

Juridical and Technological Tools for Territorial Management of Indigenous and Traditional People's Lands in the Amazon

Presentation Summary

In this Tropilunch, I will be reporting and reflecting on lessons learned and remaining questions related to the Workshop: Peoples of the Forest: Connections and Self-determination, held as an special event of the XVI Congress of the International Society of Ethnobiology/ XII Brazilian Symposium of Ethnobiology and Ethnoecology/ I World Sociobiodiversity Fair - ISE-SBEE - Belém+30: The rights of indigenous peoples and traditional communities 30 years after the Belém Declaration.

The objective of the workshop was to facilitate the exchange of experiences, collective learning and political strengthening of networks and collectives of indigenous peoples, traditional populations, civil society and supporters, within the framework of integrated territorial management of indigenous lands, protected areas, and areas occupied by Quilombolas[1] and by other traditional communities in the Amazon.

About 128 people participated in the two workshop days, among them 40 indigenous representatives, 37 nongovernmental organization (NGO) technicians, 36 academics (professors, researchers or university students), 9 government officers, and 4 Quilombola representatives. Members of 20 indigenous groups of Brazil and Peru were present.

The workshop contributed to the recognition of the social, cultural and legal diversity represented in the Amazon. One of the results of the event was the inclusion of a Statement (Statement # 3) in the Belém +30 Declaration, reinforcing the need for States to respect the right to free, prior and informed consultation and consent of indigenous peoples and traditional populations, in relation to actions or projects that may affect their territories, sacred sites or ways of life. In this statement, the right to say no was stressed, as well as the need to respect protocols and traditional ways of consulting these populations.

[1]Quilombolas are Afro-descendant communities in Brazil, who have acquired special rights to their lands, cultural identify, livelihoods and self-determination.

Bio

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