

Indigenous Community Partnership Application

Community Name : _____

Indigenous People / Tribe : _____

Country : _____

Region : _____

Contact Person : _____

Name : _____

Role in Community : _____

Email : _____

Phone : _____

Community Overview

Short description of the community and cultural relationship with the land.

Landscape Description

Type of ecosystems:

Forest Mangrove Wetland Grassland Agricultural landscape Other

Estimated area (hectares) : _____

Governance Structure : _____

Examples:

Council of elders Tribal leadership Community assembly Cooperative

Institutional Recommendations

Name of recommending UN organization : _____

Name of recommending government agency : _____

Community Interest : _____

Why is the community interested in exploring this partnership?

Declaration

The community confirms that participation will follow Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC)

principles.

Name of representative

Signature

Date

Indigenous Carbon Partnership Global Vision under the Satoyama Mace Initiative

The initiative aims to build a global network of Indigenous ecosystem stewards working together to protect nature and support sustainable livelihoods. Through partnerships with Indigenous communities, the initiative seeks to:

- ✓ protect biodiversity-rich landscapes
- ✓ strengthen traditional ecological knowledge
- ✓ connect local stewardship with global climate solutions
- ✓ enable fair participation in international carbon markets

Carbon credits generated through ecosystem protection may be traded on platforms such as:

- ✓ AirCarbon Exchange
- ✓ Climate Impact X

Revenue from such activities may support community development, ecosystem protection, and cultural continuity.

Declaration Section (for the Application Form)

The community confirms that:

- ✓ Participation in this initiative is voluntary.
- ✓ Community governance structures have been consulted.

The community agrees that the Satoyama Mace Initiative may assist in facilitating the issuance and trading of carbon credits generated from the project on international carbon markets. Carbon credits generated from the project will recognize the stewardship role of the Indigenous community, and benefit-sharing arrangements will be developed transparently with the community.

We agree to and will abide by this statement (including the appendixes).

Signed by:

Community Representative

Title / Role

Signature

Date

Appendix I. Carbon Market Facilitation Authorization

Under the framework of the Satoyama Mace Initiative, the applying Indigenous community acknowledges and agrees that:

- ✓ The community may collaborate with the initiative to develop ecosystem-based carbon projects based on their traditional land stewardship and conservation practices.
- ✓ The community consents to the initiative facilitating the listing and trading of carbon credits generated from the project on international carbon trading platforms.

Such platforms may include, but are not limited to:

- ✓ AirCarbon Exchange
- ✓ Climate Impact X

The initiative may assist in the technical processes required for carbon credit issuance, monitoring, reporting, and verification (MRV), including the use of AI-based monitoring and remote sensing technologies. Carbon credit issuance fees and MRV technical costs may be deferred until the first sustainable carbon revenue is generated from carbon credit transactions. All activities will respect Indigenous governance structures and follow the principles of Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC).

Appendix II. Indigenous Carbon Rights and Safeguards under the Satoyama Mace Initiative

The Satoyama Mace Initiative recognizes that Indigenous Peoples are long-standing stewards of ecosystems and biodiversity. Any collaboration under this initiative is guided by respect for Indigenous rights, cultural values, and traditional governance systems.

The following safeguards ensure that partnerships are built on transparency, equity, and respect.

1. Recognition of Indigenous Stewardship

Indigenous communities have protected forests, wetlands, grasslands, and coastal ecosystems for generations.

Carbon projects developed under this initiative acknowledge that:

- ✓ Indigenous Peoples are key stewards of their landscapes
- ✓ Traditional ecological knowledge is essential for ecosystem protection
- ✓ Cultural relationships with land must be respected

2. Respect for Land Rights

Participation in the initiative does not transfer land ownership.

The initiative recognizes that:

- ✓ Land rights remain with Indigenous communities
- ✓ Traditional land governance systems must be respected
- ✓ Projects must align with local laws and community structures

The initiative does not claim ownership of Indigenous lands.

3. Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC)

All partnerships follow the principle of Free, Prior and Informed Consent.

This means:

- ✓ Participation must be voluntary
- ✓ Communities must receive clear information before agreeing
- ✓ Communities have the right to accept, decline, or withdraw from participation

Decisions should be made through the community's recognized governance structures.

4. Carbon Market Facilitation

With the consent of participating communities, the initiative may assist in facilitating access to international carbon markets.

