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Outline

- SDGs and Indigenous peoples
- Why is TK relevant?
- Role of TK in SDGs
- Advances at global level on TK
- Recommendations

SDGs and IPs

- Indigenous peoples are a recognized Major Group of the Sustainable Development Agenda 2030 referred as the IPMG
- Regional, national and global coordination
- IP Hub Africa is a co-creating initiative desirous to provide an effective online interface with innovations (hubs) and use of local and traditional knowledge to support SDGs implementation in African countries. It currently coordinates IPOs in Africa to engage with HLPF

Why TK?

- Historically unsafeguarded development pathways have been influenced by immense knowledge and power differentiation.
- Lack of recognition results in inequality where Traditional Knowledge is not/least considered as a valuable source of input.
- The dynamics play out in political and economics spheres and hampers access to opportunities for indigenous technology integration.

Role of TK in SDGs

- Indigenous peoples are intrinsically linked to their knowledge system informed by past experiences and observations and these guides their practices and livelihood systems.
- Natural resources (water, sustainable energy sources, valuable ecological systems and forests) are concentrated within their territories
- Traditional Knowledge holders' livelihoods systems are in sync with the sustainable use of these resources.

Mosaic of Traditional Knowledge



Milestones in TK recognition

- Recent decision on operationalization of the LCIP knowledge platform by the UNFCCC is a positive milestone for sharing experiences and perspectives to influence decision making
- Work under the WG8(j) to achieve objectives of the CBD is trend setting on TK
- Assessments specific to TK under the IPBES have been done with contributions of IPs
- Pursuit of a global protection mechanism under the WIPO process is still ongoing.

Recommendations...

- Continued engagement with Traditional Knowledge holders and communities in all aspects of the SDGs process at all levels
- Host a dedicated session for the cross cutting role of TK during the 2018 STI forum with the engagement of traditional knowledge holders
- National level processes to create conducive space for entrenchment and respect of TK.
- Link TK contribution to SDGs implementation with related complimentary global processes.

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