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The Permanent Forum requests that FAO and the United Nations Environment Programme, with the participation of indigenous peoples, develop a technical policy paper on indigenous peoples' collective rights to lands, territories and natural resources in the context of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security for submission to the Committee on World Food Security

Comments

- A new White/Wiphala paper on Indigenous Peoples' mobile livelihoods and collective rights to their territories, lands, waters, and natural resources is being coordinated by the Global-Hub and Indigenous Peoples' Food Systems, with the support of FAO Indigenous Peoples Unit, and with the contributions of Indigenous Peoples across the seven socio-cultural regions. The new policy paper will highlight the importance of securing collective rights to land, territories, water and natural resources for Indigenous Peoples' food security and livelihoods, and their fundamental roles in biodiversity conservation and climate resilience. The paper will be essential for that Indigenous Peoples' voices, expertise, knowledge systems and recommendations are further included in the conservation, climate change and food security global discussions.

- A draft legislative study that presents an analysis of collective rights legislation worldwide with the aim of contributing from a legal perspective to the technical policy paper on Indigenous Peoples' collective rights to lands, territories and natural resources has been developed by the FAO Legal Office with Indigenous Peoples representatives. Along with the legislative study, a legal brief and a legal assessment tool for decision-makers, legislators, and legal advocates will be delivered. Therefore, it will be an input for the new White/Wiphala paper on Indigenous Peoples' mobile livelihoods and collective rights to their territories, lands, waters, and natural resources.

- A study on the role of Collective rights in protecting land, territories, biodiversity and contribute to climate change in Sub-Saharan Africa called "Study on Collective Tenure Rights and Climate Change. What Are Priority Investments in Rights for Africa to achieve long-term Sustainability of Forest Areas?" has been launched by the FAO Land tenure Team and FAO Investment Centre to expand the knowledge on collective rights as follow up to the FAO/FILAC study launched in 2021 for Latin America. The study will be published in 2024.

- The Chair of the UNPFII participated in the 50th Session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) to lead the request for Voluntary Guidelines on Indigenous Peoples.

- During the 50th Session of the CFS, a side event on "Collective rights to lands, water, territories, and natural resources for sustainable Indigenous Peoples' food systems and biocentric restoration" was organized by FAO to call attention to the urgency and immeasurable cost of insecure rights of Indigenous Peoples on their lands, waters and territories in form of lost opportunities for climate mitigation, conservation, ecological restoration and sustainable food systems for the global community.

Area of Work

Lands and Resources