Corruption:

300,000 people/year die because of climate change. Who dies, who lives, and who decides? Currently transnational corporations choose, but the future is before us. When the UN community includes Indigenous Peoples’ representative original nations, it will have the strength to stop financing carbon emitters and ecosystem looters. Solutions based in wealth residing in, instead of extracted from, ecosystems will reduce corruption and promote peace and the rule of law.

Original nations’ rule of law that value all segments of society, and especially elders, women, and children, are undermined by occupation, fraud, wars of aggression, lack of respect for good governance, and illusions of cultural superiority, all of which are related to the corruption of the rule of law. UN Members are unlikely to survive climate change if the UN continues to be more influenced by corporations than by original nations governing Indigenous Peoples.

Financial mechanisms that enable developing and original nations to create sustainable infrastructure must be based on past damages, not future damages, and must go into effect as expeditiously as trespassed countries mobilize military to war. The current concept that corporations can plan to kill citizens with Green House Gases and ecosystem destruction as long as they pay for it, is a regressive mechanism that may lead to the extinction of humanity.

Land and resource grabbing is promoted by corruption that does not recognize the rule of law protecting original nations right to Free Prior and Informed Consent to development. The market-based approach supports corruption and encourages future assaults on Greatgrandmother Earth. Systematic, random, and individually targeted rape caused by wars of aggression, unsustainable development and national devaluing of major contributions of women are all related to corruption of the rule of law. Thus development-related sexual assault must be prosecuted as war crimes of aggression if we want them to end.

Accountability begins at home. When unsustainable developers, Trans-National Corporation mercenaries, and climate killers are called to account by the Human Rights Council, unsustainable developers will reduce emissions, provide autonomous regions for nations losing our lands to sea-level rise, and enable the rest of the world to survive the changes with healthy ecosystems. The UN has the power to sanction members who do not accept jurisdiction of ICJ and who are not accountable for human rights violations caused by GHG emissions and pollution.

When UN Members recognize that Indigenous Peoples’ representative original nations have the kind of good governance needed today, we can work together to provide services for all Peoples living with our lands, building infrastructure based in the wealth of our ecosystem, not based in portable wealth that will be drained away. In the future, this committee can enable citizens’ choices instead of TNC choices to have a greater influence on who lives and who dies.
Peace, rule of law and good governance need to be specified as a stand-alone goal and cross cutting across other post 2015 frameworks. We recommend these targets:

> Decolonize and decentralize now.

> 100% implementation of Free Prior and Informed Consent negotiations to work with Indigenous Peoples advising and directing sustainable development.

> 100% enforcement of war crimes laws, prosecuting development-related rape as war crimes of aggression. Allow original nations to enforce laws against rape where jurisdiction is questioned by UN Members.

> Join original nations’ international instruments to address conflict mineral trafficking.

> Diversify financial systems and support original nations’ alternatives to consumption-based currencies backed by mined minerals.

> Reduce corruption by 100% by allowing women, minorities, and Indigenous Peoples to use traditional methods of restorative justice to deter corruption and violence in the future while increasing general access to justice and legal advocacy.

> Quickly identify and respond to land-grabbing violence patterns as they become low intensity conflicts by instituting feedback mechanisms and recognizing the law enforcement authority of grassroots women’s groups and original nations governing Indigenous Peoples.