

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.....3

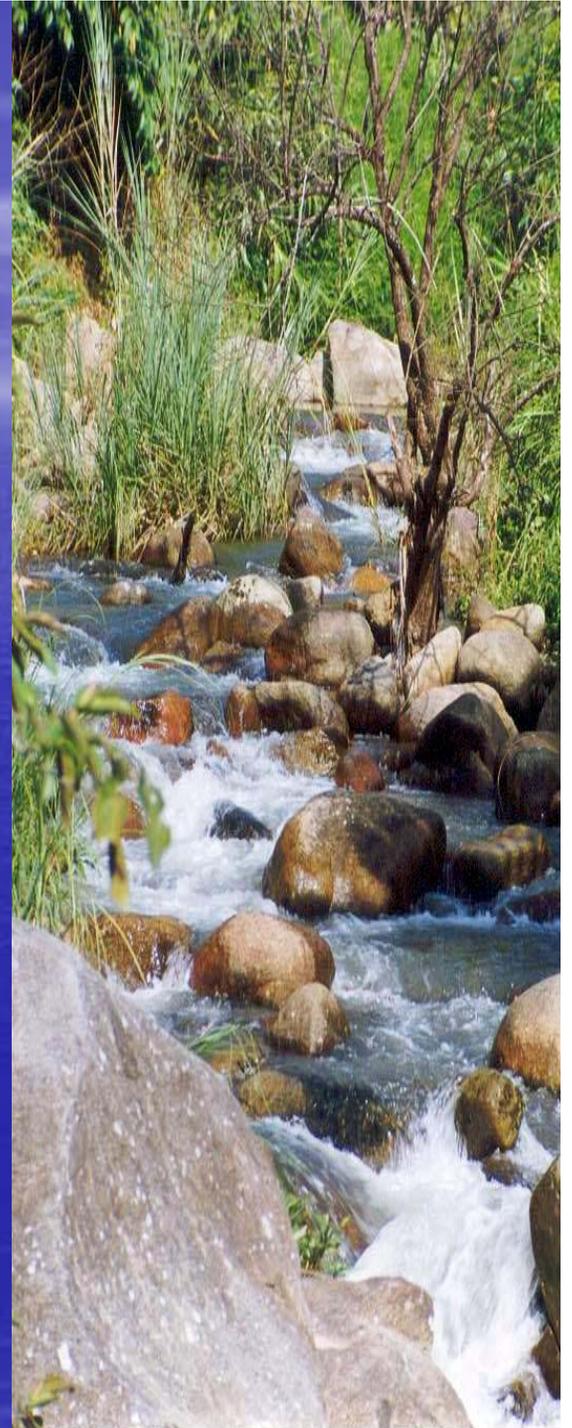
- National and Local
 - - campaigns for land rights recognition
 - - reforestation efforts
 - - community management of resources
 - - mapping of indigenous territories
 - - national level policy advocacy work
 - - strengthening of capacities through education and organizing work

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

