Bridging the Gap

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 donor’s 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)

IPLC forest tenure Joint Donor Statement - Spanish - UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) at the SEC – Glasgow 2021 (ukcop26.org)

IPLC forest tenure Joint Donor Statement - French - UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) at the SEC – Glasgow 2021 (ukcop26.org)
Priority shifts in funding (and challenges)

1. More ‘direct’ support: IP and LC ‘say’ in fund governance & greater focus on IP and LC funds
2. Increased investment in capacity building of IP and LC-led organisations
3. Joining up systemic work on policy reform and community-level work

- Donor compliance and transaction costs
- IPLC capacity to absorb funding at scale
- Coordination between solidarity/support organisations
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