



## **Delivering the COP26 Forest Tenure Pledge for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities**

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# Context for the Pledge

- IP and LC\* **tenure rights** not high enough on the global climate agenda
- **'Falling Short'** report in 2021: only 1% of (ODA) climate finance reaches IP and LCs
- Global funding system not working for IP and LCs


\* Indigenous Peoples and local communities, including Afro-descendants

# Donor Aims & Ambitions


**Increased global attention** on IP and LC tenure rights



**Mobilise more resources** to support IP and LCs and help secure their tenure rights



**Better coordination** of bilateral, multilateral, private and civil society action



**Shifting political will** and capacity for action by governments

# How does the Pledge work?

- Donors made individual commitments to spend \$Xm on the priorities identified in the Donor Pledge Statement. It's not a centralised fund
- It can only be accessed via each donors own funding mechanisms. No central funding or allocation mechanism
- Pledge includes funding that is already allocated. Some of the funding for 2021-2015 is already committed to specific programmes or channels: it's not all unallocated money looking for new projects
- The Pledge focuses on promoting systemic change as well as support community-level action. The pledge will therefore also be used to support governments plan and implement forest and tenure governance reforms
- The pledge commits donors to adjust practices. Donor coordination group and IP and LC dialogue to support changes in funding practices over next 4 years

# What can be funded under the pledge?

Support to systemic  
tenure or forest  
governance reforms

'Direct' support to  
communities and IP  
and LC-led  
organisations

Building capacity of IP  
and LC organisations

- Tropical Forest Countries
- Only ODA-eligible countries
- Focus on, but not limited, to forests (Global Forest Finance Pledge)

Official COP26 Pledge Statements (English, Spanish & French):

[COP26 IPLC forest tenure Joint Donor Statement - UN Climate Change Conference \(COP26\) at the SEC – Glasgow 2021 \(ukcop26.org\)](https://www.ukcop26.org/en/pledge-statements/cop26-iplc-forest-tenure-joint-donor-statement-english)

[IPLC forest tenure Joint Donor Statement - Spanish - UN Climate Change Conference \(COP26\) at the SEC – Glasgow 2021 \(ukcop26.org\)](https://www.ukcop26.org/es/declaraciones-de-compromiso-de-los-donantes-joint-statement-de-tenencia-de-terrenos-de-los-pueblos-indigenas-y-comunidades-locales-ingles)

[IPLC forest tenure Joint Donor Statement - French - UN Climate Change Conference \(COP26\) at the SEC – Glasgow 2021 \(ukcop26.org\)](https://www.ukcop26.org/fr/declarations-de-compromiso-de-los-donantes-joint-statement-de-tenencia-de-terrenos-de-los-pueblos-indigenas-y-comunidades-locales-espanol)

# Priority shifts in funding (and challenges)

1. More 'direct' support: IP and LC 'say' in fund governance & greater focus on IP and LC funds
  - Donor compliance and transaction costs
  - IPLC capacity to absorb funding at scale
  - Coordination between solidarity/support organisations
2. Increased investment in capacity building of IP and LC-led organisations
3. Joining up systemic work on policy reform and community-level work



# Vision to 2030

- COP27: Maintain momentum & high-level visibility
- Accounting for progress: first Pledge report at COP27
- Develop Guiding Principles and Practices
- Build political momentum towards 2025 and 2030

2021



UN CLIMATE  
CHANGE  
CONFERENCE  
UK 2020

IPLC Tenure Rights  
Pledge

\$1.7bn

2025

COP30

Renewed Pledge ++?  
Scale? Global Fund?

\$??bn

2030

COP35

Policy engagement, political attentions, \$\$\$