

**Draft Asia Pacific Regional Road Map on the implementation of the 2030 Sustainable
Development Agenda
Comments and Recommendations by the Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP)**

In the spirit of strengthening the Road Map on the implementation of the 2030 Development Agenda, below are some of our comments and recommendations in relation to the priority areas for action.

General comments:

The current draft does not clearly establish the need for alignment of the SDG implementation to the human rights obligations and commitments of states, as well as to the agreements for the protection and enhancement of biodiversity. These are cornerstone of the UN system that adopted the SDGs, and are thereby not additionality. The draft Road Map does not also provides for the operationalization of the principles of social and development justice to attain equality and equity which is critical in ending poverty, hunger, empowerment of women and ending discrimination and marginalization of indigenous peoples and vulnerable sectors. Further, there is also the need to implement the principles and measures to ensure transparency including information disclosure and accountability in the financing for development by both the public and the private sector. All these are essential in achieving the aim of the Development Agenda 2030 of “leaving no one behind”.

Recommendations for the Priority Areas

Priority action area 1: Integrate the SDGs into national development planning The national development planning process including identification and prioritization of the SDG targets and indicators shall ensure the full and effective participation of the 9 major groups including indigenous peoples; and other stakeholders. This requires the establishment of permanent, open and inclusive participatory mechanisms from the local level to the national level not only for planning but also for monitoring, follow-up and review. Attached here is the summary paper on indigenous peoples priorities in the implementation of the 2030 Development Agenda in the Asia Region.

Priority action area 2: Promote policy coherence, consistency and coordination

Policy coherence include alignment and harmonization of development policies to the international human rights obligations and commitments of states including the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and agreements on biological conservation and combating climate change.

The coordination mechanisms at the national and regional levels shall be cohesive and shall include institutions and bodies to operationalize and implement the human rights obligations of states and the social and environmental dimensions for achieving the goals and targets; as well as effective and accessible grievance mechanism for the marginalized sectors including indigenous peoples.

Priority action area 3: Enhance data and statistical capacities of member States for implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Data collection—both in quantity and quality, and dis-aggregation are critical in tracking progress particularly on the condition of the most marginalized and discriminated sectors such as indigenous peoples. The data- dis-aggregation by sex, age, and location, as well as income, ethnicity disability and other characteristics relevant in national contexts shall be made in all relevant indicators. Allocation of sufficient funds and capacity building shall be provided. Further, all the 9 major groups including indigenous peoples; and other stakeholders shall be able to generate and provide data that shall be part of the analysis, reporting and review process.

Priority action area 4: Identify and promote sources of financing for development

Ensure the implementation of the principles and measures for transparency including information disclosure and accountability in the financing for development by both the public and the private sector. The mobilization of finance for SDGs shall also be guided by clear measures for social and environmental protection in the implementation of development projects.

Priority action area 5: Leverage science, technology and innovation in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

As technology is not neutral, the access and use of appropriate technology shall not be regulated by intellectual property rights and should be guided by the principles of equity, and environment sustainability.

Priority action area 6: Accelerating regional connectivity and integration for sustainable solutions at regional, national and local levels

Regional connectivity shall not be driven by corporate interest and should take into account the environment sustainability, social equity, right and livelihoods of those who will be affected by energy and related projects. There should also be balance between rural and urban development, with provision of services accessible to the most marginalized including indigenous peoples.

Priority action area 7: Fostering South- South and regional partnerships

Multi-stakeholders platforms and partnerships for development shall be based on solidarity relations and collaboration on leaving no one behind, the empowerment of those marginalized including indigenous peoples, as well as for inter-learning.