

The Dana + 20 Manifesto of Mobile Peoples

Mobile Indigenous Peoples, Conservation, Sustainable Development, and Climate Change Twenty Years after the Dana Declaration.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

We, representatives of mobile peoples – including Indigenous, traditional, nomadic and tribal peoples –¹ and concerned researchers and practitioners, have come together here in Wadi Dana, Jordan, to review our situations, 20 years after the *Dana Declaration*², and to plan for our futures.

We, mobile peoples, comprise hundreds of millions of people worldwide. Our environments and lifeways are under stress due to climate change, rising populations, loss of lands and waters to other interests and engagement in the cash economy, often on unfavourable terms. Discriminatory cultural prejudices, alongside laws and policies endure despite the ratification of international human rights treaties and conventions.³

We call on governments to modify their policies. First by recognising and formally securing our customary rights and access to our territories and to shared use of resources. Second by recognising our traditional authorities and customary laws so that mobile peoples are fairly represented in decision-making. Third, encouraging culturally sensitive education that engages youth to honour traditional knowledge and identities.

We call on conservationists and environmentalists to respect our rights, traditional knowledge and customary management practices and recognize the important role that land and human rights defenders play in our community and society.⁴ We wish to remind all parties of agreements they have made and to uphold their exiting commitments under international agreements.⁵ We call on them to make effective the Whakatane Mechanism and to develop mechanisms by which impacted peoples can raise their concerns, have them justly adjudged and addressed through restitution, compensation and mediation.

We call on corporations to respect our peoples' rights and to carry out fully participatory social, economic, cultural and environmental impact assessments in line with the Akwe:kon Guidelines⁶. Projects should only be conducted having obtained our Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) and with representatives of our own choosing.⁷ Corporations should provide fair compensation for loss and damages.

We offer this manifesto as an open invitation for collaboration and to deepen mutual understanding about the place of mobile ways of life and their importance in the future of our world.

¹ IFAD 2009. Engagement with Indigenous Peoples Policy, IFAD, Rome.

² The Dana Declaration, Dana + 10 and Dana + 20 fully endorse the implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. See the Dana Declaration website: <https://www.danadeclaration.org/>.

³ And other global instruments that address Indigenous Peoples' collective rights such as UNDRIP, ILO 169, and VGGT.

⁴ UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders.

⁵ Endorsement Dana Declaration in 5.2.7 and in 4th World Conservation Congress in Barcelona. In particular, CBD COP 7 Decision 28, COP 10 Decision 2, COP 12 Decision 12, COP 14 Decision 8, all with their respective annexes; Key Messages of the Inter-Governmental Panel on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) - IPBES 'Key messages' A6, B6 and D5 of Global Assessment.

⁶ <https://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/akwe-brochure-en.pdf>

⁷ <https://www.fao.org/3/i3496e/i3496e.pdf>