will share about the serious and urgent problems in forest and peat land of Indonesia

Mr. Sudarshan Chaudhary, Youth Federation of Indigenous Nationalities (YFIN), Nepal is going to share the climate change adaptation of indigenous peoples in Nepal.

Mr. Khampampan Keovilaysak will talk about the sustainable livelihoods of indigenous peoples particularly shifting cultivation in Lao PDR.

Moderator: Joan Carling, Secretary General of Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP) and Vice Chairperson of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII)

The presentations will be followed by Q&A

Drones for Justice: Precision Participatory Mapping of Indigenous Forest and Land in Borneo-Swandirni Institute;
Dewan Adat Dayak Tayan Hilir; Kabupaten Sanggau; Publish What You Pay [PWYP] - Indonesia; If Not Us Then Who

This event shares the story from Borneo in which researchers working together with Indigenous People and local NGOs in the past three years have been establishing a participatory mapping initiatives using do-it-yourself drones (unmanned aerial vehicle) to protect the remaining indigenous and locally managed land and forest from the massive on-going land grabbing in West Kalimantan, Borneo, Indonesia. This initiative is collective and political in a way, Indigenous Community can now perform counter-mapping with way more precise, detail and accurate maps than any satellite images can provide to challenge the what so called “virtual land-grabbing” in which concessions for extractive and non-extractive industries (mining, oil palm, etc) has been given and distributed to entities through the “formal” mapping regimes and spatial-planning regimes mostly excluding indigenous and local communities.

Community Drones has been evolving and spreading all over Indonesia as well as some other countries and we are very happy to share our experiences, our knowledge and to team up with any indigenous / local communities all over the world to spread this knowledge and together promote social-ecological justice. For us, inclusive technology is the key. Moreover, in this “globalized” world, we see that “our data is our weapon”, if we are about to see the more just world. By “inclusive” we also mean that this solution is accessible to the indigenous and local group. It is cheap and reliable.

Innovative: Renewable Energy Projects in Ulu Papar

Run time: 9 minutes
Language of film: Bahasa Malaysia
Subtitle: English
The video screening will be followed by Q&A

Synopsis of the video: The communities along the Ulu Papar river face displacement in the wake of the Kaiduan Dam. By joining forces with indigenous renewable energy experts, there is a chance that these communities can protect their lands and livelihoods through the implementation of small-scale, decentralized, sustainable energy systems.

The video is accessible at https://vimeo.com/79835420
Panelists:
1. Irendra Radjawali [Swandiri Institute and Institute for Oriental and Asian Studies, Bonn University, Germany]

Contact: Irendra Radjawali, radja@hotmail.com; 491639269430
Duration: 90 minutes
Expected number of participants: 50
Set-up: projector/screen, mic, exhibition space
Languages: French, English, Spanish, Indonesia

Panel Discussion on Impacts of Climate Change to Indigenous Peoples in Asia

Speakers:
Mr. Kittisak Rattanakrajangsri, Executive Director of Indigenous Peoples Foundation for Education and Environment, Thailand is going to share the cases of climate change impacts to the livelihoods and traditional knowledge of Karen and Lua indigenous communities in Thailand. He will also share the human rights violations taking place in indigenous peoples territories in the name of forest conservation.

Mr. Jay Jason Pan, representative of TARA-Ping Pu will share the impacts of drought, flooding and typhoons to indigenous peoples in Taiwan/China,

Mr. Tunga Bhadra Rai, Programme Officer of Nepal Federation of Indigenous Nationalities (NEFIN) will inform about the case of climate change refugee in upper Mustang in the Himalaya of Nepal.

Ms. Pratima Gurung, Secretary General of Nepal Indigenous Disabled Association (NIDA) will highlight the discrimination of indigenous women, indigenous persons with disabilities and indigenous communities in the Earth quake response in Nepal

Ms. Naw Ei Ei Min, Executive Director of Promotion of Indigenous and Nature Together (POINT) will focus on climate change impacts in Myanmar and how are indigenous peoples are engaging with the government on REDD+.

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Video screening on “Indigenous Peoples and Earth quake in Nepal”
Run time: 15 minutes
Language of film: Nepali
Subtitle: English
Directed by: Indigenous Film Archive (IFA)
The video screening will be followed by Q&A

Synopsis of the video: The video sheds light on the effects of the devastating earthquake to indigenous communities in Nepal and cases of discrimination in relief distribution, reconstruction and rebuilding process.

Video screening on “Indigenous Peoples and Food Security”
Run time: 20 minutes
Language of film: English
The video screening will be followed by Q&A

Synopsis of the video: The independent, sustainable lives in the mountains of Thailand’s indigenous peoples’ way of life is now under threat. Commercial farming, national boundaries and ‘modern life’ is compromising and taking away their last remaining link to the earth—the very source of their distinct indigenous identities, culture and dignity. Food security is becoming a serious problem as indigenous peoples are coerced into becoming employees of the international food industry in addition to their other policies related to land use and management, as well as social and political pressure to leave their homelands in search of a ‘better’ life.

This video is a record of two hill tribe communities and how they are being affected alongside commentary from experts in related areas. The video is accessible at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ao9OjRwFOHw

Video screening on “Forest Conservation: A Message from Indigenous Women” (15 min)
Run time: 15 minutes
Language of film: English
The video screening will be followed by Q&A

Synopsis of the video: Climate Change in a reality. In order to mitigate its adverse impact, there is no doubt that we need to conserve our forests. In this video meet the women and men of the Kouy indigenous peoples of Cambodia to discover more about what the forest means to them and how indigenous women have taken the lead to protect the forest.

The video is accessible at https://vimeo.com/74175570

Asia Reception and Cultural Night
There will cultural presentation including singing and community dancing from Asia. Also, indigenous peoples from Russia will do their presentation.