

The ILO Report Highlights Indigenous Peoples' Role in Climate Action

The International Labour Organization (ILO) has released a report that analyzes the situation of indigenous peoples in the context of climate change. The report, titled *Indigenous Peoples and Climate Change: From Victims to Change Agents through Decent Work*, suggests that indigenous peoples are affected in distinctive ways by climate change, and also by the policies or actions that are aimed at addressing it. The report highlights that indigenous peoples, with their traditional knowledge and occupations, have a unique role to play in climate action. As agents of change, indigenous peoples are thus essential to the success of policies and measures directed towards mitigating and adapting to climate change. The report concludes that, “in order for climate action to be successful, indigenous peoples must be seen as powerful agents of change, accorded access to decent work opportunities and the ability to participate in the development, implementation and evaluation of sustainable policies and measures aimed at combating climate change. Simultaneously, it is also essential that the factors which make indigenous peoples uniquely vulnerable to climate change be addressed in a distinct and targeted manner.”