

Future work on Indigenous Economies that Respect Human Rights

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We ask the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in the future to address **integration of sustainable economic practices of Indigenous Peoples into Agenda2030** by increasing indigenous participation in implementation. To reduce human rights violations, include indigenous methodology and institutions for promoting sustainable trade and economic development in summary reports on indicators.

Many Indigenous Peoples did not have slavery, prison, prostitution, or rape before colonists arrived but we did have thriving economies. Currently Agenda2030 prioritizes **foreign** patriarchal indicators and **colonial** development financing reliant on **hard-currencies** backed by **militaries** and **forcibly**-extracted metals. Agenda2030 in its current form promotes the colonial economic institutions of rape, prostitution, prison, and slavery on which the dominant world currencies depend. Indigenous Peoples propose that slavery, prison, prostitution, and rape are not sustainable economic foundations.

Indigenous Peoples have suffered much from the **colonial** economic **institutions** of rape, prostitution, prison, and slavery. Agenda2030 financing for development should prioritize support for indigenous economic models that enable women to have financial and social security through **traditional trade** that excludes prostitution, rape, prison, and slavery. We request PFII and EMRIP to study indigenous economies that enable stable societies where women and children have a secure economic position and are not homeless or vulnerable.

Many Indigenous Peoples have traditional penal systems that include rehabilitative labor bringing the violator back into positive relationship with the community. Indigenous Peoples operate on the principle that children in the community should have equal if not more access to resources. Many indigenous **children are born into lifelong joint home-ownership**. The current Agenda2030 commitment to prioritize hard-currency financing and **non-consensual** development privileges colonial values that promote displacement and **militarized poverty** in the midst of plenty to the detriment of **women and children**.

Many Indigenous Peoples hold our territories in trust for future generations. We consider our ecosystem as the economic basis of our Peoples and nations. What Agenda2030 financing for development calls a 'bank' we call our forest, water, marsh, valley, desert, plateau, or jungle. Indigenous Peoples and our original nations need to protect our winds, lands, and waters that our children's children inherit from us to ensure economic stability for the future. Trading our environmental storehouse for hard-currency will destabilize Indigenous Peoples, possibly to the point of extinction. In its current form, as we adapt to climate change, **Agenda2030 threatens Indigenous Peoples with extinction**.

We therefore propose future work addressing aspects of indigenous economies that could benefit the wider world and also existing Indigenous Peoples who may otherwise be extinguished. The non-indigenous world could greatly benefit from the study of indigenous economies and escape the colonial economic institutions of rape, prostitution, prison, and slavery. Integrating indigenous economies into Agenda2030 promotes peace, security, and human rights for all.

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