

What We Have Done

Strategy meetings among indigenous peoples' organizations to discuss interventions in CBD implementation at international, regional and national levels:

- Broad strategies for the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB) and the Indigenous Women's Biodiversity Network (IWBN) for the formulation of specific plans
- Inter-sessional work and improved organizational mechanisms for effective participation in CBD processes



Policy Advocacy at selected CBD-related meetings to promote indigenous peoples' priority issues and activities.



Regional and National Workshops to deepen understanding of CBD including action planning in Asia, east Africa, Philippines, Malaysia and Bangladesh and regional workshops for indigenous women in Africa and Asia



Philippine Roundtable Discussions on the Protection of Traditional Knowledge, Free Prior informed Consent, Customary Law and Access and Benefit Sharing

Training of Trainers and Indigenous Educators: Basic Course on Indigenous Peoples and the CBD

Traditional Knowledge Protection Network Workshops and Cross Visits

Pilot Project on the Ecosystem Approach, Ifugao, Philippines

Publications and Educational Resources consisting of workshop reports, strategy papers and education materials

Publications

Indigenous Peoples & the CBD Series 1: The Philippine Report: National CBD Capacity-Building and Strategy Workshop: "CBD, IPRA, FPIC: Towards Effective National Implementation", May 3-6, 2005; Baguio City, Philippines



Indigenous Peoples & the CBD Series 2: Asia Report: Regional Capacity Building and Strategy Workshop on the Implementation of the CBD, April 25-27, 2005, Baguio City, Philippines

Indigenous Peoples & the CBD Series 3: East Africa Report: Workshop on the Follow-up to the WSSD and the Implementation of the CBD, June 20-24, 2005; Nairobi, Kenya



Indigenous Peoples & the CBD Series 4: Philippine Report on Sui Generis Protection of Traditional Knowledge and Intellectual Property Rights, a follow-up to the Philippine National Workshop, August 23-26, 2006 Quezon City, Philippines

Indigenous Peoples & the CBD Series 5: Malaysia Report: National Capacity-Building Workshop on Indigenous Peoples and the CBD, October 9-11, 2006, Sabah, Malaysia



Indigenous Peoples & the CBD Series 6: Asian Indigenous Women and the CBD, August 15-19, 2007, Baguio City, Philippines

Report on the African Indigenous Women's Training Workshop on Biodiversity, Traditional Knowledge and Women's Rights in Africa, July 23-27, 2007 Namanga, Kenya



Indigenous Perspectives: A Journal of Tebtebba, Volume 8, No. 1 2006 Working on Biodiversity & Traditional Knowledge Protection, Article on: "Indigenous Peoples and Educators on Biodiversity and Traditional Knowledge" International Educators Workshop on Indigenous Peoples and the CBD, March 24, 26 & 30, 2006, Curitiba, Brazil



Our Project Partners

Our project partners and beneficiaries are indigenous peoples' organizations whom we support and strengthen to carry out CBD-related priority activities and initiatives, locally and globally, leading up to COP10 and beyond.

Some Indigenous Peoples' Organizations and Network Partners:

International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB)
IIFB Working Group on Indicators
IIFB Working Group on CEPA
Indigenous Women's Biodiversity Network (IWBN)
Forest Peoples Programme
Indigenous Peoples' Global Research and Education Network (IPGREN)
Indigenous Information Network (IIN)
African Indigenous Women's Organization (AIWO)
Asian Indigenous Peoples' Pact (AIPP)
Asian Indigenous Women's Network (AIWN)
Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North (RAIPON)
Trinamul Unnayan Sangstha (TUS-Bangladesh)
Philippine Traditional Knowledge Protection Network

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Tebtebba (Indigenous Peoples' International Centre for Policy Research and Education) is an indigenous peoples' organization born out of the need for heightened advocacy on the rights of indigenous peoples to be recognized, respected and protected worldwide.

Established in 1996, Tebtebba seeks to promote a better understanding of the world's indigenous peoples, their worldviews, their issues and concerns. In this effort, it strives to bring indigenous peoples together to take the lead in policy advocacy and campaigns on all issues affecting them.

Tebtebba Indigenous Peoples' Capacity-Building Project on the Convention on Biological Diversity



Our Objectives

Tebtebba Indigenous Peoples’ Capacity Building and Advocacy Project for the Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) aims to:

- Deepen indigenous peoples’ local to global understanding and action on the CBD’s Strategic Plan, 2010 Biodiversity Target, cross-cutting issues and thematic work programmes – with a focus on enabling indigenous peoples’ participation in national implementation of the CBD;
- Support capacity-building work with indigenous peoples’ organizations to strengthen CBD-related research, policy advocacy and education.

