



Batani International Development Fund for
Indigenous Peoples of the North, Siberia and
the Far East of the Russian Federation

Batani Fund was established at instigation of the board of RAIPON and Denmark's organization TGK Consult in August 2004, following the recommendation of the roundtable, which took place as part of the Saint Petersburg Economic Forum in June 2004



Mission of the Batani Fund: assistance to the indigenous peoples of the North in protecting their rights by distributing information, organizing educational activities and encouraging participation of indigenous peoples' representatives in political and economic life of the country and abroad



The Fund's goal: cooperation of indigenous communities, industrial companies, state and local authorities to introduce and implement international norms and standards of indigenous peoples' rights in the Russian Federation



SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE STATUS



At its main session in July 2008, the UN Economic and Social Council decided to assign the Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council to the Batani Fund



FUND'S EVENTS



We have prepared and carried out 15 workshops and roundtables in 10 regions of the Russian Federation during last 4 years

Cooperation with industrial companies

1. **BP Russia: joint Microcrediting Programme started in October 2007**
1. **Sakhalin Energy Investment Company: in December 2007 Batani Fund was carried out training workshop for indigenous leaders in Sakhalin in frames of SIMDP**
1. **Company Evrotek: cooperation started after UNPFII members International Workshop on Perspectives of Relationships between Indigenous Peoples and Industrial Companies, which has been held in Salekhard, July 2007**
1. **Terneiles Company: 5-years cooperation programme on socio-economic development of Udege people**
1. **Exxon Neftegas Ltd: permanent participant of our events**



FUND'S PROJECTS



Microcrediting
programme
for indigenous
communities

Environmental co-
management of
extracting companies,
authorities and
indigenous peoples of
the North



MICROCREDITING PROGRAMME



During past two years we have allocated 14 loans to indigenous communities of Sakhalin, Sverdlovsk, Tomsk and Amur regions



“Environmental co-management of extracting companies, state authorities and indigenous peoples of the Russian North”



PROJECT MAIN RESULTS



Development of co-management bodies as a forum/site, where opinion of indigenous peoples is to be heard and potential conflicts can be solved before they become an obstacle

Analyses and development of methods evaluating the effect of industrial development on the indigenous peoples and their territories

Development and trial run of methods to train indigenous peoples to register and use traditional knowledge for mapping TTPs and conducting ecological monitoring

All analytic materials and methodic recommendations have been published in 8 books which can be used in other regions





THANK YOU

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