

# Day for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities: The Power of Local Action

Rio Conventions Pavilion, CBD COP 13, Cancun, Mexico  
Moon Palace Convention Center, Universal Building, Main Floor  
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- **Partners:** United Nations Development Programme's Equator Initiative, GEF-Small Grants Programme (SGP), Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Conservation International (CI), RARE, The Nature Conservancy (TNC), EcoAgriculture Partners, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nereus Programme at Nippon Foundation and Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS).
- **Focal Point:** Eva Gurria, Equator Initiative, UNDP
- **Communication:** all presenters and attendees are invited to broadcast the event on their social media accounts, blogs and other communication channels. Traditional media is warmly welcomed and invited.

## **Description:**

Equator Initiative, the GEF- Small Grants Programme (SGP), the Convention of Biological Diversity, and partners, will host the "Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) Day" at the Rio Conventions Pavilion. The day will consist of a series of dialogues and panel discussions to share knowledge, exchange best practices, inform policy, and enhance capacity. Topics addressed will mirror the main themes of COP 13--forests, fisheries, agriculture and tourism--while focusing on local solutions for the protection and sustainable use of biological resources. The evening reception will be the first event in a series of celebrations to mark the 15th anniversary of the Equator Initiative and the 25th anniversary of the GEF-Small Grants Programme.

Indigenous peoples and local communities are among the best managers of the world's biodiversity and ecosystems, and are indispensable partners in sustainable development. Whether it is forests, marine ecosystems, agricultural landscapes or wildlife corridors, it is often at the local level where win-win solutions for people and nature are forged. When empowered to manage their biodiversity and ecosystems, indigenous peoples and community-based organizations are capable of delivering benefits well beyond environment and conservation, including in health, education, energy and water access, food security, conflict resolution, disaster recovery and more: in other words, they can deliver the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Convention on Biological Diversity's Aichi targets.

## **OBJECTIVES**

- 1) Showcase indigenous and local community (IPLCs) voices and perspectives, and serve as an effective bridge connecting policy makers, academics, private sector, civil society and the media with on-the-ground practitioners.
- 2) Facilitate the full and effective participation of IPLCs in biodiversity conservation, and showcase their contributions to achieving the Aichi Targets and the SDGs.

- 3) Shed light on the role of IPLCs as indispensable partners for sustainable forest management and wildlife conservation, and discuss how investing in their rights, entitlements, and empowerment will ensure a sustainable future for all.
- 4) Explore how communities are responding to challenges to safeguard marine resources, share local best practices from locally managed marine protected areas, and discuss how these initiatives can be scaled up and replicated.
- 5) Deliberate over best sustainable agricultural practices for resilience, discuss effective land tenure policies and examine the role of indigenous and local knowledge in preserving biodiversity for human development.
- 6) Share examples of local best practice in the tourism industry, and showcase successful partnerships between local communities, governments, the private sector, and others that can help localize the SDGs, as well as examples of legal frameworks and decision-making processes affecting the tourism industry today.
- 7) Celebrate 15 years of the Equator Initiative and 25 years of the GEF-Small Grants Programme

## PROGRAMME

Time	Event	Organization
9:30-11:00	<p><b>Session 1- Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities- Local Action for Aichi Targets and SDGs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Welcoming remarks-</b> Moderator, Eva Gurria, UNDP Equator Initiative</li> <li>• <b>How do local actions on biodiversity and ecosystems contribute to Global Goals?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Jamison Ervin</b>, Manager, Global Biodiversity Programme, UNDP</li> <li>○ <b>Angela Fajardo</b>, Organización Manejo y Conservación, Guatemala (TBC)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Equator Initiative video</li> <li>• <b>What is needed to ensure the support of IPLCs to sustainably manage biodiversity and to engage in national and global processes?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>René García</b>, Grupo de Estudios Ambientales y Sociales, México: Community perspective</li> <li>○ <b>John Knox</b>, Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Environment: Global frameworks for political and financial support</li> <li>○ <b>John Scott</b>, Programme Officer for Traditional Knowledge, CBD: CBD mechanisms for engagement</li> <li>○ <b>Government of Mexico</b>: National perspective (TBC)</li> <li>○ <b>Tehmina Akhtar</b>, Deputy Global Manager, GEF-SGP:</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Equator Initiative, GEF-Small Grants Programme, CBD, Government of Mexico

	<p>Small Grants Programme perspective</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitated dialogue with panelists and audience</li> <li>Closing statements, Eva Gurria, UNDP Equator Initiative</li> </ul>	
11:15-12:45	<p><b>Session 2- Sustainable Forest Management and Wildlife Conservation: Best Practices from Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Welcoming remarks-</b> Moderator, Jill Blockhaus, TNC (TBC)</li> <li><b>How does local action on sustainable forest management help communities achieve sustainable development goals?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Daniel Ancapan</i>, Comunidad Indígena Manquemapu, Chile</li> <li><i>Ana Isabel Arroyo</i>, Asociación de Artesanas Unidas de Los Límites, Colombia,</li> <li><i>Carlos Crasborn</i>, Asociación de Comunidades Forestales de Peten, Guatemala</li> <li><i>Héctor Anguiano</i>, Comunidad Indígena Nuevo San Juan Parigaricutiro, México</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Equator Prize forest video</b></li> <li><b>Reflections on stories of Equator Prize Winners: How we can we replicate and scale up successes on local sustainable forest actions?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Government representative:</b> Government Perspective (TBC)</li> <li><i>Carlos Manuel Rodriguez</i>, Regional Vice-President, Conservation International: NGO perspective (TBC)</li> <li><b>Government of Norway: Donor perspective</b> (TBC)</li> <li><i>Eva Gurria</i>, UNDP Equator Initiative: value of the Equator Prize in recognizing success</li> </ul> </li> <li>Closing statements, Jill Blockhaus</li> </ul>	<p>Equator Initiative, GEF-Small Grants Programme, Conservation International, The Nature Conservancy, Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.</p>
13:00 – 14:30	<p><b>Session 3- Sustainable Fishing and Protection of Marine and Coastal Habitats: Learning from Local Action</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Welcoming remarks-</b> RARE Representative (TBC)</li> <li><b>What are examples of community action on sustainable fishing and protection of marine and coastal habitats?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Oscar Pihuave</i>, Junta de Manejo Participativo Pesquero de Puerto Cayo- Ecuador,</li> <li><i>Rigoberto Bonilla</i> Comité para la Defensa y Desarrollo de la Flora y Fauna del Golfo de</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Equator Initiative, GEF-Small Grants Programme, RARE, Nereus Programme at Nippon Foundation</p>

