

Intervention Of **AIWO-CAN** During the 21 session of the UN Working Group On Indigenous Population In Geneva.

African Indigenous Women Organisation Central African Network is an organisation that has as members, organisations of Indigenous women, or mixed organisations having women sections.

AIWO-CAN has as its main objective to promote and protect the rights of Indigenous women socially economically and politically.

Going back to the theme Globalisation and Indigenous people I will like to define the term, as I understand it. Globalisation to me would mean reducing the world to a little village that one can cross in a matter of seconds in terms of communication world commerce etc .It mean every thing will be so fast that those who are slow will be left out .

Globalisation to Indigenous women in Central Africa is an abstract term that has no meaning.

Indigenous women and their families in Central Africa lack the basic necessities of life. They are pushed out of their lands in favour of rich ranchers and multinationals petroleum and logging companies. This is the case of the Pygmies and the **Mbororo pastoralists** communities of central Africa and Cameroon in particular. Their human rights are violated each an every day from wanton arrest long term detentions, imprisonments e.g the four Mbororo men who are in prison since last year for defending their rights over a piece of pasture land that belong to them.

There is total absent of social amenities like health, schools and the exclusion from Government development programs in the respective states.
They live in deplorable conditions.

Thousands of Indigenous people are refugees over the Cameroon Nigerian borders, in Congo Democratic, Burundi and Rwanda.

What Globalisation are we talking about with such a tragic picture?
Indigenous people need just the basics of life, land on which to live, what to feed on, and treatment of the must common diseases like malaria. They are asking that their rights be respected in all aspects of life. We are taking you in the working group as witnesses to our dilemma and through you to the UN to look in to our cause in Central Africa.

Globalisation is for the rich nations of the north and their puppet southern states and multinationals companies and not for Indigenous people.