

## Climate Finance for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities

### A survey

Are you interested to pursue a Master's thesis in forest and climate justice? Then, this research project might be of your interest.

**The broad objective** of this project is to understand the complexity of climate finance – the COP26 pledge to spend USD 1.7 billion between 2021 and 2025 to protect the rights of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) as guardians of the world's forests. The argument has been that the funds need to be channeled directly to Indigenous Peoples. However, this is still under consideration because it requires to rethink of the way key players want to do climate finance. The Master's thesis will be fine-tuned with specific objectives and focused research questions based on the student's interests, aptitude, and out-of-the-box implementable ideas.

**A few key potential questions** are –

- what are the complex requirements (laws, institutions, governance) that prohibit government development aid directly released to IPLCs?
- what factors could influence the change, how does the change matter – and to whom?
- role of key institutional setting needed for climate finance being implemented locally?
- how mechanisms can be recommended that are tuned with SDGs and Agenda 2030?

**Methods:** This qualitative interdisciplinary research blends social anthropology with forest science through the lens of forest policy. The conceptual framework of forest policy – who decides, exclusion and inclusion – will highlight in building the case study.

The option is open to either desk-based literature (legal, cultural, and policy analysis) review case study, or semi-structured interviews with key stakeholders.

**Requirement:** Good understanding of forest and land tenure, and multi-stakeholders dialogue with ethical values and respect towards Indigenous peoples. Good aptitude for case study writing, qualitative research, literature review, interview skills, and analysis of the interdisciplinary study. Ability to work independently.

Multiple students can work on different dimensions of this project.

The project is available from January 2023. No deadline.

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