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Annual Panel on Rights of indigenous peoples

Theme: The impact of certain development projects on the rights of Indigenous Peoples, in particular the impact on Indigenous women.

Excellencies,

UNDP is committed to empowering and protecting the rights of Indigenous Peoples.

This means ensuring that their voices, knowledge, and needs are fully considered in decisions that affect their lives and livelihoods in line with FPIC requirements.

It also means promoting gender equality and the rights of Indigenous women as part of broader efforts to accelerate progress on the SDGs and 2030 Agenda, the Paris Agreement, and adoption of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

In this context, with support from the Republic of Korea, UNDP and UN Women have produced a report on "[Promising practices for gender equality: a catalogue of practical solutions learned from the Covid-19 global response](#)".

This publication describes over 30 gender-responsive solutions by governments to prevent and respond to violence against women, support women's economic security, and reduce and redistribute unpaid care work.

Over half of these solutions highlight the importance of civil society networks, including Indigenous Peoples, for their implementation.

These efforts urgently need to be supported with increased funding for locally led actions, scaling out, replication, and policy mainstreaming. For example, through the GEF Small Grants Programme, UNDP has supported over 6,500 women-led projects, including a third with Indigenous women.

Through this platform, UNDP has worked at multiple levels with the 'Network of Indigenous Women on Biodiversity for Latin America and the Caribbean Region' ([RMIB-LAC](#)) for the fair and equitable sharing of benefits from the use of genetic resources.

As part of its Climate Promise and new [Nature Pledge](#), UNDP is committed to working with all development partners to advance an inclusive, green and just transition for all including Indigenous women.

Thank you.