



Indigenous Day @COP23

While indigenous peoples had their own pavilion during the entire Climate Summit, the second day of the two week event the first week was labelled the Indigenous Day at COP23. This thematic day was full of side-events, discussions and presentations. Indigenous peoples presented their concepts and visions to face the climate challenge. They promoted their answers, making clear that they are part of the solution and should be heard. Real dialogue is needed.

Climate Alliance supported its partners during several events:

- **International Rights of Nature Tribunal**
- **People and Climate Change – How Do We Want to Live Tomorrow**
- **Traditional Knowledge, Paris Agreements and Indigenous Territorial Organisations**
- **Paris Agreement and Agenda 2030 – towards policy coherence**
- **Protecting and promoting indigenous territories and knowledge**
- **Indigenous Peoples @Climate Planet**
- **Bottom-up approaches to achieve NDCs**

“We want to be here, we want to stay here and we want to contribute. We feel this is right and just.”

– Andrew Bin Ambrose, Momogun-Dayak, Malaysia

The preamble of the Paris Agreement and the stated importance of indigenous peoples rights was emphasised by speakers...

Acknowledging that climate change is a common concern of humankind, Parties should, when taking action to address climate change, respect, promote and consider their respective obligations on human rights, the right to health, the rights of indigenous peoples, local communities, migrants, children, persons with disabilities and people in vulnerable situations and the right to development, as well as gender equality, empowerment of women and intergenerational equity.

https://unfccc.int/files/side_events_exhibits/application/pdf/ipo.pdf

“Where there are indigenous, there are forests and territories. Without indigenous peoples, there is no Amazonia.”

– COICA representative at the Climate Planet

“We’re looking for allies that accompany us with our proposal of Kawsak Sacha, the Living Forest, thereby we can be an example for other peoples. United we’re stronger.”

– Mirian Cisneros, Community of Sarayaku

“It doesn’t take money to manage our forests, just give us our lives.”

“We can’t own and manage Mother Earth, she manages us.”

– Tom Goldtooth, Indigenous Environment Network