



**Global Youth
Biodiversity
Network**

GYBN Intervention on Item #19- Article 8(j) and Related Provisions

Thank you, Madame/Mister Chair. I am speaking on behalf of the Global Youth Biodiversity Network.

We, the global youth, recognize the enormous contribution of indigenous and local knowledge toward achieving the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and all 20 Aichi Biodiversity Targets. [As the inheritors of knowledge, we the youth, have the responsibility to carry on this knowledge to future generations. We emphasize that this intergenerational transmission of knowledge allows our communities to adapt to social, environmental, and climate change and builds community resilience.]

Given the increasing recognition of the major role IPLCs play in conserving the world's biodiversity, alongside the growing youth movement to take part in decision-making and policy from national to global levels, we call upon parties to take measures to listen to the voices of *indigenous youth*, who are left behind in many respects. We wholeheartedly believe in the ability of indigenous youth to produce innovative and culturally-appropriate solutions to local environmental problems. Let us not leave indigenous youth even further behind.

We support the statement of the IIFB, and stress that supporting IPLC actions can be one of the most effective ways to achieve the convention's objectives.

Finally, the GYBN wants to stress that we consider that with regards to the glossary, there should be extensive consultations with indigenous peoples and local communities to ensure that the language used in the Convention is the same as the language they use.

Thank you Madam Chair.