

## **The Indigenous Navigator, an Innovative Initiative by and for Indigenous People**

During the **72nd Regular Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA 72)** at the UN Headquarters in New York from September 12 to 25, 2017, one **event marking the 10th anniversary of the UN Declaration on Rights of Indigenous Peoples was the official launching of the *Indigenous Navigator***. This is an open source tool, available online, that can be used by indigenous peoples worldwide to gather data on the status of the recognition and implementation of their rights. It monitors the implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the outcomes of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, and essential aspects of the Sustainable Development Goals. According to the website of this initiative, “By using the Indigenous Navigator, indigenous organizations and communities, duty bearers, NGOs and journalists can access free tools and resources based on community-generated data.” The aim of this initiative is that, “By documenting and reporting their situation, indigenous peoples can enhance their access to justice and development.”

This initiative has been piloted for two years in six countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, and further developed based on lessons learned, the recommendations of indigenous communities, and the incorporation of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples (WCIP) Outcome Document and the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development.

The Indigenous Navigator is a collaborative initiative developed and managed by a global consortium composed by ILO, IWGIA, Tebtebba, AIPP, Forest Peoples Programme, and the Danish Institute for Human Rights, with the support of the European Union (EU).