

CSD 18th Session, 11th May 2010 Intervention of Indigenous Peoples on advancing the implementation of CSD

Thank you Madam chair.

We thank the panelist for their contribution and especially in emphasizing the need for Policy implementation and partnership as key to the success of making impact on implementation of CSD decisions.

Madam Chair as actors we only can emphasize on the reconditions by panelist and do say that Governments should ensure that decisions are implemented with the participatory and human rights approach. It is the high time that all work together in positively protecting the ecosystems. Inter-linkages with other conventions such as the convention on Biological diversity, convention to combat desertification, the Ramsar and the UN framework on climate change are important in the implementation of commission on sustainable development decisions.

This morning Madam chair we discussed partnership for sustainable development and we brought the issue and need of capacity development, this is still key to ensure that policy and decisions made can be shared and implemented.

- There is need to look at the urban/rural linkages. Most of the Indigenous communities especially the young men and youth are moving from rural areas to urban towns leaving women to undertake additional roles which have caused more stressed and poor health.
- There is need therefore to look at linkages of these areas and at the same times at different livelihoods for these communities. What has been recommending as success stories and what are alternatives livelihoods can be implemented.
- Indigenous Peoples still believe and will continue insisting

that without recognition and inclusion on the implementation process on decision and policy process there will be no success. Indigenous Peoples have good practices which can be shared these however can only be real if governments , donors, private sectors and others stakeholders realize the potential by Indigenous peoples and other local communities in each process.

- Governments madam chair should use the CSD decisions and domesticate them to fit the national policies formulation process this is the only way to ensure that there is mainstreaming of sustainable development outcomes at all levels.