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Acknowledging Indigenous Peoples' technologies and identifying linkages with the UNFCCC Technology Needs Assessments

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Objective(s) of the session

Indigenous Peoples, who are often the custodians of knowledge, can be powerful agents of change when engaged in national planning processes such as the Technology Needs Assessments (TNAs), a set of country-driven activities designed to help identify and facilitate the implementation of countries' climate technology priorities under the UNFCCC. This event aims to increase awareness and build capacity of participants on the necessity and added value of including Indigenous Peoples and their knowledge into such national processes.

It is estimated that around six percent of the world's population, over 476 million people, self-identify as Indigenous Peoples. It is estimated that they are protecting about 80 percent of the world's remaining biodiversity, covering nearly a quarter of the world's surface area. Indigenous Peoples' knowledge about climate resilience and their global contribution to the sustainable management of our shared natural resources are critical to combating climate change and its impacts. Yet, their contribution often remains unacknowledged, and too often Indigenous Peoples have little access to the financial resources or forums for decision-making concerning the environment, severely undermining their opportunities to exert a significant influence over climate policy, planning and action. Acknowledging and learning from Indigenous Peoples' technologies can support countries in implementing their Nationally Determined Contributions and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

List of speakers

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