





Archana Soreng,
India

Our strength lies in coming together across regions, movements and identities. Through the RRI Global Youth Network, we want to build connections, learn from one another, and turn solidarity into collective action. At COP31, we hope to strengthen our collective voice and build the partnerships, support, and momentum needed to carry this work forward beyond the conference.

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Sabba Rani Maharjan, Nepal



Somewhere in every community we work with, there is an empty chair now. A parent, a neighbour, or a friend taken by a climate disaster they did nothing to cause. We carry those chairs with us into COP31. Every promise made in these rooms should be measured against them, and every delay should have to look them in the eye.

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Naomi Chemwetich Kutto, Kenya



Decisions made at COP31 will decide whether my community stays on its ancestral land or is pushed off it in the name of conservation. Indigenous Peoples must be recognized as rights-holders and leaders in climate action. Where our rights are secure, forests stand, and biodiversity thrives. There is no climate justice without Indigenous Peoples' rights.

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Elisabeth Simanjuntak, Indonesia



We call on governments, world leaders, and all stakeholders to stop the seizure of Indigenous territories in the name of investment. Strengthen legal protections for Indigenous Peoples. Recognize, protect, and respect our rights to our ancestral lands. Protecting forests means protecting life and the future of the Earth.

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Alejandra Palacios, Ecuador



We are not merely communities affected by the climate crisis. We are leaders of initiatives and solutions built on our territories and knowledge. The world must recognize our leadership, respect our territorial rights, and fund youth-led climate action. There is no climate justice without racial and territorial justice.

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Cindy Yohana,
Indonesia



COP31 matters because the future being negotiated there is the future of my people, my community, and my ancestral territories. The next generations deserve a living and healthy Mother Earth. I refuse to accept a future where Indigenous territories, Indigenous women's bodies, and Indigenous Peoples' lives are sacrificed for someone else's profit and power. Our future is not yours to decide.

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Anjatiana Radoharinirina, Madagascar

Stop treating us as beneficiaries and start treating us as partners. Young people in Madagascar and across Africa are already restoring mangroves, building water systems and training their peers, often with almost no means. We do not need more speeches about our resilience. We need trust, resources, and a seat at the table where decisions are made.

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Danitza Quispe Huillca, Peru

COP31 must be a space where we, as Indigenous youth, are no longer viewed merely as heirs to the future, but are instead recognized as political actors and defenders of the present, with our own voices and the power to make decisions.

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