Key Messages of the Indigenous Peoples Major Group (IPMG)

- Recognition and protection of the rights of indigenous peoples to their lands, territories and resources is central to eradicating poverty and ensuring that indigenous peoples are not left behind in the 2030 Agenda.

- Basic human right of peoples to self-determination includes the right not to be denied the means of subsistence. This is a core human rights obligation of states as duty bearers, which underpins the SDGs.

- Lack of legal identity as indigenous peoples and the recognition of our collective rights are the major barriers to our effective participation. It also limits our full contribution to sustainable development. Unless this is addressed, we will continue to be marginalized and excluded.

- Claims for multi-stakeholders’ platforms for participation in the SDGs favor the more powerful actors and only pay lip service to meaningful participation of marginalized groups including indigenous peoples.