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The International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change (IIPFCC) acknowledges the Paris Agreement which emphasizes “the intrinsic relationship that climate change actions, responses and impacts have with equitable access to sustainable development and eradication of poverty.” And which also acknowledges that “climate change is a common concern of humankind, that Parties should, when taking action to address climate change, respect, promote and consider their respective obligations on human rights, the right to health, the rights of indigenous peoples, local communities, migrants, children, persons with disabilities and people in vulnerable situations and the right to development, as well as gender equality, empowerment of women and intergenerational equity.”

We further note in Article 4, para 5, wherein Parties acknowledge that “adaptation action should follow a country-driven, gender- responsive, participatory and fully transparent approach, taking into consideration vulnerable groups, communities and ecosystems, and should be based on and guided by the best available science and, as appropriate, **traditional knowledge, knowledge of indigenous peoples and local knowledge systems**, with a view to integrating adaptation into relevant socioeconomic and environmental policies and actions, where appropriate. “

Further, there should be sharing of information, good practices, experiences and lessons learned, including, as appropriate, as these relate to science, planning, policies and implementation in relation to adaptation actions, among Party and non-Party actors, **including Indigenous Peoples**.

In affirmation of these, we call for the SBSTA and SBI to call for an **Expert Technical Workshop on Traditional knowledge, Knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and local knowledge systems to be organized together with experts from Indigenous Peoples**. This Expert Technical Workshop will be an opportunity to further elaborate on the significant contribution of these knowledge systems and for sharing information of good practices, experiences and lessons learned that will be integrated into the implementation both adaptation and mitigation actions. This will also contribute if integrated into socio-economic and environmental policies and actions, and to the over-all implementation of the sustainable development.