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**Statement by the Chair of the Inter-Agency
Support Group on Indigenous Peoples Issues'
(IASG) Working Group on Indicators**

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Agenda item 6. Comprehensive dialogue with United Nations agencies and funds

**Distinguishes Delegates, Elders, Members of the
UNPFII, indigenous sisters and brothers,**

**I am pleased to provide you with a brief update on inter-agency work towards
operationalizing indicators relevant for indigenous peoples.**

**IASG WG Indicators was established at the last IASG annual meeting in Geneva in
December 2014.**

**Chaired by CBD The IASG WG on Indicators is undertaking the
following tasks to advance the operationalization of agreed to indicators.**

1. Firstly a stocktaking of Agencies work on “indigenous” indicators, with a focus on indicators already adopted by UN organizations and programmes.

As you may be aware the CBD has adopted 4 indicators for Traditional Knowledge (TK) which were recommended by indigenous peoples as providing a holistic view of the health – status and trends in TK and they are indigenous languages (linguistic diversity), traditional occupations, security of land tenure and changing land use of traditional territories of IPs and participation of IPs in the revision of the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans and the preparation of the national reports. FAO has also adopted indicators on food security.

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2. Explore Inter-Agency Collaboration to Operationalize agreed to indicators (Languages/UNESCO, Traditional Occupations/ILO; Land Tenure and Changes in Land-use (International Land Coalition – ILC); Participation (all agencies); Food Security (FAO).

3. Considering the application of adopted indicators, to other international processes (multiple use) including WCIP Outcomes process (SWAP), UN DRIPs / Post 2015 Development Agenda / Others

and then

4. Consider the need for additional indicators, as needed.

Key agencies working together on the IASG WG on Indicators include OHCHR, ILO, IFAD, FAO, SPFI, UNESCO, and International Land Coalition (ILC).

A major indigenous partner is the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity's Working Group on Indicators chaired by Ms. Joji Carino and UNPFII expert, Ms Joan Carling is the focal point for this work, so we look forward to continuing these efforts together and seeing real advances in bringing these indicators to life in the foreseeable future.

Thanks you.

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