



FSC INDIGENOUS FOUNDATION

A global Indigenous-led organization working to co-create long-term solutions with, for, and led by Indigenous Peoples



The **FSC Indigenous Foundation (IF)**, a global organization governed, led, and managed by Indigenous Peoples part of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) family, works at global, regional, and national levels to deliver long-term and resilient Indigenous-led solutions to promote Indigenous rights and Indigenous holistic self-development worldwide.

Our vision is that Indigenous Peoples are the essential agents and changemakers for any long-term solution to ongoing global environmental challenges including climate change, biodiversity loss, and unsustainable resource uses.

We bring together public and private sectors as well as CSOs and other stakeholders to integrate collaborative efforts toward incorporating and recognizing Indigenous Peoples' rights and their livelihoods, ecosystem services, natural capital, and territories into national governance decision-making processes, climate finance and funding mechanisms, and market systems.

VALUES

We manage our land, water, and ecosystems with great respect and care by recognizing that we only borrow them from future generations.

We will keep our promise to our ancestors to manage nature and the resources provided by Mother Earth in a sustainable and respectful way.

GLOBAL INDIGENOUS GOVERNANCE

With headquarters in Panama, the operations and governance of IF are led and managed by members of Indigenous Peoples of Africa, Latin America, Asia, and Europe. Moreover, the IF serves as the global strategic, technical, and operational office for the FSC Permanent Indigenous Peoples Committee, Indigenous Advisory body constituted by 20 global Indigenous representatives. Francisco Souza is the Managing Director of the IF and member of the Apurinã Indigenous Peoples of the Brazilian Amazon.

KEY PARTNERS

We work with **USAID, FSC, FAO, UN-Women**, and Indigenous Peoples organizations and networks including the **Mesoamerican Alliance of Peoples and Forests (AMPB)**, the **Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordinating Committee (IPACC)**,

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the **Network of Indigenous and Local Populations for the Sustainable Management of Forest Ecosystems in Central Africa (REPALEAC)** and strategic partners from civil society, governments and the private sector.

STRATEGIES

The IF works with Indigenous Peoples organizations and other strategic partners to achieve its vision through five key strategic areas:



Indigenous Leadership and Capacity Development



Rights and Territorial Governance



Climate Change, Economies and Self-Development



Indigenous Financial Mechanisms



Indigenous Cultural Landscapes

RESULTS

- Co-organized two global listening sessions with USAID's Inclusive Development Hub for **100 Indigenous leaders worldwide** to inform **USAID's climate strategy**.
- Provided **climate change negotiation online training for 48 Indigenous leaders** in Africa and Latin America as preparation for COP 27.
- Established a Regional Alliance with AMPB, the Association of Forest Communities of Peten (ACOFOP), Hivos, UNDP, UN-Women, FAO, and local Indigenous organizations to **implement an initiative to promote Indigenous women and girls' economic empowerment** in Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador.
- Established a regional partnership with **AMPB** to develop and implement subprograms to benefit Indigenous Peoples in Central America focusing on forests, capacity development, finance, climate change, Indigenous women's economic empowerment, and Indigenous economies.
- Supported the **First Mesoamerican Regional Forestry and Sustainable Landscapes Congress** to build a joint multisectoral agenda for the sustainable management of forests and biodiversity that includes the vision and needs of the Indigenous Peoples and local communities.
- Partnered with **IPACC** and **REPALEAC** to develop and implement joint work plans to promote Indigenous Peoples' rights and self-development in the continent.