



Indigenous Peoples

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Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) is a specific right granted to Indigenous Peoples recognised in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), which aligns with their universal right to self-determination. FPIC allows Indigenous Peoples to provide or withhold/ withdraw consent, at any point, regarding projects impacting their territories. FPIC allows Indigenous Peoples to engage in negotiations to shape the design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of projects.

FAO's Policy on Indigenous Peoples aligns with the UN and the international legal framework, prioritising the inclusion and promotion of Indigenous Peoples' issues in its work. The FAO Policy upholds core principles such as self-determined development, respect for Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, cultures and traditional practices and FPIC. The Indigenous Peoples Unit (PSUI) has the corporate responsibility for implementing the FAO Policy and the FAO manual on FPIC providing technical support to other units and projects.



"There can be no development for Indigenous Peoples without their free, prior and informed consent and without them being involved in every step. These fundamental principles are

Free Prior Informed Consent

The consent is free, given voluntarily and without coercion, intimidation or manipulation. A process that is self-directed by the community from whom consent is being sought, unencumbered by coercion, expectations or timelines that are externally imposed.

The consent is sought sufficiently in advance of any authorization or commencement of activities.

A collective decision made by the right holders and reached through a customary decision-making processes of the communities.

The engagement and type of information that should be provided prior to seeking consent and also as part of the ongoing consent process.

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enshrined in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples."

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

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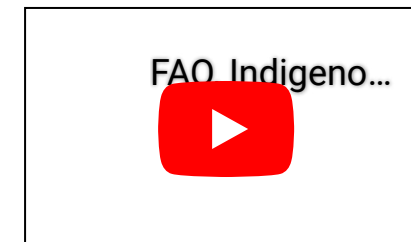
Watch event: [FPIC an Indigenous Peoples' right and good practice for local communities](#)

FPIC Toolkit



This toolkit is designed to provide guidance to FAO staff on how to implement the FPIC process. It contains both informative and operational documents. You can contact Indigenous-Peoples@fao.org for further information.

[Download the FPIC Tool Kit Here](#)



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FPIC E-Learning



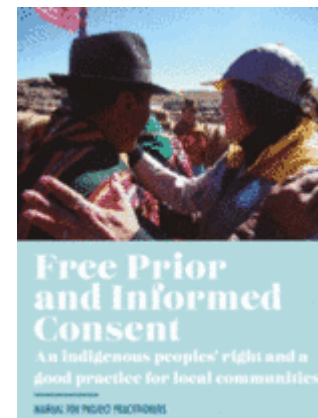
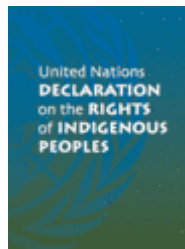
The FPIC E-learning course focuses on how to practically operationalize the indigenous Peoples' right to Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) throughout all stages of the project cycle. The course is primarily intended for professionals directly engaged in the development and implementation of projects involving indigenous peoples. Available online in [English](#), [French](#) & [Spanish](#)

[Free, Prior & Informed Consent Manual](#)

International normative framework

The normative framework of FPIC consists on a series of legal international instruments including the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), the International Labour Organization Convention 169 (ILO 169), and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), among many others, as well as

national laws.



Available in English, Chinese, Spanish, Arabic, French, Russian.

The National Plan for Indigenous Peoples of Paraguay

On April 20, 2021, in an event held at the Government Palace, El Plan Nacional de Pueblos Indígenas (PNPI) of Paraguay was presented. The document complies recommendations of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII), aiming to support the process of political dialogue between Indigenous Peoples, the Government, and the United Nations. | [Find out more](#)

Drawing upon their expertise in assisting the Government of Paraguay with FPIC, the FAO Indigenous Peoples Unit, the FAO Development Law Service, as well as the Sub-regional and Regional FAO offices in Panama, are currently offering technical support to the Government in the development of the national regulatory framework for Law No. 37 on Indigenous Peoples' Free, Prior, and Informed Consent.

Respecting free, informed and prior consent



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FAO Policy on Indigenous & Tribal Peoples

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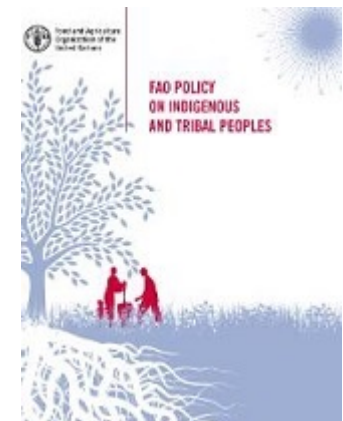
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