	<p>Fonseca, Honduras,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Jordán Solórzano</b>, Coope Tarcoles, Costa Rica</li> <li>○ <b>José Canto</b>, Pescadores de Vigía Chico y Cozumel, México</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Reflections on winners' stories vis a vis national and global policies for sustainable fishing and marine and coastal habitat conservation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Suzanne von der Porten</b>, Research Associate, Nereus Program, University of British Columbia, Canada</li> <li>○ <b>Leonel Requena</b>, GEF-Small Grants Programme National Coordinator, Belize- National analysis</li> <li>○ <b>Gerald Singh</b>, Nereus Fellow, University of British Columbia -- Global analysis</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Discussion and Q&amp;A</li> <li>● Closing statements: RARE Representative</li> </ul>	
14:45-16:10	<p><b>Session 4- Sustainable Agriculture and Crop Diversification: Using Traditional Knowledge to Preserve Bio-Cultural Diversity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Welcoming remarks-</b> Moderator, Sara Scherr, EcoAgriculture (TBC)</li> <li>● <b>Stories from Equator Prize Winners</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Yolanda Contreras</b>, Asociación de Artesanas de Arbolsol y Huaca de Barro del Distrito de Mórrope, Peru</li> <li>○ <b>Angela Gomez</b>, Asociación de Productores Indígenas y Campesinos de Riosucio Caldas, Colombia</li> <li>○ <b>José del Carmen Huichin</b>, Kooel Kab / Muuch Kambal, México</li> <li>○ <b>José Juárez</b>, Café la Selva, México</li> <li>○</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Reflections on winners' stories vis a vis national and global policies for sustainable agriculture</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Yoshihiko Endo</b>, Coordinator, Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems, FAO</li> <li>○ <b>Francisco Gurria Trevino</b>, Coordinator of Livestock, Mexican Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food (SAGARPA)</li> <li>○ <b>Kent Nnadozie</b>, International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, FAO (TBC)</li> <li>○ <b>International Land Coalition Representative</b>, (TBC)</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Discussion and Q&amp;A</li> </ul>	<p>Equator Initiative, GEF-Small Grants Programme, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Mexico Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food (SAGARPA)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closing statements: Sara Scherr, EcoAgriculture Partners</li> </ul>	
16:30-18:00	<p><b>Session 5- Sustainable and Inclusive Tourism: Respecting Culture, Protecting Nature</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Welcoming remarks-</b> Moderator, Alejandra Pero, UNDP Equator Initiative</li> <li>• <b>What are examples of best practices on local sustainable and inclusive ecotourism</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Guido Mamani</b>, Albergue Ecológico Chalalán, Bolivia</li> <li>○ <b>Jose Antonio Medina Oviedo</b>, Red Indígena de Turismo, México</li> <li>○ <b>Galindo Parra</b>, Federación Plurinacional de Turismo Comunitario del Ecuador, Ecuador,</li> <li>○ <b>Roman Caamal</b>, Community Tours Sian Ka'an, México</li> <li>○ <b>WCS Representative (TBC)- Global analysis</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Equator Video on Local Tourism</b></li> <li>• <b>Global Café Discussion (40 minutes)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ what did you learn from these stories?</li> <li>○ what enabled these communities to succeed?</li> <li>○ what is needed to scale up and to replicate?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Mini plenary (10 minutes)</b></li> <li>• <b>Closing statements:</b> Alejandra Pero, UNDP Equator Initiative</li> </ul>	Equator Initiative, GEF-Small Grants Programme, Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)
18:30-20:30	<p><b>Catered Reception: Celebrating 15 years of the Equator Initiative and 25 years of the GEF-Small Grants Programme</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Welcoming remarks-</b> Jamison Ervin, UNDP Equator Initiative</li> <li>• <b>Celebrating UNDP's commitments to recognizing and supporting the work of local communities and indigenous peoples to achieve sustainable development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Victoria Tauli Corpuz</b>, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (TBC)</li> <li>○ <b>Jose Ines Loria Palma</b>, Fundación San Crisanto, México</li> <li>○ <b>Juana Baltodano</b>, Iniciativa Talamanca, Costa Rica</li> <li>○ <b>Kristen Walker</b>, Conservation International (TBC)</li> <li>○ <b>Government of Norway</b> (TBC)</li> <li>○ <b>Government of Germany</b> (TBC)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Concluding remarks:</b> Yoko Watanabe, UNDP/GEF Small Grants Programme</li> </ul>	Equator Initiative, GEF-Small Grants Programme (SGP), Conservation International (CI), German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Meet and greet of Equator Prize winners/SGP grantees</b></li></ul>	
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