Carbon credits generated from ecosystem protection projects may potentially be listed on platforms such as:

AirCarbon Exchange / Climate Impact X

This facilitation is intended to help Indigenous communities connect their conservation efforts

with global climate finance.

5. Financial Accessibility

To reduce financial barriers for Indigenous communities:

- ✓ Carbon credit issuance fees may be deferred until the first sustainable carbon revenue is generated.
- ✓ MRV technical costs (including AI monitoring and remote sensing baseline assessment) may also be deferred until the first carbon revenue is generated.

This approach ensures that communities are not required to bear high upfront technical costs.

6. Transparent Benefit Sharing

Any revenue generated from carbon credit activities should support:

- ✓ community development
- ✓ ecosystem protection
- ✓ cultural continuity

Benefit-sharing arrangements should be developed transparently and in consultation with the community.

7. Protection Against Carbon Exploitation

The initiative is committed to preventing practices often referred to as “carbon colonialism.”

This includes:

- ✓ respecting Indigenous governance
- ✓ ensuring informed participation
- ✓ maintaining transparency in carbon transactions
- ✓ ensuring communities understand project implications

8. Partnership Oversight

Partnerships under this initiative require support or recommendation from:

United Nations organizations and national governments/local government authorities

This requirement helps ensure transparency and accountability in collaboration.

9. Long-Term Ecosystem Stewardship

The goal of the initiative is to support Indigenous communities in:

- ✓ protecting biodiversity
- ✓ strengthening traditional land stewardship
- ✓ creating sustainable economic opportunities
- ✓ contributing to global climate solutions

Statement

The Satoyama Mace Initiative believes that climate action must respect Indigenous rights and knowledge. By working together with Indigenous communities, this initiative aims to build partnerships that support both ecosystem protection and community well-being.

Appendix III. Indigenous Carbon Benefit Sharing Model under the Satoyama Mace Initiative

The Satoyama Mace Initiative supports Indigenous communities in protecting ecosystems while enabling fair participation in global climate finance.

Carbon credits generated through ecosystem stewardship may be facilitated for trading on international platforms such as:

AirCarbon Exchange / Climate Impact X

Revenue generated from carbon credit transactions should be shared transparently and support both ecosystem protection and community well-being.

Core Principles of Benefit Sharing

1. Community-Centered Benefits

A significant portion of carbon revenue should support Indigenous communities directly, including:

- ✓ community development
- ✓ education and health initiatives
- ✓ traditional livelihoods
- ✓ ecosystem protection activities

2. Respect for Indigenous Governance

- ✓ Revenue allocation should be determined through:
 - ✓ community assemblies
 - ✓ councils of elders
 - ✓ recognized Indigenous governance structures

Decisions should reflect community priorities.

3. Transparency

Benefit-sharing arrangements should include:

- ✓ transparent accounting
- ✓ community oversight
- ✓ regular reporting

This helps ensure trust among all partners.

Illustrative Benefit Allocation Model

(Example framework – actual arrangements will be determined with each community.)

Typical allocation may include:

Community Ecosystem Stewardship Fund: Approximately 50–70%

Used for: community projects / conservation activities / cultural initiatives

Project Monitoring and Implementation: Approximately 15–25%

Used for: ecosystem monitoring / field implementation / MRV operations

(MRV includes AI monitoring and remote sensing technologies.)

Project Development and Carbon Market Facilitation: Approximately 10–20%

Used for: carbon credit certification / project administration / facilitating access to carbon markets

Deferred Cost Approach

To reduce financial barriers for Indigenous communities:

- ✓ Carbon credit issuance fees may be deferred until the first carbon revenue is generated.
- ✓ MRV technical costs (AI monitoring and remote sensing baseline assessment) may also be deferred until the first carbon revenue is generated.

This approach ensures that communities are not required to pay significant upfront costs.

Community Benefit Priorities

Carbon revenue may support:

- ✓ ecosystem restoration
- ✓ biodiversity conservation
- ✓ sustainable livelihoods
- ✓ cultural preservation
- ✓ youth education and training

Safeguard Commitment

The Satoyama Mace Initiative is committed to ensuring that carbon partnerships:

- ✓ respect Indigenous rights
- ✓ follow Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC)
- ✓ maintain transparent benefit-sharing arrangements

Strategic Note

The initiative recognizes that Indigenous Peoples are essential partners in global climate solutions. Benefit-sharing frameworks are designed to ensure that ecosystem stewardship leads to tangible and sustainable benefits for Indigenous communities.