INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF INDIGENOUS AND TRIBAL PEOPLES OF THE TROPICAL FORESTS
• International alliance of indigenous organizations – Asia, Americas, Africa
• Dedicated to promoting the rights of IPs
• Several levels of work:
  – International policy advocacy work
  – Regional coordination of efforts
  – National and local struggles
Main Activities

• International Level:
  – Influencing CBD, UNFCCC, UNFF, UNPFII
  – Case studies and position papers on various themes
  – Relations with IGO’s
Activities....2

- Regional level
- - coordination of efforts at regional level
- - communication and dissemination of information
Activities

- National and Local
- campaigns for land rights recognition
- reforestation efforts
- community management of resources
- mapping of indigenous territories
- national level policy advocacy work
- strengthening of capacities through education and organizing work
KEY ISSUES

• Land rights – for IPOs one of the main problem that needs to be addressed

• Free Prior Informed Consent – operationalize the principle rather than use it as a slogan

• UN DECRIPS –
Present Concerns

- Climate change issues are confusing/dividing indigenous communities
- Very little space for indigenous participation in international debate regarding climate change
- Mitigation schemes are being designed without the participation of IPOs
Challenges/Opportunities for Partnerships

• Capacity building for IPOs on the issue of climate change – technical assistance in terms of simplifying the concepts behind the schemes, i.e. REDD

• Information exchange