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Ongoing Priorities and themes
4 (e) Free, prior and informed consent (2004)

On the issue of “free, prior and informed consent,” the Caribbean Antilles Indigenous Peoples Caucus & the Diaspora (CAIPCD) wishes to focus on the Akwe: Kon Guidelines, an exclusive Convention on Biological Diversity instrument with strong impact on indigenous peoples.

Recommendation (1)

In this regard, the Caribbean Antilles Indigenous Peoples Caucus & the Diaspora (CAIPCD) respectfully recommends that the Forum call on all United Nations Agencies, Parties, States, International Lending Agencies, Multinational Corporation, Civil Society and Developmental Agencies to pay high regard to the right of indigenous peoples to “free, prior and informed consent,” inclusive of the preparatory, main and reporting and decision-making stages of projects intended to be executed on indigenous peoples lands and territories.

Recommendation (2)

The Caribbean Antilles Indigenous Peoples Caucus & the Diaspora (CAIPCD) calls on the Forum to establish an International Working Group on “Free, prior and informed consent,” comprising of regional indigenous representatives that functions at major United Nations Conventions, requiring “free, prior and informed consent” from indigenous Peoples.

Recommendation (3)

The Caribbean Antilles Indigenous Peoples Caucus & the Diaspora (CAIPCD) calls on the Forum to request the support of the United Nations Inter-Agency Group on Indigenous Issues, to execute an Americas Hemispheric Gathering before the Sixth Session of the Forum, among the specialized United Nations Agencies, States and indigenous peoples’ experts to elaborate on, and to document the peculiar and unique experiences of the Caribbean Antilles, Central America, North America and South America, relating to “free, prior and informed consent.”

Recommendation (4)

The Caribbean Antilles Indigenous Peoples Caucus & the Diaspora (CAIPCD) calls on the Forum to request of the World Bank, the Inter-American Development, the Caribbean Development Bank and other Americas Hemispheric Lending Institutions to provide a special fund to the Forum to execute “Country Assessments” and Hemispheric and Regional Gathering for the indigenous peoples of the Americas with respect to “free, prior and informed consent.”

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