

Fifteenth Session of United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, New York, May 13, 2016

**Agenda Item 3d "Follow-up on the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples"**

Intervention on behalf of participants in Tribal Link Foundation Project Access Capacity Building program and affirmed by the 5 regions that participated.

Presented by: Daniel Salau Rogei

Thank you Mr Chair.

We are Indigenous Peoples from 5 regions of the world; Africa; Asia; Latin America and the Caribbean; North America and the Pacific, participating in the "Project Access Training for Indigenous Peoples" held in New York. We are concerned with the lack of implementation to date, of key provisions in the World Conference Outcome Document pertaining to Free, Prior, and Informed consent on Indigenous Peoples, which is also in accordance with the applicable principles in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples confirming the commitment of states to give due consideration to all our rights including obtaining the free, prior and informed consent of Indigenous Peoples before adopting and implementing legislative or administrative measures that may affect us.

Across our regions, States are limiting free, prior and informed consent to be consultation thus diminishing the full participation of Indigenous Peoples as enshrined in the UN Declaration. This is an increasing concern for our peoples as governments are now focused on implementing the Post 2030 Development Agenda and the Paris Agreement signed by the UN on April 22, 2016 on Climate Change yet they are excluding Indigenous Peoples in these processes.

In addition, governments are not obtaining free, prior and informed consent to conduct activities in territories, whether that is relocation and displacement of Indigenous Peoples, forced development and extractive industries contrary to commitments made in Articles 11, 18, 31 and 32.2 of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and paragraphs 3, 4, 36, and 37 of the Outcome Document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples as well as the preamble of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change..

As a way forward we agree with and affirm the recommendations made during the forum's 4<sup>th</sup> session as contained in paragraphs 42 and 60 of the "Report of the International Workshops on Methodologies regarding Free, Prior and Informed Consent and Indigenous Peoples". With these recommendations in mind and

considering the great challenges we face in our communities across our regions, therefore; we recommend:

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