



## THE PLEDGE WE WANT

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The [historic IPLC Pledge](#) at CoP26 by the Forest Tenure Funders Group expires in 2025. With Brazil as host, CoP30 will have a heightened focus on Indigenous Peoples (IPs), local communities (LCs) and Afro-descendant Peoples (ADPs), and presents a strategic opportunity to promote a new pledge that's more responsive to rightsholders' feedback and lessons from the previous five years, and clearly links with impacts on the ground.

### Why do we need a new pledge?

Tropical forests and other ecosystems controlled and managed by Indigenous Peoples, local communities and Afro-descendant Peoples are more resilient to climate change, and deliver better biodiversity and local livelihood outcomes compared to land not under their stewardship.

### Where does funding for rightsholders currently stand?

Overall funding for IP, LC, and ADP tenure and forest guardianship has increased by 36% since 2020, with 72% of the increase driven by the IPLC Forest Tenure Pledge made at CoP26 in 2021. **However, despite increased donor commitments, little of this funding reached local organizations directly and was fit for purpose.**

Additionally, direct funding for local women's organizations is severely inadequate. According to RRI's [Funding with Purpose report](#), while 32% of IP and LC tenure and forest management funding from 2011 to 2020 included at least one gender-related keyword, just 18% included language suggesting gender equality or women's rights or governance.

### Here is what we want for a new pledge:

1. Put at the center of climate and conservation funding approaches the 1.8 billion IPs, LCs, ADPs who are pivotal in the fight for more resilient communities and ecosystems.
2. Develop principles that can guide, scale up, and add effectiveness to donor support over the next 5 years. This guidance must be co-designed and led by rightsholders from the bottom up.
3. Donors must continue to collaborate and support the next generation of the Indigenous and local community-led global movement for rights by supporting their own funding mechanisms, such as through the [Path to Scale network](#).
4. Donors must prioritize fit for purpose funding for IP, LC, and ADP women's organizations that have historically been excluded from decision-making processes in the design and implementation of programs and financial instruments that affect them. See [Our Call to Action](#).
5. Act now to revolutionize climate and conservation finance by supporting IP- and LC-led funding mechanisms that can provide a trusted bridge to deploy funds from large and complex donors to frontline communities.

**[SIGN ON NOW](#)** to help us deliver this message to climate and conservation funders and join our call to empower the billions of local peoples across the world to secure our planets.

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