

“Indigenous Peoples across the globe are increasingly subjected to criminalization and violations of their individual and collective rights with impunity.

We want to put an end to this.”



**Indigenous Peoples
Rights International**

Championing Indigenous Peoples Rights

The INDIGENOUS PEOPLES RIGHTS INTERNATIONAL is a global Indigenous Peoples' Organization established in 2019 in response to the grave situation of Indigenous Peoples who are increasingly being criminalized, killed, disappeared, and subjected to the worst forms of violence.

We are leading and coordinating the *Global Initiative to Address and Prevent Criminalization, Violence, and Impunity Against Indigenous Peoples.*

This is a global effort led by Indigenous Peoples to strengthen coordination, solidarity, and actions to prevent, respond to, and reduce acts of criminalization, violence, and impunity against indigenous peoples; and to provide better protection and access to justice for actual and potential victims not only as individuals but as collectives or communities.

Vision Mission Goals

Vision:

Indigenous Peoples are peacefully exercising their individual and collective rights in their traditional territories, especially their right to self-determination and to their lands, territories and resources, without threat of violence or criminalization.

Mission:

Lead and coordinate the Global Initiative to Address and Prevent Criminalization, Violence, and Impunity Against Indigenous Peoples towards strengthening their collectives, solidarity, and actions.

Goals:

Reduce and prevent violence against and criminalization of Indigenous Peoples, secure the safety of indigenous individuals and communities under threat, and increase global awareness and attention through campaigns and advocacy to address violence and criminalization of and impunity against Indigenous Peoples, and provide better access to justice for them.

Our focus themes

- Upholding Indigenous Peoples' rights in business operations
- Criminalization of Indigenous Peoples' Rights in conservation measures, policies and programs
- Incarceration of indigenous peoples, including Indigenous women and youth



Where we work

IPRI works at global scale with a focus presently in six countries where violence against indigenous peoples is particularly serious:

- Brazil
- Colombia
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- India
- Mexico
- Philippines

Legal Defense and Sanctuary Fund (LDSF):

- Directly support and facilitate:
 - a) the physical safety and security of Indigenous individuals, communities and organizations;
 - b) community struggles.
- Support and strengthen Indigenous Peoples' traditional justice and governance systems that protect and support those who suffer from criminalization.

Research and Publications:

- Document, analyze, and expose criminalization, violence against Indigenous Peoples and their organizations and institutions, and set up the database.
- Regularly publish reports, policy briefs and situationers to aid in advocacy and lobby campaigns.

What we do

Legal Policy and Advocacy:

- Organize campaigns to bring local struggles to the global level for solidarity, attention and actions.
- Convene and undertake advocacy activities in collaboration with Indigenous Peoples' Organizations, networks, human rights organizations, allies and other relevant actors to address situation of criminalization and impunity at national, regional and global levels.
- Work in partnership with human rights, Indigenous Peoples' Organizations and alliances and relevant human rights institutions, mechanisms and procedures.
- Develop advocacy materials, including digests, to enhance awareness on Indigenous Peoples' Rights, including legislation and jurisprudence, and support advocacies of Indigenous Peoples.

Communications:

- Raise awareness and highlight criminalization and rights violation of Indigenous Peoples with impunity to generate support and action at local, national, regional, global levels.
- Maximize traditional and social media channels to broaden IPRI's reach.

National and Regional Partnerships:

- Support and strengthen Indigenous Peoples' initiatives and partner with Indigenous Peoples' organizations and networks to address and prevent criminalization and human rights violations with impunity in focus countries, currently in India, Philippines, Democratic Republic of Congo, Mexico, Colombia, Brazil.
- Build partnerships and strengthen collaboration with Indigenous Peoples' organizations and networks at regional level, in particular, Latin America.



WHO WE ARE

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International Advisory Group

Individuals and organizations with expertise and experience in areas relevant to IPRI's mission and activities. Includes representatives of regional networks of Indigenous Peoples, international human rights organizations, academe and donors.

Affiliates

Indigenous Peoples' Organizations and networks supporting IPRI in addressing the serious challenges of Indigenous Peoples against criminalization and impunity through solidarity, cooperation and collaboration.

The Global Secretariat

Provides the day-to-day management of IPRI and is composed of the Executive Director, Deputy Director for Latin America, Chief Operations Officer, and the following teams: Legal Policy and Advocacy, Communications, Research, and Finance and Administrative Support. It is based in the Philippines while some staff work from their own countries.


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