The project is designed around the following inter-related programme elements:

1. International, regional and national capacity-building workshops for indigenous peoples;
2. Development of local to global strategies and training resources on implementation of the CBD;
3. Strengthened policy advocacy and engagement with governments for CBD implementation;
4. Implementation of pilot projects on the thematic areas of traditional knowledge, ecosystem approach, biodiversity and climate change, and indicators relevant for indigenous peoples.



Strategies

Our strategies are to:

- Strengthen institutional capacities and initiatives of indigenous organizations, through focused global, regional and national activities;
- Support Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) activities highlighting the role and diverse contributions of Indigenous Peoples in the conservation, sustainable use and benefit-sharing arising from the use of biodiversity;
- Pursue the adoption of indicators relevant for indigenous peoples in the CBD Strategic Plan and 2010 Biodiversity Target and the Millennium Development Goals;
- Carry out research, policy advocacy and networking on the key issues of Traditional Knowledge, Access and Benefit Sharing, Biodiversity and Climate Change, and the Ecosystem Approach;
- Implement pilot projects in partnership with indigenous peoples’ organizations and networks.



What We Do

Build a strong network of indigenous educators on the CBD

By strengthening the institutional capacities and resources of the members of the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB) to carry out education on a wider scale:

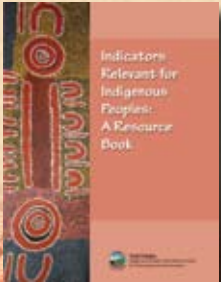
- Support for regional/national capacity-building workshops on CBD implementation, including workshops for indigenous women;
- Workshop for Indigenous Educators;
- Production of Educational Resource Book on Indigenous Peoples and the Convention on Biological Diversity;
- Publication of Workshop Reports for broad information and dissemination;
- Contributions to global initiatives on Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA).



Develop indicators on Indigenous Peoples’ well-being and sustainable development

The IIFB Working Group on Indicators undertook a series of regional and thematic workshops on indicators relevant for indigenous peoples and convened an International Experts Seminar as part of the global indicators process. This resulted in the identification of 12 core issues important for indigenous peoples’ well-being and sustainable development, as well as a list of proposed indicators to assess progress in the CBD Strategic Plan and the 2010 Biodiversity Target.

- Coordination and secretariat functions for the IIFB Working Group on Indicators;
- Pilot projects and activities on global, national and local indicators relevant to indigenous peoples;
- Networking with relevant processes including the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership and the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues;
- Submission to the CBD Secretariat of experiences in indicators work such as:
 - » UNEP/CBD/WG8J/5/8: Indicators for Assessing Progress Towards 2010 Biodiversity Target: Status of Traditional Knowledge, Innovations and Practices;
 - » UNEP/CBD/WG8J/5/INF/2: Report of the International Experts Meeting on Indicators Relevant for Indigenous and Local Communities and the CBD;
- Follow-up Work on Indicators such as:
 - » meetings with key collaborators on indicators work;
 - » national piloting of selected indicators for Indigenous Peoples;
 - » national and international technical workshops;
 - » publication of the Indicators Relevant for Indigenous Peoples: A Resource Book.



Research and Policy Advocacy on Access and Benefit-Sharing, Traditional Knowledge, Biodiversity and Climate Change and the Ecosystem Approach

The project focuses on strategic issues for local to global research and policy advocacy which could make a difference for indigenous peoples. These issues are: Traditional Knowledge, Access and Benefit-Sharing, Biodiversity and Climate Change and the Ecosystem Approach. Activities under this program include:

- Workshops and writeshops on these topics for indigenous peoples followed by report writing for sharing and publication;
- Research and publication of papers and primers for wider dissemination;
- Attendance to key meetings on Access and Benefit-sharing, Climate Change and Biodiversity and Ecosystem Approach;
- Side events at the CBD and other international meetings;
- Workshop on customary sustainable use and applying the ecosystem approach;
- Submission of case studies and information to the CBD secretariat as inputs to CBD processes.



Implement Pilot Projects on Traditional Knowledge, Indicators and Ecosystem Approach

Priority actions identified for CBD implementation call out for concrete implementation through pilot projects. Pilot implementation projects are being carried out in the Philippines, building on direct experiences of Tebtebba and its partners, while sharing experiences and lessons learned with other communities. Specific pilot projects being undertaken are:

- Pilot project on sui generis protection of traditional knowledge and bio-cultural diversity in the Philippines;
- Linkage and exchanges among traditional knowledge holders and producers;
- Pilot project on ecosystem approach, including support for customary sustainable use and resource management and strengthened local governance in the Cordillera and Mindanao;
- Pilot project on indicators at national and local levels and data-gathering involving indigenous peoples’ organizations, academe and relevant government agencies in the Philippines.

