

## **Round Table 2: On Implementing the Rights of Indigenous Peoples at the National and Local Level**

A statement of the Asia Pacific Indigenous Youth Network (APIYN)  
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We thank the advisers, lobby group, indigenous peoples, states and all who have work in coming up with this outcome document that would embody the commitment of nation and states on how to implement the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Since we cannot change the outcome document adopted this morning we would like to reiterate the following recommendations to help in realizing the implementation of Indigenous Peoples' Rights:

For states who have not yet recognize the indigenous peoples in their territories to recognize that there are indigenous peoples in their country and to start recognizing that they have rights that should be implemented based on the UNDRIP.

For states in close cooperation with indigenous peoples representatives to include the history, culture and traditions of the indigenous peoples in the educational system for the indigenous and non-indigenous children and youth to appreciate these and help in ending the historic discrimination of indigenous peoples worldwide.

For states to ensure the effective participation of the indigenous peoples in deciding appropriate programs related to education, health, housing and other basic social services as stated in paragraphs 11 and 13 to ensure the achievement of high quality and accessible education and effectiveness of the program for the indigenous peoples.

We welcome the commitment of the states in empowering the indigenous youth as stated in paragraph 15. Based from our experience as indigenous youth, we saw that programs for the youth will be most effective if the youth will also be included in the design, monitoring, and evaluation of the projects, policies and programs. The youth should also be included in the formulation of clear guidelines and mechanisms in the implementation of the programs for the youth to ensure that this specific provision of the outcome document will really be implemented.

Furthermore the states and state agencies should also support indigenous youth initiatives being proposed to them.

As we welcome the Outcome Document for the World conference on Indigenous Peoples, we also express our deepest concern that major concerns of the indigenous peoples were scrapped in this outcome document. The outcome document did not recognize that militarization is a major continuing problem among the Indigenous Peoples. Even the youth and children are very much affected by militarization especially in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Recent cases of human rights violations perpetrated by state military were reported and submitted to state agencies however these were neglected. So it is alarming that steps in addressing this issue were not included in the

document. Finally, the overarching and basic right to Self-determination of Indigenous Peoples was not even mentioned in the outcome document. We, the youth believe that if these two concerns were recognize and address by the states the outcome document will better achieve successes and ensure that the youth and the future generations will be able to enjoy a better society.

This means that there are still more work to be done. We then urge, our fellow indigenous peoples, especially the youth to create our own spaces and continue our struggles in the local, national and international level for the full recognition and implementation of our collective and inherent rights until we achieve our right to self-determination.

Continue to struggle for a better life  
Never give up and stand up for our rights  
Defend our land the source of our life  
Learn from the past and carry on the fight

Long live international solidarity!

Agyamanak Unay! (Thank you)