

Meeting of Mobile Indigenous Peoples attending the World Parks Congress September 15, 2003

Chair: J. Ole Simel

Discussant: Taghi Farvar, Chair CEESP

Rapporteur: Marco Bassi, Member, CEESP

Meeting objective: to organise follow-up actions identified during the workshops on Mobile Indigenous Peoples (MIPs) during the World Parks Congress

Forming a world alliance

It was agreed that the most important need that arose from the workshops on mobile peoples and conservation held during the World Parks Congress (WPC) was the formation of an international organisation to promote and support the needs of MIPs at global, regional and national levels. The proposal was discussed and approved by consensus.

The co-chairs of the IUCN Theme on Indigenous and Local Communities, Equity and Protected Areas (Ashish Kothari and Grazia Borrini-Feyerabend) expressed support for the Alliance on behalf of TILCEPA.

It was decided that the basic elements of Alliance would be drafted during the meeting, but more research and debate was required to finalise them. A consultant will be hired to do this research and to present the findings at an international workshop of Alliance members for discussion and finalisation.

Terminology

The definition of mobile peoples provided in the Dana Declaration was discussed, and taking into account the discussion on international law and Indigenous Peoples during the WPC, it was agreed by consensus to temporarily use the term "Mobile *Indigenous Peoples*."

Basic elements of the Alliance

Name

World Alliance of Mobile Indigenous Peoples

Vision

The Vision contains the following basic elements:

- Solidarity among mobile peoples;
- Friendly policy environments leading to the freedom and respect of rights of mobile peoples worldwide;

- Restoration of cultural identity;
- Complementary relationships with other societies;
- Livelihoods in balance with nature; and,
- Empowerment.

Mission

The mission of the Alliance is to assist and empower mobile communities around the world, and to mobilise resources to influence policies at national and international level for the benefit and survival of MIPs and the promotion of their rights.

Strategy

- Linkages; the following organisations are suggested: IGWIA and International Network on Economical, Social and Cultural Rights
- Platform/forum
- Analysis of past/present initiatives
- Identification of context
- Activities for learning sharing/policy initiatives
- Empowerment

Membership

Members: Mobile Peoples, Tribes and Communities

Associate members: Support organisations

Individuals will also have a role

Roles & responsibilities

Interim Steering Committee

The members of the Interim Steering Committee will guide the Alliance until the first international meeting of the Alliance. A new Steering Committee will be chosen at this meeting.

1. J. Ole Simel (Maasai) – Interim Chair
2. Sayaad Soltani (Qashqai, Iran)
3. Boku Tache (Boorana Oromo, Ethiopia)
4. Sauletkhan Bagiman (Kazakh, Mongolia)
5. Saoudata Aboubacrine (Tuareg, Burkina Faso)
6. Bagdiram Raika (Raika, India)
7. Gantuul Sukhee (Iredui, Mongolia)

ToR for the Steering Committee

- Make ToR and identify consultant (with Grazia Borrini-Feyerabend) for the consultancy leading to the foundation of the Alliance
- Organising upcoming meetings and explore how the steering committee members and the resource persons can attend the relevant international gatherings
- Membership drive
- Maintain communication with Maryam Nyamir Fuller
- Work out membership criteria
- Collect articles on nomadic peoples for Policy Matters
- Make ToR
- Sharing reports/output
- Information sharing through the secretariat

Technical Secretariat

WAMIP will be affiliated with CEESP and hosted in CENESTA (Iran) which will give support to the Alliance during the transition period.

Information sharing and coordination: Aghaghia Rahimzadeh

Legal Adviser

Kwabena Mate, Steering Committee member, CEESP

Resource mobilization

- Grazia Borrini-Feyerabend
- Taghi Farvar
- Ashish Kothari
- Marco Bassi
- Maryam Niamir-Fuller
- Maryam Rahmanian
- James Everett
- Monica Castelo

Next steps

Finalising Alliance objectives, strategies and statutes

Grazia Borrini-Feyerabend offered funds for a consultancy to research and outline the possibilities for the objectives, structure and legal status of the Alliance and its relationship with other existing organisations such as the Pastoral League and the World Herders Council. The results of the research will initially be discussed by email and then presented, debated and finalised at an international meeting of the Alliance.

Relevant meetings and conferences

Participation of the Alliance in relevant upcoming international meetings was briefly discussed:

- SBSTTA, Nov. 2003
- Meeting in Kenya, Oct. 21-30
- CBD meetings in December 2003, Montreal
- COP 7, Feb 2004, Malaysia
- World Conservation Congress, Nov. 2004
- International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity, Dec. 2003