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Climate actions of indigenous peoples are held back due to lack of funds



International and national efforts should aim to adapt climate funds to indigenous proposals.

Aidesep, 5 de diciembre, 2018.- Currently, in the needful context of urgent actions to face climate change, indigenous peoples have proposals that aim to maintain the forests. However, these important role is being held back by the lack of funding as well as the recognition of their proposals. It all prevents their practices of being institutionalized as part of this struggle.

Indigenous experiences and contributions to the climate crisis are becoming more and more known and highlighted in different areas of the world; however, little is known about the challenges they must overcome in order to exercise the good keeping of their forests. This is why it urges to address part of the funds of Climate Adaptation to the proposals of indigenous peoples.

The Interethnic Association for the Development of the Peruvian Forest (AIDSESP), an advocator for the Amazonian Indigenous Peoples of Peru, has a whole set of proposals not only to save the forests but also in line with the different international commitments assumed to face the climatic crisis.

However, if the proposal of indigenous peoples is not considered as an important measure to face this crisis, the consequently harm to the forest will not only affect the survival of the peoples and their home, but also the goals set jointly at the global level.

What is the current situation?

Although part of these forest protection strategies are framed in international efforts such as those of UN Redd and the DCI (an agreement between Peru, Norway and Germany signed in 2014).



The last one, for example, was designed so Indigenous peoples proposals will be included to amend the second phase of the project. It is still pending for UN Redd to strengthen the strategy of indigenous monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV-i), with an indigenous approach in the Monitoring Module for Forest Coverage.

These changes have not been easy to achieve since there are mechanisms only with partial consultations of indigenous peoples.

On the other hand, the Forestry Investment Program (FIP Peru) should prioritize the issuing of property lands, management and governance. Just as the JIU must aim to generate more effective actions to stop deforestation, and UN Redd to strengthen indigenous surveillance.

Also, is necessary to have greater investment on strengthening in the advocacy of land property issuance to promote the territorial implementation of Redd + Indigenous Amazon (RIA). Regarding the Green Climate Fund, it should be opened a channel for indigenous strategies of climatic ambition.

However, if the exploitive perspective of development persists, insisting on the same economic model, then, state intermediation will continue to be prioritized despite its slowness, incoherence and corruption. Or we work with climate funds that tolerate and coexist with anti-climate investments such as agribusiness, hydrocarbons, mining, logging, among others, or these efforts will be in vain.

The indigenous proposals:

- Have a direct technical participation of the local organizations of AIDSESEP in the areas of Public Investment Projects (PIP) and in the final studies of the investment projects in place (February - April 2019).
- Determine the role of indigenous organizations in the definitive studies to be the operational and budgetary implementation of the activities of the FIP.
- Training and generation of information and protocols for its incorporation into the MNCB (Forest Coverage Monitoring Module), as well as technical assistance for regional indigenous organizations in the project areas in the nine regional AIDSESEP bases.
- More investment in territorial titling, because without the indigenous organizational strengthening or its resistance to extractivism and defense of their territories, deforestation would be even more extensive than the current one.
- More investment in indigenous economy with standing forest, to reinforce alternative models. Recognize and strengthen Redd + Amazon Indigenous (RIA) as an alternative to Redd + as dependent on the carbon profit market and carbon piracy.
- Permanent indigenous territorial surveillance, to mobilizes state action against deforestation drivers.

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